



BIWEEKLY DISTRICT EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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South Holland School District 151

October 15, 2025

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District 205 Thornton Township High Schools



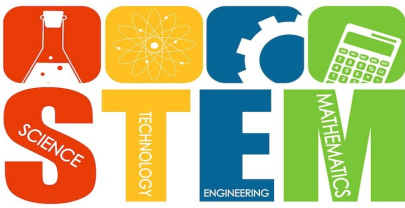
500 CCC points



Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Foundation awarded a grant of \$1,500.00 to **Madison School Mad 7** Broadcasting club. This grant is normally reserved for high school journalism students but was awarded to Madison because of the students outstanding work under the direction of Mrs. Orth and Ms. Diggs. Mad 7 caught the attention of the Illinois Press Foundation when they were featured on CBS news by anchor Jim Williams. Receiving this grant over the years has helped Madison's broadcasting club purchase newsroom materials: teleprompter, cameras, green screen, yeti microphones, and more. Each year that Madison receives the grant it is matched by the school district and the Board of Education.



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Madison School

Mrs. Orth's class at Madison school held their first parent STEM challenge. Parents and students competed to try to build the tallest free standing structure that could hold a marshmallow. They were given 20 spaghetti noodles, 1 marshmallow, 3 feet of string and 3 feet of tape. Congrats to Adael and his dad for winning with a structure standing 34.5 inches! Their second STEM challenge was to create a paper airplane that flew the furthest in one trial. They had 12 pilots total fly the planes and Baltazar and family flew the furthest! We look forward to our next family event in December.



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Lady Tigers Basketball Tigers

Girls Basketball					
Date	Time	Bus Time	Place	Team	
11/27	TBA		Thornwood Tournament	8th only	
10/16	4:00	3:15	Dirksen	Dirksen	
10/28	3:30		Coolidge	Brooks	
10/29	4:00	3:15	Kellar	Kellar	
11/3	4:00		Coolidge	Prairie Hills	
11/5	4:15	3:15	Mckinnley	Mckinnley	
11/6	4:00		Coolidge	Dirksen	
11/18	4:00		Coolidge	Kerr Middle School	
11/20	4:00	3:00	Veterans Memorial	Veterans Memorial	
11/22	10:00		Coolidge	7th girls IESA Regionals	1st and 2nd Round
11/24	4:30		Coolidge	7th girls IESA Regionals	Championship
12/1	4:30		Coolidge	8th girls IESA Regionals	1st Round
12/3	4:30		Coolidge	8th girls IESA Regionals	2nd Round
12/4	4:30		Coolidge	8th girls IESA Regionals	Championship

Taft

Hispanic Heritage Program





Honor Roll Award

7th Grade: 1st Quarter Honor Roll/Soar to Success

High Honor Roll: (*All A's)

Jourdynn Abdulaziz

***Deborah Aregbesola**

Sofia Asencio

Emmanuel Balfour

Melissa Campos

Brianna Cardoso

Chassity Cook

Nathalie Correa

***Isaiah Crockett**

Torrey Cross

Daniel Cruz

Aaron Gaines Jr.

Brandon Guerrero

***Anahi Hernandez**

Alexander Huerta

Alanah Kramer

Jayvon Lewicki

Miguel Lopez

*** Sebastian Mendez**

***Kennedi Mitchell**

***Janay Moss**

Mercy Oketope

Danna Paola Heredia

Jamieon Reynolds

Mateo Salinas

Elijah Scott

Hector Tejeda

Jamya Tyus

Kenya Villalobos

Winter Walker

***Aiden Wiley**

Danna Zambrano

Honor Roll:

Elijah Claybourne

Dior Collins-Williams

Isabella Corona

Paityn Harper

Jacob Horta

Destinee Jackson

Parish Jones

Alma Medina-Esquivel

Aubri Morgan

Yaa Poku

Angela Villalobos

Tia Waters

Andrew Zambrano

Students who make the honor roll for three quarters are eligible for induction into the National Junior Honor Society



7th Grade: 1st Quarter
Honor Roll/Soar to Success



Soar to Success: Step Sheet Average 3.5+ (*Step Sheet Average 4.0)

Jourdynn Abdulaziz

Journee Allen

***Tyrianna Allen**

Itzayana Alvarez

Aaron Angulo

***Cassandra Angulo**

Deborah Aregbesola

***Sofia Asencio**

Lyric Bell

Christopher Bravo

***Yanis Calmo Godinez**

Melissa Campos

***Bryon Collins**

Dior Collins-Williams

Chassity Cook

***Christopher Cooper**

***Nathalie Correa**

***Isaiah Crockett**

Torrey Cross

***Daniel Cruz**

Malcolm Davis

Bria Elzy

Jonas Fielder

***Nathaniel Fizer**

Shantel French

Diego Funez

Aaron Gaines Jr.

