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## FULTON OPENS ITS DOORS TO HUNDREDS OF WELL-WISHERS

On August 24, 2009, the new Fulton School opened its doors to the public for the first time. Greeted by comfortable temperatures and bright sunshine, an estimated 750 parents, students, staff, and community members attended the well-publicized, media covered event. A beaming Dr. Marion Hoyda, Superintendent of District 146, welcomed everyone and then onlookers were treated to musical entertainment by the Central Middle School Band. Board President Dean Casper, recognized some of the notables attending the ceremony including Fern Fulton-Magee, daughter of the school namesake Burt Fulton, State Representative Maggie Crotty, and Ed Zabrocki, Mayor of Tinley Park.

Many of the Fulton parents attending the

ceremony commented on how wonderful the school looked and how excited their children are to be attending.

Construction began on June 16, 2008 and was completed on time and under budget on August 24, 2009. Fulton is an energy efficient and environmentally friendly building, and was designed for future growth and flexibility for both the school and the community. In excess of 80% of the construction waste from the original building was diverted to recycling or reuse, and more than 10% of the new building is composed of recycled materials. The school is a PreK- Grade 5 school with a capacity of 550 students. It has a multifunctional Media Center and a separate wing for Early Childhood classrooms with a secure playground.

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Immediately following the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, the doors were opened for the first time to the general public. All were invited to browse the hallways, look into classrooms, talk to staff and board members, and partake of a Culvers ice cream sundae, compliments of DLA Architects, Ltd. and Henry Bros. Co., the firms responsible for the design and construction of the building.



## Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration Scheduled for November

On Tuesday, November 24, 2009, District 146 will begin its annual registration drive for Preschool Screening and 2010 Kindergarten. Registration for both will take place at the District Administration Center, 6611 W. 171st St., Tinley Park, at the following times:

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

District 146 offers a state funded at-risk preschool program at each of our elementary schools. If your child is 3-5 years of age and if you are interested in determining your child's eligibility for this program, please be sure to come in and register your child. This is required for entry into the program.

Kindergarten registration for the fall 2010 school year will be held at the same time. Children who will attain their fifth birthday on or by September 1, 2010 are eligible for Kindergarten registration. For planning purposes, the opportunity for Kindergarten screening and to get first choice of AM or PM kindergarten sessions, please register on this date. After November 24th, Kindergarten registration will take place on limited days by appointment only. There is no fee payment at this time.

For either registration, please be sure to bring:

- an original birth certificate;
- proof of residency in the form of either a lease, mortgage statement, or property tax bill;
- three other forms of proof of address, such as a gas and/or electric bill, a drivers license or voter's registration.



## CENTRAL GYM DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF WELL-LOVED PRINCIPAL

in memory of Larry Anderson. Featured speakers at the dedication ceremony included Deb Brennan (current Principal of Central), Tim Johnson and Chuck McDonough, coaches of the game as well as former colleagues, and Amy Gardella and Emily Anderson, Larry's daughters.

Central Middle School's gymnasium was "extra full" on Tuesday, October 20th, but not just for the first home girls basketball game vs. Grissom Middle School. Between games, the gymnasium was renamed the Larry I. Anderson Gymnasium, in honor of the former Central Middle School Principal who recently lost his battle with cancer. Members of Larry Anderson's family and friends, as well as his former and current colleagues, students, athletes, administrators, and Board Members, proudly wore the Twister stickers with "L.A." written on them

Larry Anderson worked as Principal of Central for 20 years, after beginning his career as a physical education teacher in District 140. For the last 7 years since his retirement from District 146, Larry was the Associate Principal of Worth Jr. High. His strong leadership with a caring attitude touched the lives of many students in many communities. He spent untold days throughout his career teaching, coaching, and cheering on his schools in a gymnasium, so this gym dedication ceremony was quite fitting. Larry always spoke of "Twister Pride". Future students and guests who enter the gymnasium will be reminded of that as they see the plaque on the wall proudly announcing the "Larry I. Anderson Gymnasium".

## H1N1 VACCINATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT SCHOOLS

As early as 2007 with the outbreak of MRSA, the District intensified its effort to prevent the spread of all viruses in our buildings. In the midst of all of the current concern surrounding the H1N1 outbreaks, District 146 has continued its expanded effort to provide a healthy environment for our students. In August, the District sent representatives to the H1N1 Conference in Washington, D.C, and have since attended meetings held locally with the Cook County Dept. of Public Health.

