

A Message from the Superintendent



This has certainly been a memorable school year for us all. Looking back on the past year, we have learned so much and accomplished even more together as a school community. The challenges and celebrations brought on throughout the 2019–2020 school year have provided many opportunities for each of us to grow in ways we never imagined possible.

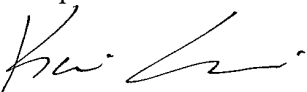
The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we think about, plan for and deliver education. For the first time in Wilmette Public Schools history, we delivered education remotely to students for nearly three months—an unprecedented undertaking made possible only through the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers and families. Our remote learning program provided students with meaningful and manageable learning experiences that emphasized student-teacher connections and the most essential learning targets in each grade level and subject area. We reaffirmed our commitment to the social-emotional wellbeing of our students by facilitating continuous opportunities for students to virtually connect with their teachers and classmates.

As we plan for the 2020–2021 school year, we do so guided by the core principles evident in our mission. We will ensure our students continue learning in an environment capable of supporting their academic, social-emotional and physical wellbeing. We will continue to serve as stewards of community resources by balancing educational priorities with fiscal responsibilities. We will continue to foster strong partnerships with our students, our teachers, our parents and the broader community. Amidst the uncertainty that our future holds, there are two things we know to be true and certain—our incredible teachers stand ready to meet our students wherever they are and to help each one learn and grow; and, we will get through these current challenges together as a community, supporting one another, as is the Wilmette way.

I am incredibly thankful to all of our students, families and staff for displaying great resilience in making this school year as successful as it could be. We miss our students dearly, and will be working hard this summer to prepare to resume instruction this fall in safe, supportive and connected ways. Finally, I must again express our sincere gratitude for the hard work and dedicated service of our first responders and essential workers for supporting our community through the pandemic.

Be well, have a wonderful summer, and continue to spread joy and kindness wherever you can.

Your partner in education,



Kari Cremascoli, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Wilmette Public Schools District 39



D39 to Launch New Kindergarten Enrichment Program During SY20–21

The Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program of District 39 (KEEP39) is a new, optional half-day kindergarten enrichment program designed to provide enrichment experiences to kindergarten students. When paired with District 39's high-quality, half-day kindergarten program, families now have the option of providing students with a full day of programming for kindergarteners. KEEP39 will be offered to families that live within Harper and Central Elementary School boundaries in its inaugural year with extension to Romona and McKenzie families during the 2021–2022 school year pending the evaluation and success of the program.

Stay Connected



Social Media: Follow us @Wilmette39 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Neighborhood Lists: Visit www.wilmette39.org/neighbor to subscribe to our local neighbor email lists in order to keep up with the D39 school news going on in your community.

Email: Email us at communications@wilmette39.org with your questions, feedback and suggestions.



Learning and Growing Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing stay-at-home order prompted a shift to remote learning for school districts throughout the state during the final months of the 2019-2020 school year. With the safety of students, teachers and staff as the foremost priority, Wilmette Public Schools was among the first school districts in Illinois to preemptively close its facilities and fully transition to online learning. District 39's remote learning program provides students with meaningful and manageable educational experiences aligned to the essential learning targets of each grade level and subject area. With interpersonal connections as a primary focus, educators utilize a variety of digital platforms such as *Zoom*, *Schoology Conferences*, and *Google Meet* to engage students in synchronous instruction while offering students opportunities to maintain relationships with teachers and classmates alike.

Supporting Our Local Community During the Pandemic



Donated protective equipment to local medical workers and essential workers



Created and compiled COVID-19 informational resources for families



Hosted two live, interactive webinars for families on topics related to supporting children during the COVID-19 crisis



Donated perishable food from food services inventory to local food pantries



Supported families in need of financial assistance



Organized service-learning activities for students focused on supporting essential workers and giving back to our community



Collaborated with local Wilmette governmental organizations to develop coordinated village-wide response plans to COVID-19

District 39 Students Give Back

Wilmette Public Schools students in each of our schools found ways to better their communities and the world around them through the #d39givesback challenge.



Innovative Spaces for a New Generation

In February 2020, Wilmette Public Schools celebrated the completion of a \$3.4 million renovation of the learning commons at Highcrest Middle School. The renovation includes a 3,310 sq. ft addition, digital and creative learning spaces, partitionable small group work spaces and indoor/outdoor classroom space. The completion of the Highcrest Learning Commons marks the culmination of a five-year strategic initiative to renovate library and technology spaces in each school building. Each District 39 building now includes a modern library technology center equipped with spaces designed to promote collaboration, creativity, creativity and critical thinking.



Highcrest Learning Commons Completed; All D39 Students Have Access to a State-of-the-Art Learning Center

Prioritizing health and safety during a pandemic

Over the summer, District 39 will conduct the following health/life safety work in each school building with a focus on ensuring buildings are sufficiently prepared for the return of in-person instruction:



- Deep cleaning of all D39 buildings
- Air duct and air handler annual maintenance
- Boiler care and ongoing maintenance
- Painting, replacement of flooring and blinds, resealing gym floors

In addition to facility maintenance and health/life safety projects throughout D39 school buildings, the following projects are slated to be completed during Summer 2020:

- Renovation of Central Elementary classrooms for KEEP39 and air conditioning of cafeteria
- Addition of Harper Elementary classrooms for KEEP39
- Renovation of former Highcrest Middle School library into three classrooms, air conditioning of auditorium and replacement of cafeteria heating/air conditioning unit.
- Initiation of Highcrest Middle School outdoor classroom renovations project
- Update electrical wiring and electrical panels at Romona.
- Improved ventilation in specifically identified areas at McKenzie and Romona.

The District 39 Educational Foundation, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, raises funds for projects that expand, enrich, and complement educational opportunities for the students, staff, and community in District 39. Visit us online at d39foundation.org for more information about our organization.

The Foundation Stays On Task!

- **\$5,000 donation** was made on behalf of the Foundation to the District's **Angel Fund** to support our community that has always been there to support us! The fund is being used during these challenging days to support food stability and remote learning resources.
- **Five Spring Gripp Grants totaling over \$17,000** were awarded to **11 teachers** at our May Zoom General Meeting. Grants from Math Zen to Math Mania and inclusion, social emotional learning and specialized playground equipment—all positively impacting students and inspiring learners at each of the District's six school.
- The response to our **Appreciation Certificates** during Teacher Appreciation Week was overwhelming. Thank you! Certificates are still available on our website. Great for year end gifts too!
- **8th Annual Trivia Night** was held February 1st with 23 teams competing. Special thanks to local businesses for raffle donations and to all who attended this festive event!

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Celebration of Graduates

Congratulations to the Wilmette Public Schools District 39 Class of 2020!

Nina Aceves
Quinn Ackman
Joshua Ahn
Lexie Ahrens
Shannon Albright
Grace Albrighton
Asher Alcantara
Sophia Allen
George Angelov
Owen Appel
Charlie Arend
Lars Arlandson
Peter Arlandson
Hana Asghari
Pz Ates
Emma Atou
Addison Auer
Emily Aufrecht
Brooke Baby
Maggie Bacchus
Henry Bach
Kyle Bartsch
Wyatt Baumeyer
Maddox Baysaikhhan
Benicio Becka
Evan Bederman
Tal Belkind
Caroline Bender
Riley Berge
Millan Biggs
Georgia Blaugh
Campbell Boaz
Maddy Boneck
Ella Bostrom
Julia Bowe
Lily Bowie
Emily Boyd
Emmett Boyd
Daniel Boyer
Jack Boyle
Shafer Brahm
Gauthier Brisbois
Ian Brown
Mackenzie Brown
Colin Bruso
Evan Bucklew
Jackson Bucklew
Mason Buettner
Charlie Bufton
Julio Burgos
Sophia Burnell
Jack Cabonargi
Gabriel Calinescu
Isaac Canel
Billy Cannon
Charlie Caplan
Magdalena Capretta
Hunter Carlson
Aaron Chang
Daniel Chang
Ava Chaplick
Theo Chevalier
Avery Childs
Hena Cho
Julia Choi
Amy Choockaszian
Julia Chychlyk
John Clark
Norah Clarke
Ella Cohen
Aidan Corboy
Bailey Corneliuson
Nicole Cornell
Paige Cornell
Lilly Cottingham
Katia Crawford
Diego Cusatis
Ruby Cutler
Teddy Dabrowski
Miles Davidson
Clara Deliduka
Nathan Deutsch
Kate Dieffenbacher
Bavel Dinkha
Kate Dischner
Evan Doblin
Nora Donahue
Kate Donohoe
Kieran Donovan
Logan Dubansky
Irina Dubrowska
Lily Ekhtera
Madeline Epps

