



# CommunityConnections

Keeping stakeholders informed about **Community Consolidated School District 93**

December 2024

## Dear Community Member,



Thank you for your continuing support for Community Consolidated School District 93 (CCSD93) as we seek to maximize the academic, social and emotional potential of each student. Because of you, we are able to offer a wide range of programs and services to meet the diverse needs of our 3,350 preschool through 8th grade students,

who come to us from portions of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream and Hanover Park, across our Early Childhood Center, six elementary schools and two middle schools. Here are a few timely updates from CCSD93 for you.

### D93 Schools Continue to Improve Proficiency, Receive High Marks From State Board of Education

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently released its School Report Cards with data from the 2023-24 school year. They provide easily understandable breakdowns of how well our schools are progressing on a number of educational goals and give thorough data on each school's student and staff populations as well as financial information. In them, each elementary and middle school in the state receives a summative designation from ISBE, which takes into account a variety of measures related to school performance and growth.

I'm very proud to share that:

- Heritage Lakes Elementary School has earned the designation of Exemplary, which means that its performance is in the top 10% of Illinois schools.
- All other CCSD93 middle and elementary schools have earned the designation of Commendable, the second highest designation that the state awards.

These designations indicate that all of our schools, including demographic subgroups within each school, are performing above state-established thresholds for success.

One of the key measures of the School Report Cards is proficiency. This is derived from Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) scores for English language arts and math, taken by students in grades 3-8, and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) scores for science, taken by students in grades 5 and 8. As a continuous improvement organization, I am happy to report that CCSD93 experienced proficiency gains from 2022-23 to 2023-24 as follows:

- English Language Arts: +6.0%
- Math: +2.5%
- Science: + 3.7%

While these gains are positive, there is always more room for improvement. CCSD93 administrators and educators are working through the School Report Card data to identify areas of focus to increase student achievement. I invite you to review the data yourself at [www.ccsd93.com/Transparency](http://www.ccsd93.com/Transparency) by finding the *School Report Card Data for CCSD93* section, which includes links for each school and the entire district.

### Dashboard Measures Strategic Plan Progress

CCSD93 is in the second year of a five-year, 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, which identifies the district's values, priorities and objectives for the next five years based on feedback from students, parents, staff and community members. We have developed a variety of important data points, referred to as key performance indicators (KPIs), to be measured annually in order to track our progress toward achieving the plan's objectives. I invite you to review the Strategic Plan and monitor the KPIs, which are represented on a comprehensive and user-friendly Strategic Dashboard that includes year by year benchmarks, at [www.ccsd93.com/StrategicDashboard](http://www.ccsd93.com/StrategicDashboard).

Please review the rest of this edition of *Community Connections* for additional news and information from CCSD93.

Sincerely,

*David H. Hill*  
David H. Hill, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools



## SUMMATIVE DESIGNATIONS



All CCSD93 elementary and middle schools earn one of the top two state designations!

### Commendable



View Complete School Report Card Data at [www.ccsd93.com/Transparency](http://www.ccsd93.com/Transparency)



# Nine Engaging Learning Opportunities at CCSD93's Nine Great Schools

Everyday, in ways big and small, CCSD93's students are challenged to learn, grow and meet high expectations while setting goals and making plans for personal achievement. The district's vision is that by 8th grade, its students will be fearless learners, engaged citizens, skilled communicators, thoughtful visionaries and self-empowered individuals. CCSD93's dedicated educators work to instill these qualities in students daily, and you're invited to find snapshots of some terrific learning opportunities from this school year below. To learn more about the district's vision, the Portrait of a CCSD93 Graduate, visit [www.ccsd93.com/POG](http://www.ccsd93.com/POG).

## Early Childhood Center



Preschoolers build empathy, self-regulation, and social skills through "Baby Doll Circle Time," practicing caregiving routines in a supportive environment.

## Carol Stream Elementary



Students from all grade levels learn fire prevention and safety strategies from community partners at the Carol Stream Fire Department.

