

# JULIETTE LOW Down

PREPARING STUDENTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR LIFE

## NEWSLETTER CHANGE

We will be distributing the newsletter on a less frequent basis this year as we transition to a more ongoing communication through our website. The Juliette Low Newsletter will be shared in September, December, February and May. It contains important news and announcements related to school programs and events. You can also find this information on a more frequent basis on our website at [low.ccsd59.org](http://low.ccsd59.org). Please continue to check back on our website for upcoming school events. Also, if you are on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/JulietteLow), please visit the Juliette Low page. There are many student pictures to enjoy each week.

## ASSESSMENT UPDATE

During December and January our students take their mid year assessments. These include:

- MAP testing in reading and math for grades 2-5 (in January)
- FAST math assessment for grades K-5 (in January)
- FAST reading assessment for grades K-5 (in January)

The results for these assessments are used for diagnostic evaluations. This means that teachers may change their instruction and/or their interventions and supports in order to meet the needs of the students if necessary. We will not be sending any reports home, but if you would like to know more about how your child did on these assessments please contact your child's teacher.

## AM SUPERVISION

We have adult supervision beginning at 8:40 AM in the multipurpose room for breakfast or the gym if students do not want breakfast. For safety reasons, please do not drop-off students prior to 8:40 AM.

## CHROMEBOOK/NEXUS 7 TABLET INSURANCE

If you are interested in purchasing insurance for your child's devices, please see the office staff for further information. As we are using the tech devices more, we are getting more cracked screens and tech breaks. Many of these items can be covered under insurance if you purchase it.

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Due to colder temperatures please make sure your child is dressed appropriately to play outside every day. The students go out for lunch recess each day unless the temperature or wind chill is significantly cold. We want to make sure everyone is dressed warm with hats and gloves.

## PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

We ask that you keep your child's personal items such as toys, games, electronics and collector's cards at home. We have had an increase in students bringing these items to school and misplacing them. These items are only permitted by the request of a teacher for a special day in the classroom. Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendars

### OPEN LRC

Come and join us on February 18th for Open LRC Night from 6-8pm. There are always great crafts, games, books and computer activities to do as a family. Please check out our website for future dates.

### DISTRICT REGISTRATION (NEW FAMILY & INCOMING K) NIGHT

Our evening Kindergarten Registration event will be held on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm at all of our District 59 elementary schools this event will kick off the registration for the upcoming school year. After this day, families may continue to come in to register between the hours of 9:30-11am and 1-3pm on days that schools are in session. To register a child for Kindergarten in the state of Illinois for the 2015/2016 school year the child must be 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to start Kindergarten.

Parents are required to bring the following documents to provide proof that they are a resident of School District 59: a certified original birth certificate. Parents will also need to prove residency. They will need to bring documents that show us that they live in our district such as: a current signed residence lease, a mortgage statement or a recent real estate tax bill & 2 other proofs of residency: a driver's license, utility bill, or a phone bill.

## PARENT EDUCATION SESSION-RESCHEDULED

Want to learn how to increase your child's happiness, confidence, and achievement? Julie Adams, Educational Leader on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills, will be in District 59 to share her knowledge with parents on this topic. Mark your calendars for March 4th from 6:30-8:00 PM at Friendship Junior High. The session titled, "Ten Things Parents Can Do to Increase Their Child's Happiness, Confidence, and Achievement" will be in English and Spanish.

**A WORD FROM MRS. EJMA****New Standards/New Curriculum**

In January, the Holmes Cluster Elementary Math Resource teachers and students presented to Dr. Fessler and the Board of Education on the shift in math instruction. The changes reflect the district's continued work with 21st Century Learning Practices and the Common Core State Standards. Students had an opportunity to share how they use technology, manipulatives, and problem-solving on a regular basis to deepen their knowledge around math. The highlight of the evening was when the students engaged Dr. Fessler and the Board of Education in an interactive math activity. If you are interested in learning more about this shift, please ask your child's teacher or Mrs. Skorin, our math resource teacher. At each grade level, we are coming to a close with our first integrated unit of study. The integrated unit of study consisted of teaching literacy throughout the day within social studies content. Students had an opportunity to show what they learned through a summative writing task at the end. The teachers have learned a lot about being designers of curriculum as they planned and implemented this first unit. Their focus on going deeper and ensuring student understanding will continue within each and every unit. We are so proud of our students in their creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking skills within the new curriculum. They use their new technology devices to amplify their learning. They are teaching all of us new and innovative ways to express ideas. The classroom-learning environment is a place where we make mistakes, learn and grow together.

**New Assessment-PARCC**

In March, our students will take a new assessment called PARCC. This test is replacing the ISAT for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We have been preparing in various ways for this new test such as developing a new curriculum and implementing instruction with a focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills. Our teachers have also been helping our students become familiar with the new format of the test on the computers. If you would like to learn more about the PARCC assessment, please visit the website at <http://www.parcconline.org/for-parents>.

If you have any questions about the new standards, curriculum and assessment, please feel free to call or email me. Your child's success and social/emotional well-being is our primary focus.

Mrs. Susan Ejma

**SCIENCE FAIR- RESCHEDULED**

Students and families, please put your thinking caps on and explore some science fair project ideas. We will host an **optional** Science Fair Night on April 2nd, where students can demonstrate their knowledge of the Scientific Method and stimulate their interest in science.

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

We are noticing an increase in student drop-off in the circle drive in the morning. The circle drive is used for busses only at the start and end of the day. We have a marked area for Kiss n Drive and this is the drop-off for students being transported by car. The reason for this is student safety. When large busses are parked, the visibility is low for students and cars. We also recognize that when you want to drop-off your child it needs to be quick. If your car gets behind a bus, you will need to wait a lengthy amount of time before you can leave. Our bus supervisors and custodians are out to help monitor these areas, so please understand their role in ensuring student safety. We have included our Kiss n Drive procedures in this newsletter on page 5. Thank you!

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

On February 13th, the whole school will be raising money for Jump Rope For Heart, through the American Heart Association. This fundraiser helps people of all ages who suffer from a heart condition. We have been participating in the event for 15 years. The event takes place during the school day in the gym. There are all sorts of jumping stations set up, so you don't have to know how to jump rope to participate!! It is a lot of fun and the kids have a great time doing it. Our school does an outstanding job raising funds, last year we collected over \$8,000! Please look over the information sent home last week. All collection envelopes need to be turned in by Tuesday, February 17.

**NEWS FROM THE LRC**

Our Open LRC Family Nights have had great turnouts and have been lots of fun! Students and their families played board games and computer games, listened to stories, made crafts, and checked out books. We would love to have even more families join in on the fun from 6:00-8:00pm on the following dates:

February 18

March 4

March 18

April 1

Students can access our eBook library from home on any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection. Go to <http://low.ccsd59.org/about/learning-resource-center/> for more information about connecting to our eLibrary.

**PTO PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION**

The PTO has been hard at work since the holidays planning the Fun Fair, ExploreMore Day and the Talent Show. Please come out and support the Fun Fair in any way that you can. The funds from this event go to cover ExploreMore Day, an event that serves every student from Kindergarten through fifth grade. I look forward to seeing you there, I'll be in the Redemption Room counting tokens :)

The Talent Show also went off beautifully this year. We had 70 students perform on February 6 in the gym. It was inspiring to see all of these eager faces showing off their talents on stage. Thank you to everyone who helped run the event and also to all of those brave students who put themselves out there on stage.

Please continue to support Manna Scripts and Box Tops throughout the year, we rely on the money raised from these programs to support things like Cultural Arts, fourth and fifth grade field trips and more.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers who keep the PTO running!  
Amy Powers

**SIX FLAGS READING**

Want to earn a free ticket to Six Flags Great America? We are again participating in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program. Informational letters and student reading logs went home in December. Students need to read 360 minutes. Student logs are due by Monday, February 23rd. Questions, contact Megan Fruzyrna at 847-952-3333 or [103megan@gmail.com](mailto:103megan@gmail.com)

**EXPLOREMORE DAY**

Looking for a few good men and women! Do you have a special talent? Are you creative? Do you have a passion for something unique? If yes, then we are looking for you to pass it along to our kids at a special day called ExploreMore Day. ExploreMore Day is a fun filled day where kids learn something new and out of the ordinary while at school. We typically offer 30 classes for the kids to choose from including sports, science, cooking, careers, and crafting. This is a very special day and could not be done without the incredible talent from our parents, teachers, and entire community. So, what do you think? Do you have something that you would be willing to pass on? Don't worry, ExploreMore Day is not until May, so there is plenty of time to plan! Please contact our ExploreMore Day team with your idea(s) soon! Carri Buerger at [buergers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buergers@sbcglobal.net), Christine Rentner at [801@sbcglobal.net](mailto:801@sbcglobal.net), and Nicole DiVito at [nicole.divito@comcast.net](mailto:nicole.divito@comcast.net)

**MANNA GIFTCARD FUNDRAISER**

Thank you for participating in the FOUR SEASONS of MANNA (Giftcard Fundraiser)!