Brandon Guerrero

Laila Hardimon

***Anahi Hernandez**

Leslie Hernandez

Javon Hobbs

Jada Hogan

Jacob Horta

David Hunter

Etinosa Idehen

Arzell Jackson

Cameron Johnson

Darren Jones

Alanah Kramer

Miguel Lopez

Jaqueline Martinez

Alma Medina-Esquivel

***Sebastian Mendez**

Kaely Menendez

Rafael Moya

Abdiel Munoz

Celina Munoz Sanchez

Oluwarotimi Olakunle

***Danna Paola Heredia**

Cesar Perez Garcia

Yaa Poku

Valeria Rico Alba

Bruno Rodriguez

***Mateo Salinas**

Chandler Salomon

Diego Sepulveda

Payton Sharp

Dominik Smith

***Hector Tejada**

***Jamya Tyus**

Lania Valliant

***Angela Villalobos**

***Kenya Villalobos**

***Winter Walker**

***Zechariah Waller**

***Tia Waters**

***Aiden Wiley**

Travis Winslow

***Andrew Zambrano**

***Danna Zambrano**

Gael Zambrano



Mrs. Love the P.E. Teacher at **Eisenhower** took her 3rd graders on their annual bowling field trip to Strikes and Bites (formally Lan Oak Lanes) in Lansing. They got to practice the bowling skills they learned in PE and they had a blast!



8th grade's High Honors, Honors, 3+, and 3

Acha, Ivan
Adams, Montrell
Ayala, Abigail
Banks, Daylie
Brown, Jaiden
Camarena-Sanchez, Alberto*
Chavez, Jocelyn
Cornell, Seth
Cruz - Andrade, Alondra
Diaz, David
Ebietomiye, Olakunle*
Espinosa, Samantha *
Fields, Marshall
Fitch, Tony
Greene, Kennigh
Harrison, Noah
Herndon, Kayden
Hudson, Taniya
Idehen, Osasogie
Jackson, Mekhi
Johnson, Jakari*
Lopez, Edgar *
Lopez, Erick*
Mendez, Jesus*
Murray, Damya *
Palacios, Aryhana*
Perez, Elena*
Phillips, Jr, Anthony
Pleitez, Ashley *
Quinn, Mariah

Quinn, Mariah
Ross, Kimberly
Scott, Ryan
Smith, Christopher
Stewart, Charity*
Tafoya, Rodrigo
Tiney, Delontae
Vaughn, Layla
Vega, Lizbeth
Villa, Jiselle
Villalobos, Sebastian*
Walker, Mariah
Whitiker, Leilani*
*denotes straight As

Alcantar, Julio
Carter, Lyric
Catron, Heaven
Flores, Ariadna
Franklin, Anari
Gaines, Shamia
Lopez, Kenia
Medina-Esquivel, Antonio
Moss, A'Liyah
Nevarez, Francisco
Roberts, DaShannon
Rylon, Macari
Simmons, Tori
Woodall, Bria
Zambrano, Evelyn



Adams, Montrell
 Ankintunde - Osisanya, Patience
 Ayala, Abigail
 Banks, Daylie
 Brown, Jaiden
 Camarena-Sanchez, Alberto
 Catron, Heaven
 Clemson, Jalila
 Diaz, David
 Ebietomiye, Olakunle
 Espinosa, Samantha
 Esquivel, Luis
 Farquharson, Khyla
 Flores, Ariadna
 Gaines, Shamia
 Gartley, Takyrah
 Greene, Kennigh
 Hale, Amari
 Harrison, Noah
 Hernandez, Giselle
 Hudson, Taniya
 Julious, Shauniece
 Lopez, Brianna
 Lopez, Edgar
 Lopez, Erick
 Martinez, Gael
 McKinley, Ja'Naysia
 Mendez, Jesus
 Munoz, Christopher
 Nieves, Axel
 Paz, Ruby
 Perez Godinez, Elena

Perez Godinez, Elena
 Ross, Kimberly
 Sanchez, Ricardo
 Simmons, Tori
 Stewart, Charity
 Thompson, London
 Tiney, Delontae
 Vega, Lizbeth
 Villalobos, Sebastian
 Waller, Ezekiel
 White, Taja
 Whitiker, Leilani