## Cloverdale Elementary



Second graders apply economic and financial literacy skills by planning the ultimate party while staying on budget, meeting key math and social studies standards.

## Elsie Johnson Elementary



Fifth graders design AI-generated book covers for their short stories following the study of genres, text structures and figurative language.

## Heritage Lakes Elementary



To celebrate Veterans Day, members of the school's Live Announcements Club recognize former service members for their dedication and sacrifice on the schoolwide video news stream.

## Roy DeShane Elementary



Global Academy students present bird research projects in English as part of their curriculum, wherein they learn academic lessons while being oriented to the U.S. educational system and language.

## Western Trails Elementary



In music class, students explore instrument types, creating sounds in a variety of ways while learning key descriptive vocabulary words related to texture, speed and volume.

## Jay Stream Middle School



Students in all grade levels learn about responsible internet behavior and the lasting effects of online activities through CCSD93's vital partnerships with local police departments.

## Stratford Middle School



Students in the band program have the opportunity to share the skills they've acquired through years of hard work and detailed instruction during their fall concert performance.

## Prioritizing Responsible Financial Stewardship



The district's Strategic Plan requires not only success for all students but also that CCSD93 achieves operational excellence by serving as a sound fiscal steward of taxpayer dollars.

CCSD93 has a history of strong financial management. Its fiscal year 2024 operating fund budget is balanced, and it recently received its 37th consecutive Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for financial reporting and accountability. For the 33rd time, the district has also been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report. These awards reflect CCSD93's commitment to operating in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.

Community members are invited to review CCSD93's budget, financial reports, and more by visiting our business and finance webpage at [www.ccsd93.com/Business](http://www.ccsd93.com/Business).

## D93 Kids Foundation Meets Student Needs



The D93 Kids Foundation provides CCSD93 students in need with the key resources for success identified in the image above thanks to recurring staff contributions, individual donations and proceeds from the foundation's annual Trivia Night fundraising event. Community members interested in donating are invited to visit [www.ccsd93.com/donate](http://www.ccsd93.com/donate) and mark their calendars for the next Trivia Night at American Legion Post 76 in Carol Stream on November 8, 2025!



## Contact Us

Stakeholder input is a priority of CCSD93. Please contact us with any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have about items within this newsletter or anything else related to CCSD93.

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Online: [www.ccsd93.com/Contact](http://www.ccsd93.com/Contact)

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CCSD93's District Office is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.!

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View **Board of Education** info & meeting dates at [www.ccsd93.com/Board](http://www.ccsd93.com/Board).



Visit [www.ccsd93.com/Calendar](http://www.ccsd93.com/Calendar) for a complete calendar of CCSD93 events.

## Follow CCSD93!



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## Mark Your Calendar to Register Young Ones for 2025-26!

### Preschool Registration

5:30 p.m. on 1/23/25

CCSD93's Early Childhood Center

280 Old Gary Ave., Bloomington, IL 60108

For children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025.

Visit [www.ccsd93.com/Preschool](http://www.ccsd93.com/Preschool) for more!

### Kindergarten Registration

7:00 p.m. on 2/20/25

Held online at [www.ccsd93.com/Kindergarten](http://www.ccsd93.com/Kindergarten)

For children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025.

Log onto the website for more!

## CCSD93 IS HIRING!

We're always looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our team!

### Current Openings:

**School Nurses** - \$34.25/hr

**Night Shift Custodian** - \$20.00/hr

**Lunchroom Supervisors** - \$19.05/hr  
*No experience necessary!*

**Paraprofessionals** - \$19.00/hr  
*No experience necessary!*

**Substitute Teachers** - \$150/day  
*No experience necessary!*

**Bus Drivers** - \$24.50/hr + \$5,000 sign on bonus  
*No experience necessary! Paid training. Employed through FirstStudent.*

To apply for these positions and more, visit [www.ccsd93.com/Jobs!](http://www.ccsd93.com/Jobs!)

