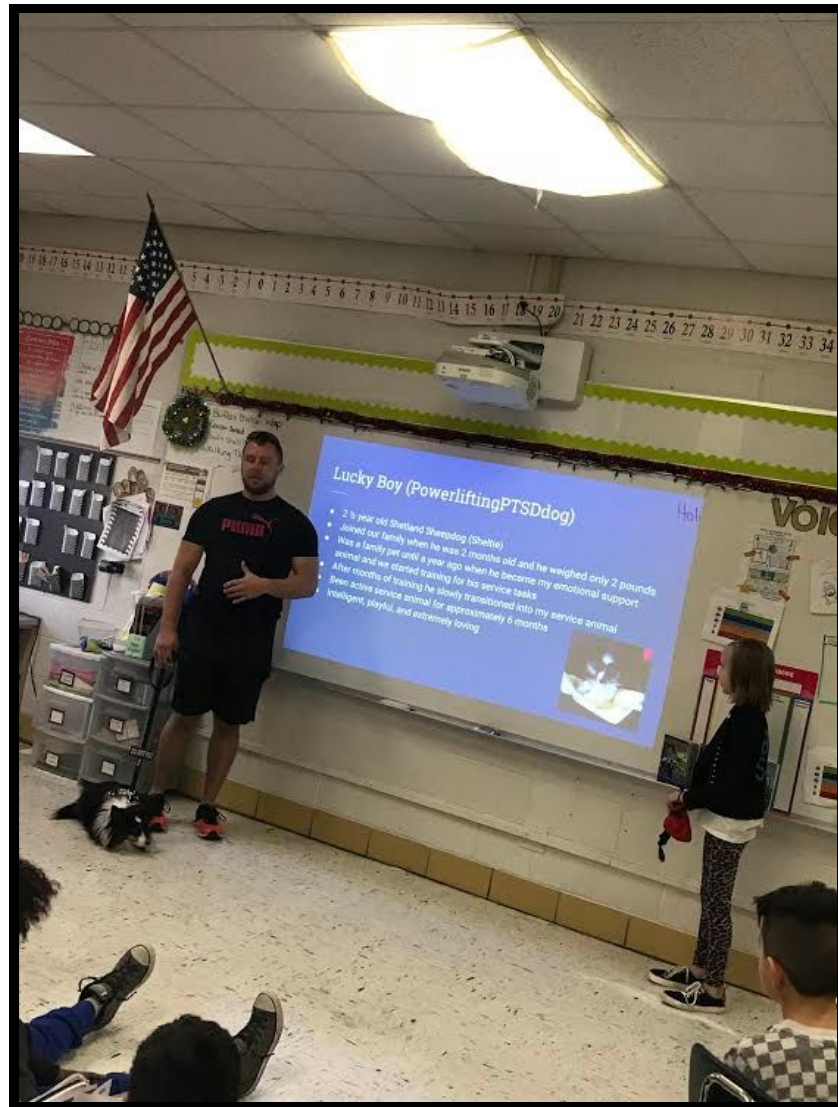


HOMETOWN BUZZ

December 17, 2018



A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Kevin Mathias for the presentation

he gave his daughter Aubrey's 4th grade class about Lucky, his service dog.

LAST CALL ~ Student Council Food Drive

Please consider donating food to help those less fortunate during this holiday season. *Donations will be taken through tomorrow, Wednesday, December 19th.* All donations will be given to Our Lady of Loretto and Hometown families in need. The collection box is located in the MPR hallway. Thank you in advance.

Playground After School

Just a friendly reminder that students are ***not permitted*** to be the school playground after school *without an adult*. Unfortunately, some students loiter and find themselves in tricky situations when unsupervised. Anything that happens after school at the park can potentially result in a school-issued consequence. Students have been reminded that going to and from school is still considered school time. Please review this information with your child(ren).

PTA Classroom Parties

Our PTA Holiday Celebrations will take place this coming Friday, 12/21, at 2:15 pm. Those helping with the classroom parties, should check in at the office. *Room Coordinators, if you haven't already done so, please contact Liz Urbauer .*

5 Essentials Survey ~ PLEASE READ!

Parents, staff, and students across Illinois and District 123 will have an opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our schools and gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes. Survey responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students respond as a whole. *As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.*

2018-19 Illinois Parent Survey

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

The survey closes Feb. 15, 2019.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Now that the frigid weather appears to be here for the season, it's important to review emergency school closing protocol. Typically, decisions to close school due to inclement weather are made by 6:30 or 7:00. To obtain the latest school closing information, please visit our school website or tune in to one of the following:

| Radio | Television | Internet |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| WGN 720 AM | WGN Ch. 9 | <u>wgntv.trb.com/</u> |
| WBBM 780 AM | FOX Ch. 32 | <u>foxchicago.com/</u> |
| | ABC Ch. 7 | <u>abclocal.go.com/wls/</u> |
| | CBS Ch. 2 | <u>cbs2chicago.com/</u> |
| | NBC Ch. 5 | <u>nbc5.com/index.htm</u> |
| | | <u>emergencyclosingcenter.com</u> |
| | | <u>oaklawn.patch.com</u> |

Also, keep in mind, the district may opt to implement a “late start” rather than cancel school for the day. When this occurs, students are to report to school by 9:30 am. Communication of such a decision would be done in the same manner as an emergency closing. For more information, please visit the district’s emergency procedures webpage:

<http://www.d123.org/emergency-procedures.cfm>

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