Acha, Ivan
 Addison, Jayla
 Alcantar, Julio
 Bays-Townsen, Jonathan
 Becerra Martinez, Lesly
 Brown, Khloe
 Carter, Hajii
 Carter, Lyric
 Chaney, Lance
 Chavez, Jocelyn
 Coleman, Chloe
 Collier, Micah
 Cornell, Seth
 Crowder, Khaliyah
 Cruz, Alondra
 Cruz, Ulises
 Davenport-Smith, Journey
 Davis, Swavez
 Douglas, Tamia

Durr, Lichelle
 Edwards, Markai
 Ellis, Davin
 Esquivel, Jennifer
 Fields, Marshall
 Fisher, Neveah
 Fitch, Tony
 Franklin, Anari
 Garcia-Escalona, Eduardo
 Gilbert, Lyndsey
 Gomez, Sebastian
 Graham, Loreal
 Hardimon, Neveah
 Harris-Clay, Jayce
 Herndon, Kayden
 Idehen, Osasogie
 Jackson, Mekhi
 Johnson, Jakari
 Johnson, Kiana
 Jones, Ezekiel
 Liddell, Noelle
 Lopez-Verde, Kenia
 Luengo, Camille



Medina-Esquivel, Antonio
 Molina-Gutierrez, Ares
 Morales, Esteban
 Moss, A'liyah
 Murray, Damya
 Nevarez, Francisco
 Nichols, Gianna
 Palacios, Arhyana
 Phillips, Jr., Anthony
 Pleitez, Ashley
 Quinn, Mariah
 Reed, Lamar
 Riley, Alexandria
 Roberts, DaShannon
 Rodriguez Polanco, Darlyn
 Rodriguez, Cataleya
 Ross, Cayden

Sanlana, Isabella
 Scott, Ryan
 Serrano, Sebastian
 Smith, Christopher
 Sotelo, Alexis
 Stockstill, Ayanna
 Stokes, Tyler
 Tafoya, Rodrigo
 Taylor, Jamarion
 Terry, Jaiden
 Tillman, Janigh
 Toney, Destinee
 Traylor, Kaylin
 Villa, Jiselle
 White, Aria



Coolidge Middle School Hispanic Heritage Program



SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 151

THE PINK CANCER



Board Member Burton made a donation to
CLASS 5K Color Me Pink Run/Walk/Ride



Registration ends

Coolidge Alumna, Judge Candice Alcaraz

Annual Color Me Pink Run/Walk 5K



The Trail Blazer

SUMMER 2024 / ALUMNI PROFILES /

Being told to wait her turn didn't sit well with Candice Alcaraz, so she bucked the status quo and established some judicial firsts in her county.

After three years at Truman pursuing a degree in Justice systems, Candice Alcaraz ('13) was encouraged by one of her professors to consider law school. Flattering as that was, she did not exactly warm to the idea right away.

"I gave her every excuse I could think of," she said. "I told her I was the first in my immediate family to go to college, so I've accomplished enough by walking across that stage. No one in my entire family has gone to law school or become a lawyer."

Alcaraz had plans to join the FBI, but an invitation to attend the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life changed her trajectory. Upon meeting female attorneys, judges and others in the legal profession, she shadowed a judge in her hometown of Chicago prior to her senior year and she was hooked.

During her time at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas, Alcaraz discovered she had a passion for the courtroom. She excelled in civil classes, but was more drawn to litigation and later interned with various agencies including the Kansas Court of Appeals, a family law and immigration clinic, the Kansas Appellate Public Defender's Office, and a veterans' law clinic. Upon passing the bar exam on her first attempt, Alcaraz took a job with the Wyandotte County District Attorneys Office in Kansas City, Kansas.

"I started in the juvenile offender unit and then gradually transitioned to the adult criminal felony unit," she said. "I handled all levels of cases including homicide, narcotics, sex crimes and battery."

On the walls of the third floor of the Wyandotte County Courthouse hang the portraits of every district court judge in the jurisdiction's history. Her first day in the building Alcaraz took note of a detail that immediately set a goal in her mind.

"I noticed there had never been a Black woman in that position. I tucked the dream away until five years into my career," she said.

When Alcaraz crossed paths with a judge who she — as she politely puts it — "did not enjoy being in front of," the time seemed right for her to follow that dream. Motivated by the idea of making positive changes, she threw her hat in the ring.

"The unspoken rule in my jurisdiction was you wait until a seat is open," she said. "I was warned multiple times not to challenge the system, and to wait for my time because 'that's the way things are always done here.'"