Henry Ervin
Gabby Esteve
Sybil Evans
Catherine Fahmy
Jacob Falkiewicz
Jared Famacion
Jasmine Fang
Zoey Fang
Kevin Farina
Drew Faulkner
Mackenzie Fischer
Sofia Fisher
Cailyn FitzGerald
Owen FitzGerald
Riley Fitzsimmons
Kyle Fix
Tommy Fleetwood
Jack Flood
James Flynn
Stella Flynn
Ethan Fogel
Lia Fontana
Hayden Fountain
RJ Fox
Katherine Franke
Ashton Frecl
Max Friedman
Micah Friedman
Miles Friedman
Makenzie Gable
Sophia Gabuzzi
Emiliano Garcia
Vivi Garcia
Elliot Geier
Ashley Geohas
Josh Geoly
Alice Gherardi
Natalie Gieselman
Liam Glennon
Taylor Glickin
Sally Glynn
Nick Goebel
Nick Gonzalez
Collin Goodrich
Naomi Gooze
Lily Grady
Alexia Green
Ethan Green
Brian Greenlees
Aleksandra Gvozden
John Hallagan
Yunqing Han
Ty Harding
Jacob Harris
Isa Harrison
Jackson Hasbrook
Isaac Hatchett
Aidan Hatton
Nora Haynsworth
Seamus Head
Fill Hekster
Maxine Hekster
Brendan Henehgan
Will Henry
Matthew Hepburn
Peter Hernandez
Angie Hersam
Jax Hilario McCarey
Jackson Hiltbrand
Maura Hirsch
Colgin Hirschel
Elliott Hirschle
Asher Hoffmann
Carter Holmstead
Nina Holroyd
Kaminta Hou
Claire Houlihan
Avah Householder
Charlotte Hutchinson
Will Irvin
Annaliese Iskovich
Kay Ito
Juhan Jaason
Charlie Jacobs
Yoojin Jang
Mitchell Janvier
Amy Ji
Gwen Johnson
Lindsay Johnson
Vivien Johnson
Evan Jones
Sam Kaiser

Matthew Kaplan
Chloe Karr
James Kaye
Daniel Kazemi
Maddie Keipert
Bret Kelly
Mary Kelly
Jasmine Kelso
Emily Kim
Jonah Kim
Ben Kinzelberg
Libby Klein
Sela Klein
Harper Klibanoff
Gabe Klinepeter
Ceci Klobuchar
Ben Knudson
Hannah Kogan
Christina Kondos
Sarah Konosky
Jamie Kopolov
Sophia Korobov
Tyler Kostynick
Rachel Kreiner
Charlie Kruse
Charlie Ktsanes
Daniel Kudryavtseva
Kathryn Kunzer
Charlie Laczkowski
Courtney Laden
Alex Lannefeld
Luke Laramore
Ellie Laros
Layla Lawrence
Reese Leahy
Dae Lee
William LeeMaster
Sam Leibov
Caden Lenon
Clare Levine
Robbie Levine
Eli Levy
Preston Levy
Amanda Lhee
Sadie Lhee
Brooklyn Li
Erik Li
Sophie Li
Matthew Lievano
Daniel Lim
Lilly Lipford
Caden Liu
Madison Liu
Bianna Locke
Megan Lu
Zhengdong Lu
Emma Lucchese
Marcus Luna
Ben Lundberg
Beda Lundstedt
Tor Lundstedt
Sarah Lynch
Tatum Mackenzie
Molly MacKinnon
Natalia Magana
Mathias Maineri
Kendall Malover
Melina Maridakis
Johnny Maris
Sophie Markscheid
Megan Marquardt
Daniel Matten
Jacob Matten
Gabriel Maxman
Kiiri McCarthy
Mason McCarthy
Grace McCormick
Ella McCurdy
Siena McDermott
Rose McGrath
Patrick McGreal
Margaret McKenna
Owen McKenzie
Madelyn McKnight
Finn McSpidon
Nicki Mekhitarian
Jackson Meli
Zen Mendoza
Maeve Metzler
Ethan Meyer
Atticus Miller
George Miller
Derek Mitchell

