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The District Scoop



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2142

ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

St. Louis County Schools' Staff Monthly Newsletter

In case you missed it!

With the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday Break (No school on Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th), please turn in your *purple* vouchers by Tuesday, November 16, 2021, to ensure timely arrival to the District Office Payroll Department for the November 30, 2021 payroll.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Apply @ www.isd2142.net

- Bus and Van Driver On Call Subs Needed! Wanna Drive? Refer a friend today! Free training available!
Van \$16.34/hr
Bus \$115/day
- Early Childhood ECFE and Preschool openings available! Hours and days vary! Preschool Paraprofessional openings available at South Ridge.
- Educator opportunity available at our South Ridge school in Title I. Visit our website for more information.
- Paraprofessional Opportunities at CH, NER, NW & TS.
\$16.35-\$19.42/hr
- Part-Time Custodial opportunity at South Ridge School is available. Monday-Friday 4.0 hours/day.

ISD2142 is an equal opportunity employer

IT'S A FALL THING

Ever wonder what chickadees eat during the winter? They get smarter this time of year. The change in season causes their hippocampus to swell about 30%, this helps increase its memory. As a result, all the new nerve cells help it to collect and store large amounts of seeds, that'll keep it alive through the cold winter months.

HR METRICS

New Hire Announcements

Welcome to our new hires this past month. We have new faces in many of our departments across our school locations. Thank you for joining our team!

A FEW QUICK UPDATES

Payroll and extended leave forms are now available on our websites for easy access under "Staff Resources." If you're needing to request an extended leave, update your direct deposit information or notify of an address change, you can now print these documents directly online and follow the instructions for returning them.

The Employee Self Service (ESS) Portal is upgrading on November 2, 2021 to increase its security measures. Please login to your ESS account this month to verify personal contact information. Starting in December, you will no longer be prompted for a security question at sign in. Instead, you will receive a security access code via email or phone. If you need help logging in or have forgotten your password, please email Angie Baasi or Carol Spragg.

A staff development opportunity is available through the Northland Learning Center on November 9th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via zoom. The training session content is for those using SpEd Forms, and will cover SpEd Forms 2.0 and MA training topics. Please connect with your Building Principal if you are interested in this training session.

Our next Paraprofessional training date for the Parapro Exam is November 12th starting 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. via zoom. If you or someone you know is studying for the Parapro Praxis test, take advantage of signing up for this instructor led study session. Contact Meredith Carter for more information.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT SHOWCASE



Austin Oakes

North Woods Mentor



Eric Montgomery

South Ridge Mentor



Cara Harsen

Cherry Mentor



Chloe Pecha

Northeast Range Mentor



Lisa Perkovich

Check & Connect Coordinator

CHECK & CONNECT This month we'd like to showcase our new Check & Connect Team! Check & Connect is a research based mentorship program designed to intervene with disengaged students and increase family engagement. Using a structured framework with an intense focus on relationships. Mentors will encourage students to attend school more regularly, improve academics, manage behaviors, and collaborate with families. Lisa Perkovich will be working with schools throughout the region, including all sites within our district, to implement Check & Connect.

*"It's not how much we have,
but how much we enjoy that
makes happiness."*

- Charles Spurgeon

Comments, Questions, Ideas?

Have some ideas or feedback you want to share with us about the newsletter? Send a note to mcarter@isd2142.k12.mn.us

Thank you!