

### ***Board Honors "88's Best" for September***

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88's Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their academic accomplishments:



**Kelly Pudelek** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking in the top 99% of her senior class, she has taken a rigorous curriculum and will have completed 11 Advanced Placement classes by the end of this year.

Kelly has participated in extracurricular organizations including Volleyball, Cross Country, Student Council, Class Officer, Student Advisory team, Safety Task Force, Key Club, Mentor and F.A.S.T. programs, Debate Team, Best Buddies, FCCLA, Math Team and National Honor Society (President). In addition, she finds time in her busy schedule to volunteer in the community.

Kelly will be applying to University of Illinois, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Princeton, Yale and Vanderbilt University and would like to pursue a degree in history. She aspires to be a high school social studies teacher.

**Elizabeth Knight** has excelled in academics at **Willowbrook** High School. Currently, Elizabeth is in the 99% of the senior class, has completed three Advanced Placement courses during her sophomore and junior years, and is enrolled in five Advanced Placement courses. She is an inductee of every honor society at WB; the National Honor Society, Science, Thespian, Math and Social Studies Honor Society as well as an AP Scholar.

While at Willowbrook, Elizabeth has found a niche in the theatre program. She is currently the Costumer Crew Head and has been responsible for managing and sewing many costumes for theatre productions. This extra-curricular activity has been the impetus for her future career plans.

Elizabeth plans to attend the University of Delaware and would like to pursue a degree in Art Conservation specializing in textiles. She hopes to one-day work in a museum caring for fabric-based exhibits.



#### **REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. DARLENE RUSCITTI:**

The District 88 Board of Education **welcomed Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Darlene Ruscitti** who represents the 42 school districts in DuPage County. She acknowledged the positive work of District 88 to create a stable, nurturing learning environment for students and remarked on the partnerships and articulation efforts with the Regional Office of Education (ROE). Dr. Ruscitti highlighted several staff development and training initiatives of the ROE as well as provided updates about H1N1 and the reauthorization of *No Child Left Behind*. She emphasized that her ultimate goal is to work to support the children and families of DuPage County.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:**

The Board of Education **welcomed over 30 new staff members** to District 88 at the September 28 Board meeting. The Principals commended their staff for the energy and enthusiasm they have demonstrated in the classroom. Following introductions, a brief reception was hosted to meet the new Blazer and Warrior teachers.

**EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported on the Response to Intervention (RtI) Tier 1 efforts being implemented during the 2009-2010 school year. The new interventions include curriculum implementation integrity, common classroom assessment, documentation of interventions, expansion of basic skill assessments and the use of an instructional coaching model.

**THE CONSENT AGENDA**, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

The **list of bills and treasurer’s report** from August 2009; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more and **personnel items as presented** at the September 21, 2009 meeting;

**DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- The Board of Education **adopted the 2009-10 budget**.
- Building The Future (BTF) contractor **payment request #14**.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 24, 2009, Regular Business meeting; August 31, 2009, Educational Focus meeting; Closed Session minutes of the August 31, 2009 Board meeting and September 15, 2009, Board Officers meeting.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTION:** the following item was approved by the Board:

- Classified Staff appointment for **Judy Kruse**, AT Math teacher aide.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

- **Mrs. Vanessa Duffin**, Director of Human Resources, presented an Administrative Salary Compensation Report to comply with Section 10-20.46 of the Illinois School Code. The report is accessible on the District 88 website at [www.dupage88.net](http://www.dupage88.net).

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Over 400 students were represented with families attending Open House. In addition to four Building The Future tours, parents visited classrooms, received PowerSchool training and attended Guidance presentations.
- The Guidance Department has hosted student and parent fieldtrips to Northwestern and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Future fieldtrips are scheduled in October for North Central College and Northern Illinois University.
- Upcoming events: Guidance Open House, District football game and cookout at WB, and Freshman Parent Night.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** also highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Over 950 students were represented with families attending Open House. The parent feedback was very positive and visitors enjoyed being able to visit with teachers, tour the building and receive PowerSchool training.
- The girls volleyball team partnered with Glenbard West to host “Volley for a Cure.” Warrior fans purchased pink t-shirts for admission to the game with all of the proceeds benefiting breast cancer research.
- Upcoming events: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Weekend activities including a parade, pancake breakfast, District football game and cookout, alumni/retiree reception, Building The Future Tours and an alumni concert.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

October 19, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
October 26, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom