

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 Please continue to check back on our website for upcoming school events. Also, if you are on [Facebook](#), please visit the Juliette Low page. There are many student pictures to enjoy each week.

4th GRADE OPERA VISIT

In November, the 4th graders went to see a performance of The Brothers Grimm by Dean Burry at Barrington High School. This original opera was part of the Opera in the Neighborhood, which is an educational outreach for students supported by The Lyric Opera of Chicago. We were very fortunate to attend this live performance sponsored by our PTO. This opera was about three popular fairy tales called Rumpelstiltskin, Little Red Riding Hood, and Rapunzel. The students were excited and enjoyed the cultural experience.

XBOX KINECT PTO PURCHASE

Students are enjoying the Xbox Kinect during their brain breaks. We are providing training to our indoor recess supervisors to use during the winter months. Thank you for supporting our students in being active and healthy throughout the year while having fun!

RAZ KIDS

The District has purchased a new reading program for students to practice reading at their level. Every teacher will have a classroom license to use the web-based program. Raz-Kids has 400+ eBooks that students can listen to, read, and even record themselves reading. To learn more about Raz-Kids, go to their website <http://www.raz-kids.com>. As teachers become more familiar with this program, they will share more with parents.

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.

WEATHER CHANGE

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.

Mark Your Calendars

OPEN LRC

Come and join us on December 17th for Open LRC Night. There are always great crafts, games, books and computer activities to do as a family.

PARENT EDUCATION SESSION

Want to learn how to increase your child's happiness, confidence, and achievement? Julie Adams, Educational Leader on 21st Century Learning Skills, will be in District 59 to share her knowledge with parents on this topic. Mark your calendars for January 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM. The session titled, "Ten Things Parents Can Do to Increase Their Child's Happiness, Confidence, and Achievement" will be in English and Spanish.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARDS

Kindergarten students will be receiving their *very first* report card on Friday, January 16th. How exciting! What a great opportunity to celebrate the progress they have made.

A WORD FROM MRS. EJMA**White House News**

We were honored this month to have our Superintendent, Dr. Fessler, attend a White House Conference on Digital Learning with President Barack Obama. District 59 was selected out of over 1,000 school districts to create two videos that featured digital learning. Many of our students at Juliette Low are in the two videos, which are currently on the US Dept. of Education website and the White House Blog. We are so proud of our teachers and students embracing the new tech tools this year and learning and growing together. Our teachers are preparing our students to be 21st Century Learners! If you would like to check out the videos, please visit our website www.ccsd59.org.

New Standards/New Curriculum

Our teachers and students are working hard this year in making a change in meeting the new rigor of the Common Core State Standards in math and literacy. Teachers are becoming designers of curriculum and working very closely in their teams to plan instruction to meet the needs of our students. Our professional learning time has been spent discussing, planning, preparing, and reflecting on implementation of our math and integrated literacy instruction.

As a result of this purposeful planning, students have been exploring/researching a guiding question for a length of time. They have been listening, speaking, reading and writing in the science or social studies content area throughout the day. As the students research a question, they will utilize claim and evidence with opinion writing. We are excited to work with our students on these very important skills to prepare them for life.

I hope to have more opportunities in the future to share with you our learning experiences in shifting our thinking to 21st Century Learning and the new set of standards. It's a journey we will be on for the next few years and I hope we can learn and grow together during this time.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful winter break! As I enjoy time off with my family over the holidays, I will celebrate and be thankful for all the blessings and joy your children have brought to my life this year. I am grateful to have a job that allows me to see smiling faces and the joy of learning from children everyday.

WINTER CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

We will be having some special activities to celebrate as a Juliette Low family on December 18-19. Please contact your child's teacher if you have volunteered to help out with the winter classroom party.

Thursday, December 18th

2:15-2:30 Tiger Talk Live Broadcast

2:30-3:30 Classroom Parties

3:30-3:50 Clean up and Dismissal

Friday, December 19th

1:20-2:00 Winter Sing

2:00-2:50 Classroom Instructional Time

2:50 1 Hour Early Dismissal

From our Juliette Low family to yours, we'd like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday, a safe and peaceful winter break, and a joyous New Year!

WINTER COAT DONATION

Please donate any children's washed and gently used winter coats for our families in need. Please stop by the office and drop them off.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

It appears winter is here! Please be sure your student is dressed for the outdoor conditions, whatever they are. Boots and snow pants are a must for play at lunch recess, as children are not allowed off the black top without them, and playing in the snow is much more fun than standing on pavement. Every lunch we have a mad dash for the few "loaner" snow pants and boots available. Hats and gloves are available as well, in case of emergency. As always any donation to our clothes closet, especially pants are appreciated.

Notifications are still going out for vision and hearing failures as some of our students still are in need of retesting. This should be completed very soon though. If you have questions, or are unsure of how to proceed after you receive a notification of failure of either vision or hearing, please contact me.

With the holidays approaching, I am reminded that most of us will be shopping, attending holiday events, traveling to visit friends and relatives, and or gathering with loved ones at home. In all these situations, practicing good health habits will help combat the spread of illness as we are all exposed to so many people. This includes remembering to wash hands frequently with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer if water is not available, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or the arm. Even more effective is isolating persons who are sick from the rest of the population, even if that means missing some of the holiday festivities.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish all of you very Happy and Healthy Holidays, and a fun filled winter vacation!

Donna Szilvagyí RN BSN CDE

CULTURAL ARTS

Staley from the Chicago Bears: January 8th 1:15pm

In support of the District's focus on health and wellness the PTO has decided to bring back Staley from the Chicago Bears. Staley Da Bear is the official Bears' mascot and his First and Goal Program was created to educate today's youth about the benefits of living a healthy life. Staley and his MC will jumpstart your child's desire to begin living a smarter and healthier life by combining education and comedy into a high energy show! Each child will take home with them a 6 week booklet where they can easily record: healthy eating, drinking water, physical activity and adequate sleep each day.

Parents and siblings are always welcome to attend the show in the gym, just remember to sign in at the office!

PTO PRESIDENT MESSAGE

A big PTO thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make the first few months at Juliette Low a big success:

- Debbie Manka headed up the Membership drive and we raised enough money to cover the costs of our two classroom parties this year, thank you Debbie and all of you who participated!
- Amy Finney collected hundreds of Buzz Book forms and compiled that awesome directory so we can all communicate with each other: thank you Amy!
- Giota Sbirakos, our VP of Fundraising and Hospitality headed up our first day of school welcome tent. Thanks for the coffee Giota!
- Tracy Miller worked with LifeTouch to get 600 students' pictures taken, thanks to Tracy and all of her volunteers!
- Spirit Wear was a great success with Vickie Marienau and Laena DiVito keeping us all well outfitted for Spirit Wear Fridays! I can't believe they sold 150 items in such a short period of time. It took a lot of time during the busiest time of year: Thanks ladies!
- The Book Fair was a smashing success with close to \$8,000 in sales. Thank you to Megan Fruzyna, Cindy Ontaneda and Christina Paweleck for supporting reading in our community!
- Rachel Jarosik and Anna Bloss have continued to make the Manna Scrip Gift Card program a success. We have completed lots of sales and have more to come, thanks for so much hard work!
- Box Tops has had several large promotions and the kids have done a great job clipping away, thank you to Dawn Mandarino, Cindi Jensen and Pauline Pietroske for counting all those box tops, and you're not even done yet!
- Our newest Committee Chair, Kristy Seifert, has taken over the Ice Cream Social during Book Fair, thank you Kristy for keeping this fun night going at Juliette Low!
- All of the room parents and their legion of volunteers, we thank you for running the Halloween parties and helping the teachers and students enjoy their special afternoon. It's a lot of work and everyone really appreciates the time you have put in. Have fun at the Holiday party!!
- Keith Piscitello has run the Junior Achievement program at Juliette Low for years with great success. Thanks for bringing this program to our community Keith and for continuing to get it staffed for every classroom in the school.
- As if the Buzz Book wasn't enough, Amy Finney partnered up with Liz Torgerson to raise money through the Fall Catalog. Thank you ladies!
- After our third grade performance our little entertainers were able to enjoy an ice cold blizzard from Dairy Queen, thanks to the work of Laura Vierneisel and Jessica Martinsen!
- I need to make a special thanks to Pauline Pietroske for taking over our new email process and doing such a great job with it, thank you Pauline!
- The person behind the scenes who is pretty much involved in some way with every single event is Julie Karlos. She write checks for every reimbursement (hundreds throughout the year), she writes about 60 checks for each classroom party, collects deposits from every event and then updates all of our reports and keeps us ready for filing taxes. She has taken over this role and done a great job keeping me updated as to how things are going. I can't thank Julie enough for doing this job throughout the year. Thank you Jules!

I am always humbled by looking at this list and realizing how many volunteers it takes to keep the PTO running at Juliette Low. Faces change but the spirit of enriching the educational experience of our students never waivers. Thank you everyone who not only volunteered their time, but to those who participate in each of these events.

BOX TOPS

The third Box Top promotion of the school year is in full swing! The class that collects the most Box Tops through February 2015 will enjoy a pizza party! As you are shopping for your holiday baking essentials consider purchasing Box Top items from Land of Lakes, Pillsbury and Betty Crocker to help give to Juliette Low. Juliette Low earns 10 cents per current Box Top that your child brings to school. Box Tops will be collected and counted at the end of each month to see where your child's classroom stacks up. Send in your Box Tops today!

MANNA GIFT CARD 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.

This is the last month for our HOLIDAY SEASON Sale, with sale delivery dates on Dec 4, and Dec 16. Look for these order forms in your child's backpacks about 2 weeks prior to each delivery date. Purchase gift cards for holiday gift giving for family, friends, teachers, coaches, hair stylists, and more. Buy cards for Winter Break fun -- bowling, restaurants, and movies. Or stock up on holiday wardrobe and grocery shopping.

To keep Manna a healthy fundraiser for Juliette Low, we encourage all parents to order gift cards in at least ONE SEASON this year. No order is too small. It is the combination of many orders that makes this fundraiser a success.

There will be no sales in January or February so be sure to stock up now! We will resume sales in March & April as part of our SPRING SEASON Sale.

Thank you!

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@sbcgobal.net and Nicole DiVito at nicole.divito@comcast.net

CULTURAL ARTS FIELD TRIP

I hope the fourth graders enjoyed their trip to Barrington High School to watch a children's version of the Lyric Opera on Nov 3. The PTO fully supports the Fine Arts program at Juliette Low!

TALENT SHOW






It's that time of year when all of our little joke tellers, singers, gymnasts, magicians and dancers start dreaming of taking the Juliette Low stage! Auditions for the talent show will take place immediately after Winter break on Wednesday, January 7th and Thursday, January, 8th in the Fine Arts room.

NEWS FROM THE LRC

Our first two Open LRC Family Nights had great turnouts and were 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:






December 17
January 7
January 21
February 4
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.

JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
December 2014		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 A	2 B	3 W Early Release 2:50 pm	4 C Manna Scrips Delivered	5 A	6
7	8 B Holmes Winter Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm BOE Meeting 7:00 PM	9 C	10 W Early Release 2:50 pm	11 A Holiday Shoppe Orchestra Concert @ J. Low 1:20 pm	12 B Holiday Shoppe	13
14	15 C	16 A Manna Scrips Delivered	17 W Early Release 2:50 pm	18 B	19 C 2:50 Early Release Winter Sing 1:20pm	20
21	22 No School Winter Break Begins Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 	23 Winter Break 	24 Winter Break 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Winter Break 	27
28	29 Winter Break 	30 Winter Break 	31 Winter Break 			

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January 2015		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 <u>24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891</u>				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day 	2 Winter Break 	3
4	5 A Classes Resume	6 B	7 W Early Release 2:50 pm Open LRC 6pm	8 C	9 A End of Second Quarter	10
11	12 B BOE Meeting-7:00 pm	13 C Club/Candid Pictures	14 W Early Release 2:50 pm	15 A Science Fair 6:00-8:00 pm	16 B Kindergarten Report Cards Issued	17
18	19 No School Martin Luther King Day Observed	20 C	21 W Early Release 2:50 pm Open LRC 6pm	22 A	23 B	24
25	26 C 5 Gr. Orchestra Practice @Holmes 3:30 pm	27 A	28 W Early Release 2:50 pm	29 B Manna Scripts Delivered	30 C	31

JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
February 2015		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
15	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						
March 2015		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891				
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	7
8	9 A BOE Meeting-7:00 pm	10 B	11 W Early Release 2:50pm	12 NO LETTER DAY 4 th & 5 th 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				



December 1, 2014

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of District 59 Students:

On January 24, 2013, Governor Quinn signed into effect Public Act 097-1147, also known as Erin's Law. This law requires child sexual abuse prevention education for children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades. District 59 implemented this law last year and will continue its implementation during the 2014-15 year. Our district social workers and psychologists, under the leadership of our Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, worked together to develop developmentally appropriate curriculum that will give our students the knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves.

The Early Childhood Program will utilize an extension of *Second Step* (curriculum already in place), called Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum that provides students with information to help keep them safe from dangerous and abusive situations. The kindergarten through fifth grade lessons will focus on personal body safety and include information about different kinds of touch, safety rules, and safety steps. Sixth and seventh grade instruction will address sexual harassment, while eighth grade lessons will address the dangers of texting as it relates to sexual harassment/"sexting."

This year, student presentations will take place in December and again in March or early April. The district realizes that this is a sensitive topic so please contact the building principal if you do not want your child to participate in these lessons.