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South Holland School District 151

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Biweekly District Events Newsletter



The Coolidge Middle School Symphonic Band of South Holland School District 151 embarked on an unforgettable international experience June 14–19, 2026. Symphonic Band students traveled to Paris, France, for a cultural and performance tour highlighted by a special performance at Disneyland Paris.

This prestigious opportunity showcased the discipline, artistry, and musical excellence cultivated within the Coolidge band program. Taking the international stage gave students the opportunity to proudly represent Coolidge Middle School and South Holland School District 151, while sharing their talents with an international audience.

Beyond their performance at Disneyland Paris, students immersed themselves in French history and culture through guided tours and visits to some of France's most iconic landmarks. These experiences extended learning beyond the classroom, allowing students to experience firsthand the history, culture, and traditions of another country.

The journey proved to be much more than a performance tour—it was a transformative educational experience. Through music, cultural exploration, travel, and shared achievement, Coolidge students broadened their perspectives, strengthened their musicianship, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Most importantly, the students served as outstanding ambassadors for South Holland School District 151, demonstrating our motto "Where young minds grow". Our district has a history of taking students from the classroom and rehearsal room to stages around the world.

Coolidge Middle School Symphonic Band Takes the International Stage in Paris







Welcome to the BAND!

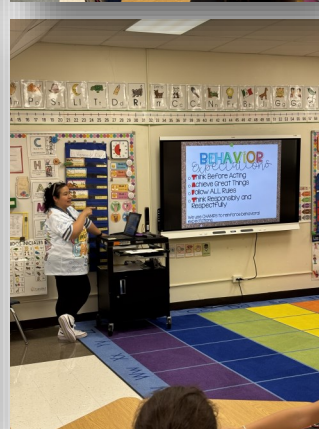
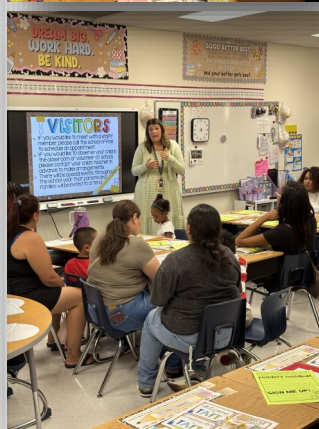
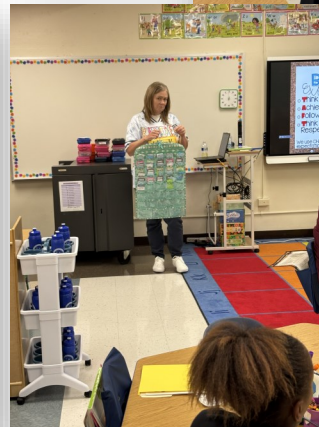
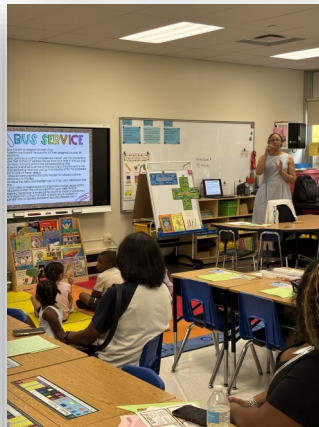
Joining the school band has many benefits. One benefit is how it sharpens academic skills. It has been proven that learning to read sheet music improves memory and pattern recognition. Our school district has over 200 students in our bands. When a student enters fourth grade they can join the band. Joining in fourth grade enhancing motor skills, muscle memory, and reinforcing math concepts.

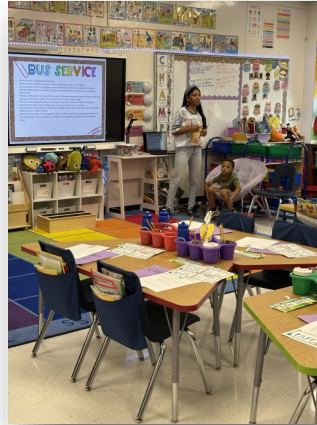


Taft School Open House



Mr. Sanchez, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Hartzol, Ms. Shane, Dr. Varner, Mrs. Knaack, Mrs. Guisinger, Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Daniels, Mrs. Proctor-Harris





On 9/11, Coolidge Middle School paused to remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and to honor the families, survivors, first responders, and all those whose lives were forever changed by that tragic day.

For many of us, the memories of 9/11 remain vivid. We remember where we were, how we felt, and how our nation came together in the face of heartbreak. As educators, we have the privilege of helping our students understand not only the events of that day, but also the resilience, compassion, and unity that followed.

As we reflect, may we take a moment to honor those we lost and express gratitude for the everyday acts of courage, kindness, and service that continue to strengthen our communities.

Mrs. Rush, Principal Coolidge Middle School



Guest Reader



On Friday Sept 11- Room 7 at Madison school had another guest reader, Amalia Orellana, of SSC women's volleyball! Room 7 has now read 27 high-quality books on their mission to read 100!

Stay tuned for more guest readers!



Thank you to Providence Bank for gifting our band students tickets to the Chicago Football Classic.