Alcaraz did not subscribe to that line of thinking, and neither did the citizens of Wyandotte County who chose her over a 15-year incumbent. In securing nearly 69 percent of the vote, she became the first Black female district court judge in the county, and possibly the youngest person to ever hold the position.

"It feels inspiring and also challenging," Alcaraz said. "The people chose me in an overwhelming fashion, and I must choose them every day because they put me here. I have to stand on my word and be as fair and just as I promised when I was asking for their vote."

In Alcaraz's eyes, her youth is an asset in her role as a judge, from allowing her to understand the current state of affairs in the world from a new perspective to enabling her to fully utilize the most current technology available in her courtroom. And while she earned her position by a decisive margin, Alcaraz understands the gravity of her role in the community and has maintained a humble perspective on life.

"Judges are regular people. I have a robe, but I also have student loans, a mortgage and a family I care for deeply," she said. "I workout, play video games and hang out on the weekends. I'm just like anyone else."

While that is technically true, there are some things that set Alcaraz apart. Her portrait will one day hang in the halls of the Wyandotte County Courthouse as inspiration for the next generation of legal professionals, and in 2026 she plans to be the first Black woman re-elected as judge in her district.



Candice Alcaraz



Registration ends October 9, 2025
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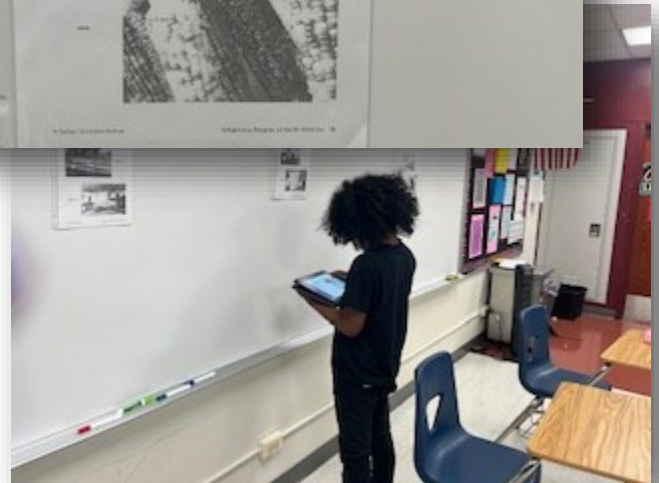
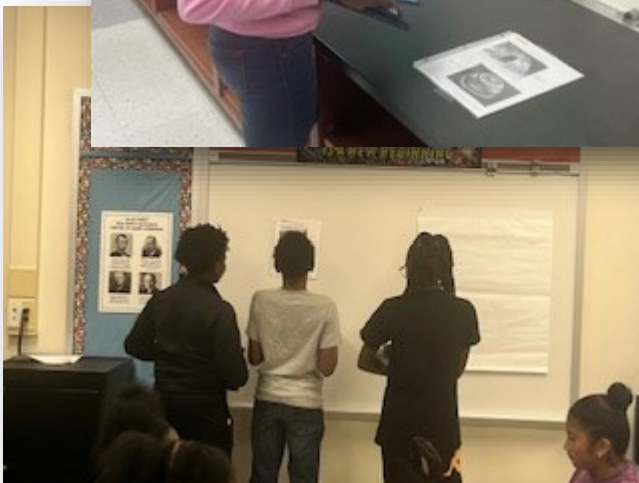
Coolidge Ladies of Academic Success and Service (C.L.A.S.S.)

C.L.A.S.S. took a field trip to see the musical *Come From Away*. A musical based on the events during the week following the 911 attacks. With air traffic being closed, 38 planes were diverted to Gander International Airport. The musical shows how the people in Gander cared for 7,000.00 stranded passengers.



Indigenous People

In Quarter 1, students in Ms. Brown's 6th grade Social Studies class at Coolidge studied the Indigenous people of North America. During their studies, students had the opportunity to explore the 10 different cultural regions the North America. They learned how the Indigenous people of North America used their natural environment to make everything they needed for survival including clothing, food, shelter, tools and materials for crafts. As a culminating activity students had the opportunity to act as archaeologist and research some of the artifacts from the various cultural regions and match them up with the correct cultural region.



Postcard Exchange



Madison's Room 7 is participating in a **Postcard Exchange** and they are calling for postcards from all 50 states! This has been a great way to learn about their country and how unique each state is! The map shows what they have to date. Stay tuned for updates.