James Mitchell
Luca Mitchell
Matt Moloney
Gael Morales
Michael Moran
Will Moran
Teddy Morgan
Jesse Morrenhof
Maya Morton
Flynn Murphy
Jack Murray
Aiden Musick
Liam Myers
Hudson Nachtwey
Arian Naghshineh
Lizzie Nash
Nico Nassar
Niyati Navcen
Wyatt Nelson
Jack Nesbitt
Lulu Neslund
Josie Noble
Megan North
Maeve Norton
James Novakovic
Lila Novelline
Emmy Novosel
Declan O'Connell
Kate O'Donnell
Kiernan O'Meara
Aidan O'Neill
Hannah Obel
Maddie Ohr
Danny Oliver
Jack Olson
Jack Olson
Keoni Osborne
Sarah Osburn
Eloise Otto
Caroline Ozturk
Annie Paden
Joe Palomino
Audrey Pankauskas
Tasyn Patel
JP Pavkovic
Sophie Pekar
Jordyn Pekin
Grant Perce
Piper Peterson
Ginny Peterson
Jack PirrieVillalobos
Claire Porwancher
Isabel Poulis
Sanjith Prabhu
Andrew Prytz
Joe Quinn
Marcus Qureshi
Sam Rachelson
Gruia Radu
Sophie Rakoushchyk
Allie Randolph
Nora Ratkoceri
Henry Rayment
Brad Read
Stella Reeb
Brandon Regalado
Tate Reilly
Max Rempel
Max Rice
Clara Ricketts
Samantha Rietbroek
Harry Roberts
Ethan Rogalski
Ben Rogers
Nora Rolison
Brendan Ropka
David Rosenberg
Sarah Rosenfeld
Elliot Rubin
Griffin Rusche
Maddeline Ryan
Solstice Sabel
Sam Sample
Matthew Sampson
Caroline Saunders
Miles Schaffner
Colleen Schindler
Max Schwartz
Maeve Scott
Mitchell Seifert
Ava Sergesketter
Rhea Shah

Basie Shannon
Noah Shapo
Nicholas She
Granita Shen
Yaerin Shin
Kevin Shinner
Ethan Shu
Reid Singer
Zoe Sirota
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Benji Spear
Max Steen
Brooke Stephens
Finn Sterrett
Daniel Stone
Ty Stringer
Ava Stumpf
Peter Sullivan
Shane Sullivan
Edison Sun
Mayumi Suzue-Pan
Sam Swain
Will Swain
Rose Sweeney
Ian Switzer
Alena Tadelman
Chirag Tailor
Claudia Takhtechian
Owen Tevonian
Emily Thai-Young
Owen Thomas
CJ Thompson
Michael Tritsis
Megan Trubey
Charlie Trukenbrod
Emma Tubergen
Ditar Useni
Taegan Usher
Maya VanderKamp
Cooper VanDeVelde
Jane Vankula
Damian Vazquez
Olivia Veneziano
Rachel Veneziano
Jayden Vidican
Lexi Vile
Rin Vizconde
Sydney VonBank
Tessa VonBank
Abby Waechter
Joshua Wang
Kianna Warner
Kanoa Wean
Grace Weir
Annie Weiss
Dean Weissbluth
Trinity Wellington
Victoria Wenzke
Jack Wereski
Jakob Werling
Audrey Wesemann
Ari Whalen
Ben Wikel
Hannah Wilcox
Matthew Williamson
Vincent Wilson
Charles Wise
Patrick Wojcik
Paul Wojewski
Lucas Wold
David Wolff
Kyle Wolff
Cassie Wozney
Tiana Wu
Andrew Xia
Lucy Yager-Madden
Neva Yajnik
Jayden Ye
Joyce Yoon
Andrew Yoon
Jimmy Yu
Zach Yulish
Benjamin Yun
Telford Zander
Sara Zarea
Jasper Zettelmeyer
Jerry Zhu
Noah Zyung