There is no way to prevent the H1N1 virus, but there are measures that may help reduce its spread:

- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. This is a key to staying healthy.
- Cough into your sleeve/elbow not into your hands. It keeps the germs from spreading.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick, seek medical attention.

To date, only two confirmed cases of H1N1 have been identified in the District.

We are asking parents to keep in mind that just because a child has a fever or a cough does not mean they have H1N1. However, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) if you notice the following symptoms please contact your doctor and keep your child at home for 24 hours after the fever ends:

- Fever over 100 degrees
- Nasal congestion
- Cough & sore throat
- Body aches & chills
- Headache
- Fatigue

Other symptoms may include diarrhea and/or vomiting. If your child does become sick with flu-like symptoms, please keep them home and limit their contact with others.

The Cook County Dept. of Public Health (CCDPH) is working with local municipalities to organize school based vaccination sites. Each municipality is responsible for scheduling the vaccinations within schools within its boundaries. Currently, Orland Park schools are scheduled for early November, Tinley Park is scheduled for mid-November, and Oak Forest is scheduled for early December. **These schedules are tentative and can be altered for any number of reasons such as the availability of the vaccine.** Parents will be required to sign a CCDPH and a District release/agreement allowing their child to be vaccinated at the school. A parent or legal guardian must be present during the vaccination. The releases have been sent home with students and are also available on our website at [www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org).

This is the most recent information but is always subject to change. Parents will be provided with further information once it becomes available.

## MEMORIAL, FULTON AND CENTRAL HOST ASIAN DIGNITARIES AND EUROPEAN ROYALTY

Four high ranking Chinese delegates from various economic development agencies in the Guangzhou province of China visited District 146 on August 5th. The visitors were here to learn about economic development and planning, including the impact of education systems on local economic development. They were treated to a tour of Memorial and Fulton schools and met with Superintendent Marion Hoyda, Principals Bethany Wilson and Susan Mulchrone, Assistant Principal Ron Gonser, Board Member Amy Connolly, and other District staff.



And then on October 16th, Central Middle School was visited by Princess Elisabeth zu Ysenburg und Bidingen of Germany. Principal Deb Brennan escorted Princess Elisabeth on a tour of both core and encore classrooms. Tinley Park is sister city to Bidingen, Germany and the princess explained to our students the 20 year relationship that the two cities have shared.



## THE CENSUS IS COMING, THE CENSUS IS COMING!

In 2010, the U. S. Census will define who we are as a nation. Census information helps shape the future of Tinley Park, Orland Park and Oak Forest, and defines our voice in Congress. Each year more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data. The information guides decision-makers in important community planning efforts, helps to determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers and more.

### ***Will the information the Census Bureau collects remain confidential?***

Yes. Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term and/or substantial fine. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers, including welfare and immigration agencies.

Achieving an accurate census is in our hands. When the questionnaire arrives in your home sometime in February or March, please remember that taking 10 minutes to complete this very short form will help your community and school district receive the federal funds to which it is entitled.

## HORIZON WINS NATIONAL AWARD OF MERIT

The *Horizon* newsletter has been awarded a National Award of Merit by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in the area of Publication and Electronic Media. This award recognizes outstanding work and is judged according to the type of publication. There were 698 entries in this year's contest and 168 received Awards of Merit. Congratulations to District 146 on this achievement.

## District Calendar Highlights November-December

- 11/4/09 Finance Meeting
- 11/6/09 Breakfast with Books (CMS)
- 11/09/09 PACT Principal Coffee (CMS)
- 11/10/09 Veterans Day Assembly (CMS)
- 11/11/09 Reading Night (Mem)
- 11/12/09 Market Day (Mem)
- 11/16/09 - 11/20/09 American Education Week
- 11/17/09 Skating Party (Mem)
- 11/17/09 Family Reading Night (Ful)
- 11/18/09 Board of Ed Meeting
- 11/18/09 Family Breakfast (Kru)
- 11/18/09 Family Reading Night (Kru)
- 11/18/09 Family Reading Night (Fie)
- 11/23/09 SIP Day (No School)
- 11/24/09 Parent Teacher Conferences/  
Institute Day (No School)
- 11/24/09 Kindergarten and Pre-School  
Screening Registration
- 11/25/09 Veterans Day (Observed - No  
School)
- 11/26/09 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/27/09 No School
- 12/15/09 Board of Ed Meeting
- 12/18/09 SIP Day (No School)
- 12/21/09 Winter Break Begins
- 1/4/10 Students return
- 1/15/10 SIP Day (No School)
- 1/18/10 Martin Luther King Day (No  
School)

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