It's simple . . . . you buy gift cards at face value, and Juliette Low PTO earns a percentage from each purchase.

No order is too small. It is the combination of many orders that makes this fundraiser a success.

We have two dates for the SPRING SEASON -- deliveries on March 12th and April 16th.

Buy cards to use yourself for Spring Break fun -- bowling, restaurants, hotels, gas, and movies! Stock up on cards for your SPRING wardrobe or your everyday grocery shopping. Or purchase gifts for spring holidays, birthdays, celebrations, and thank you gifts.

After the two spring sales, we will have two end of the year sales in May.

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**FUN FAIR**

Please join us for the Juliette Low Fun Fair Friday, February 27st from 5:30-8:30pm. Lots of fun games, delicious food, exciting raffle prizes and teacher raffle prizes are headed your way. This is our biggest fundraiser at our school but it can't be done without the help of all the Juliette Low Families and Staff. Thank you all for your time and generosity! Looking forward to seeing you there!

## JULIETTE LOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP SAFETY REMINDERS

**As always, it is imperative to work together to make safety the "Number 1" priority on our school campus.** Please read the following drop-off and pick-up guidelines carefully. These must be strictly followed to insure the safety of everyone.

- The circle drive is for **busses only** during the hours of 8:40-9:25 AM and 3:20 PM-3:50 PM.

### Kiss & Drive Procedures

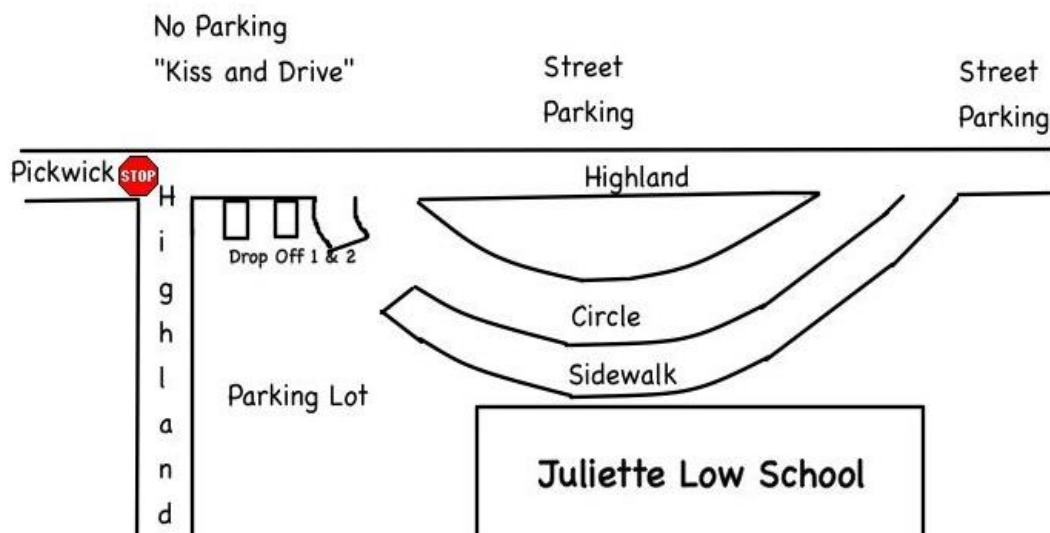
Absolutely no parking is allowed in the Kiss and Drive Drop Zone between 8:40 AM and 9:25 AM.

- Only the first two vehicles are allowed to drop off children. Please use the small walkways (labeled below)
- Do not pull away from the Drop Zone until the front vehicles have pulled away.
- Never allow children to exit on the street side. In the winter, snow will be removed next to vehicles 1 and 2 for easy exiting.
- Do not make U-Turns into neighboring driveways. It only takes a few extra moments to go around the block or go down to the Park district and turn around in their circle.
- For those of you not currently utilizing the Kiss and Drive Drop Zone, please keep in mind that the number one priority is the safety of the children, regardless of where children are being dropped off.