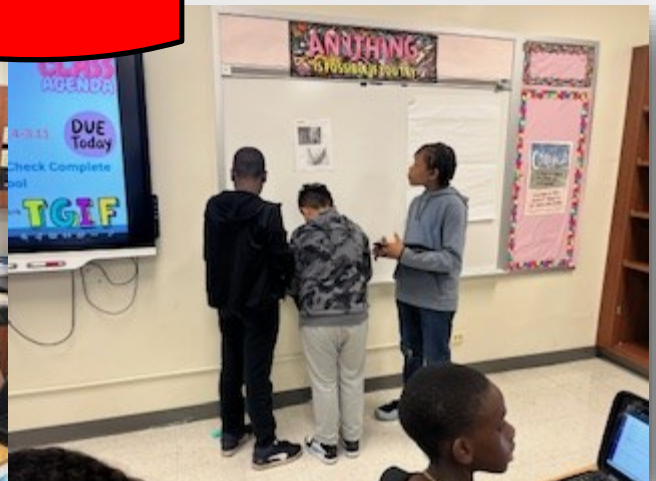
Nichos at Madison



Madison's Room 7 made Nichos to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

A Nicho is a small shadow box that features a scene, images and items that are special to the person who creates it (photos of a loved one, a piece of jewelry, a mini toy, etc.). Many ofrendas (Day of the Dead altars) include Nichos as a way of paying tribute to loved ones who have passed away.

Indigenous People



PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS- FALL CRAFTS 5PM-6:45PM

**WEDNESDAYS- GAME NIGHT
5PM-6:45PM**

**THURSDAYS- MOVIE &
POPCORN 5PM-6:45PM**

***STARTING OCTOBER 14TH**

RAFFLES & SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED



2025 COMMUNITY CAREER WORKSHOP

GAMMA PHI DELTA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
PRESENTS

SESSIONS



**RESUME
MAKEOVER**



**SOCIAL
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**BUDGET
BASICS**

Thornridge High School

**MAIN GYMNASIUM
15000 COTTAGE GROVE
DOLTON, IL 60419**

**10 - 2
AM PM**



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HERE**

LinkFurther



**FREE ADMISSION
COMPLIMENTARY
REFRESHMENTS**

Supervisor Napoleon B. Harris III
and The Board of Trustees present:



**Calling All Municipalities, Businesses,
Schools, & Community Groups!**

Join us for a safe, fun and festive evening for the Children of Thornton Township! We are looking for participants to help make this year's event the best in the Southland!

WHEN: Thursday, October 30, 2025

TIME: 5pm to 7pm (set up begins at 4pm)

**LOCATION: Thornton Township Parking Lot
333 E. 162nd St.
South Holland, IL**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

*DECORATE YOUR TRUNK *HAND OUT CANDY (must be wrapped)
*REPRESENT YOUR ORGANIZATION *BRING FUN AND FESTIVE ENERGY!!

We are asking for representation from all of our municipalities within Thornton Township to show our Unity and Support for the children of our community as we continue to **MOVE FORWARD!**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Please RSVP by: Oct. 17th

Ms. Angie - 708-596-6040 ext. 3146
agrier@thorntontwp.com



PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL INTERCESSION

Tuesday, October 21st to Thursday, October 23rd

Tuesday Events:

- **Ages 11 and Under:**
 - Story Safari & Mystery Bag Match Up
 - Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Ages 12 to 15:**
 - Word Tower Challenge & Speed Reader Showdown
 - Time: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday:

- **Game Day for All Ages**
 - Join us for a day of fun and friendly competition!

Thursday Events:

- **Ages 11 and Under:**
 - Arts and Crafts & a Movie
 - Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Ages 12 to 15:**
 - Haunted Stacks Escape Room Challenge
 - Time: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Join Us for a Week of Learning, Creativity, and Fun!



**15500 8th Ave, Phoenix, IL.
(708) 596-5515**



SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 151 OFFERS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO ALL STUDENTS

SUMMER FOOD MEALS WILL BE OFFERED DURING INTERSESSION

OCTOBER 14-17, 2025, JANUARY 6-9, 2026, and APRIL 7-10, 2026



FREE



FOR ALL STUDENTS

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2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
email: Program.Intake@usda.gov

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LAS COMIDAS DE ALIMENTOS DE VERANO SE PROPORCIONARAN DURANTE LAS INTERSESIONES

14-17 DE OCTUBRE, 2025, 6-9 DE ENERO, 2026, Y 7-10 DE ABRIL DE 2026



FREE



FOR ALL STUDENTS

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2. FAX (833) 256-1665 o (202) 690-7442, o 3. correo electrónico:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

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