The band students were able to participate in Tailgating, watch the High School Battle of the Bands, enjoy the game between the Lincoln Lions and Delta Devils and the halftime Band Battle.

Thank you to our Fine Arts Director and staff for making this an enjoyable moment for our band students.



The Survivor Tree

Students in Room 7 and Room 9 at Madison school completed many lessons about the events of September 11. The first lesson began with the story of the Survivor Tree. Students also learned about the rescue dogs September 11 how the Masai people of Kenya came together to help Americans, 14 Cows for America. They also learned about the story of the Man in the Red Bandana. Each day students added words of encouragement to the Survivor Tree. They also wrote words that represented the courage and bravery of the heroes from that day. Take a look at how our Survivor Tree grew over the course of the week.



WELCOME TO COOLIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

During Coolidge Middle School Open House, the parents were able to meet the staff, visit their children's homeroom, learn about the daily routines, and extracurricular activities. In addition, the parents were invited to tour the Fine Arts Department.



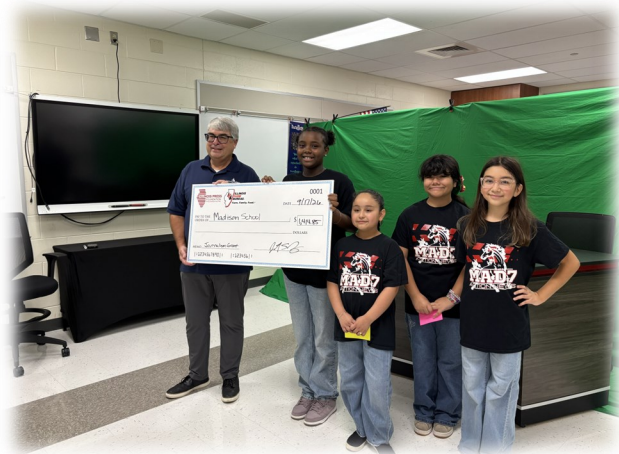
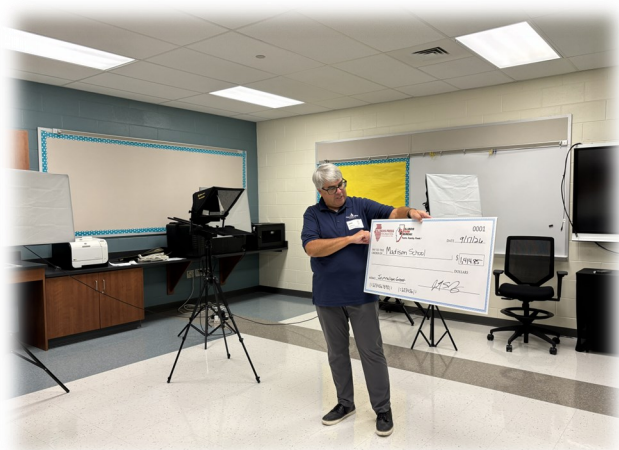
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeff Rogers, from the Illinois Press Foundation, came to Madison School to present Mad 7 Action News with a grant check for new equipment. Madison School is the ONLY elementary school in the state of Illinois to receive the grant. The grant is funded by the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Foundation. Madison School Mad 7 Action News has been awarded this grant for 4 years. We are incredibly proud of the work our students are doing!

Thank you,

Mrs. Orth and Ms. Diggs



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MULTIPLICATION

Students in Room 16 at Eisenhower school are learning how to break multiplication facts apart using the Distributive Property of Multiplication. Students are creating arrays using playdoh, breaking them into smaller arrays, and then writing and solving the matching multiplication equations to show their thinking.

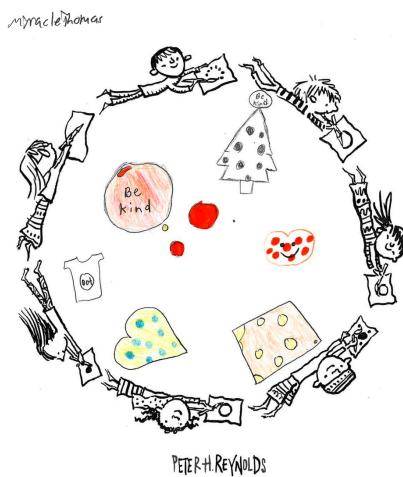


National Night Out in Phoenix and Harvey: Phoenix PD Chief Wells, Deputy Chief Moore, Officer Holloway, District 151 Board Member Ernestine Proctor-Harris; Thornton Township Clerk Casey Nesbit and Mr. and Mrs. Mooty.



INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

September 15th was International Dot Day and Mrs. Orth and Mrs. Beemsterboer's class celebrated! We read the book *The Dot* and created art work to leave our mark on this world! Attached is some of our artwork for Dot Day!



Mrs. Rush, the Principal of Coolidge Middle School, was the 33rd guest reader in Mrs. Orth and Mrs. Beemsterboer's classroom. Check out the district's Facebook page to see more.



MOMMY AND ME TEA TIME AT EISENHOWER





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