Our School Resource Officer from the Arlington Heights Police Department will be monitoring the traffic, as well as overall school safety. If you should witness anyone who is putting student safety at risk, please report the incident, as well as important information such as the license plate number, make and color of the car, etc. to Officer Veenstra. You may call the police department at 847.368.5310.






Thank you for your cooperation. Remember it is important to model best safety practices for your children at all times. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Drop-off/Pick-up procedures, please contact me.

**THE KISS AND DRIVE DIAGRAM IS BELOW FOR YOUR CAREFUL REVIEW.**





JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
<b>February 2015</b>		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 <u>24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891</u>				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 A Groundhog Day	3 B	4 W Early Release 2:50pm Open LRC 6pm  Open House Orchestra Concert @ Holmes- 7:00pm	5 C	6 A Talent Show 6:30 pm	7
8	9 B  BOE Meeting-7:00 pm	10 C	11 W Early Release 2:50pm  PTO Meeting 7:00 pm	12 A	13 NO LETTER DAY Jump Rope for Heart	14 Valentine's Day
415	16 President's Day  No School	17 B	18 W Early Release 2:50pm Open LRC 6pm	19 C	20 A	21
22	23 B	24 C	25 W Early Release 2:50pm	26 A  Manna Scripts Delivered	27 B Fun Fair 5:30pm  End of Second Trimester	28

JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
<b>March 2015</b>		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 <u>24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891</u>				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 C	3 A	4 W Early Release 2:50pm Open LRC 6pm	5 B	6 C  Report Cards Issued - Gr. 1-5	7
8	9 A  BOE Meeting-7:00 pm	10 B	11 W Early Release 2:50pm	12 NO LETTER DAY 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Performance 2:00 & 7:00 pm	13 C  End of Third Quarter	14
15	16 A  5 Gr. Orchestra Practice @ Holmes 3:30 pm	17 B	18 W Early Release 2:50pm Open LRC 6pm	19 C  Manna Scripts Delivered	20 A 2:50 pm \$Early Release	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28
29	30 B Classes Resume	31 C				

JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
<b>April 2015</b>		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 <u>24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891</u>				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 W</b> Early Release- 2:50pm Open LRC 6pm	<b>2 A</b> Science Fair 6pm	<b>3</b> Non-Attendance Day No School	<b>4</b> School Librarian Day
<b>5</b> Easter Sunday	<b>6 B</b>	<b>7 C</b> Spring Picture Day	<b>8 W</b> Early Release- 2:50pm  PTO Meeting-7:00 pm	<b>9 A</b>	<b>10 B</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> National Volunteer Week	<b>13 C</b>  BOE Meeting-7:00 pm	<b>14 A</b>	<b>15 W</b> Early Release- 2:50pm	<b>16 NO LETTER DAY</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance 2:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b>  Hanna Scripts Delivered	<b>17 B</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20 C</b>	<b>21 A</b>	<b>22 W</b> Early Release- 2:50pm  Administrative Assistant's Day	<b>23 B</b>	<b>24 C</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27 A</b> School Soccer Tournament Starts  	<b>28 B</b>	<b>29 W</b> Early Release- 2:50pm Portfolio Sharing	<b>30 C</b>  Portfolio Sharing		





Dear Parent or Guardian,

At the start of each calendar year teachers, parents, and students across Illinois have the opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. 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.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and 6th through 8th grade students will have an opportunity to participate in this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May 2015 and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, the district has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. If at least 20 percent of parents from each school complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. If you have children in more than one school, feel free to complete a survey for each school. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Students in grades 6 through 8 will take the 5Essentials survey during class time starting February 3, 2015. The Parent Survey can be taken anytime prior to March 13, 2015.

**Parents, to take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.**

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).

Sincerely,  
Maureen McAbee  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

*Note: This is a state survey and it is available to take in English or Spanish*

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# The *Fantastic* FEBRUARY FRIDAY TECHNOLOGY GIVEAWAY

## FREE TABLET OR CHROMEBOOK



## FACEBOOK.COM/CCSD59

The start of the 2014/2015 school year was the beginning of a new journey for CCSD59. All CCSD59 students (K-8) now participate in a program that provides them with access to Google Chromebooks and/or Nexus Tablets. It's incredible to see how access to this new technology is transforming the classroom environment and amplifying learning across all grade levels.

To celebrate these new opportunities for students and to help connect the community to CCSD59 on Facebook, we're giving away 1 Google Chromebook and 4 Nexus Tablets.