

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

Serving residents in Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Joliet, Naperville, Plainfield, Romeoville and unincorporated Kendall and Will Counties.

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Know Your District 202 Schools

District 202 encourages residents to vote in March 21 election

The March 21 Primary General Election has nearly arrived, and Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 encourages all residents who live within the district's 64-square-mile boundaries to get to the polls and vote.

In an effort to keep up with the continued rapid growth within its boundaries, District 202 has placed a building bond referendum on the March 21 ballot. Funds from the proposed referendum would be used to build and equip nine schools (six elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school), construct a transportation facility and perform renovations and repairs at existing campuses.

Residents who would like to learn more about the referendum have plenty of time to do so before the March 21 election. The district has dedicated a section to the topic on its Web site (www.learningcommunity202.org). There, residents can get many of their frequently asked questions answered, and can also locate a referendum presentation in their area on the schedule of events.

The expected increase on the 2007 tax bill for the average District 202 homeowner will be \$63, or an increase of eight cents (from \$1.04 to \$1.12) per \$100 of assessed value of his or her home.

The district continues to grow quickly. Since the end of the 2004-05 school year, District 202 has enrolled more than 2,700 new students. A five-year projection predicts that the district's enrollment will approach 37,000 students by the end of the 2010-11 school year, an increase of 13,000 students over the current enrollment. New buildings are needed to handle the influx of these new students.

Voters have several options when it comes to casting their ballots for the March 21 election. Until March 16, residents can take advantage of the State of Illinois' new Early Voting Initiative. Voters can also utilize the traditional methods - absentee voting prior to Election Day and in-person voting on March 21 - to cast their ballots. Call your county clerk (Will - 815-740-4632; Kendall - 630-553-4104) for more information.



The District 202 referendum question is on page 2 of both the Republican and Democrat ballots. Make sure to flip the page!

Solid response from online community survey to help with district planning

An online community survey, which was available from mid-January through mid-February on the district's Web site, netted opinions from nearly 5,500 Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202's stakeholders.

District 202 worked with Readex Research to design the survey, and that company is tallying results that will be provided to the district. Results will be used to help District 202 complete its five-year plan.

Respondents were asked to share their opinions on curricular issues, community relations, human resources, administration and a variety of other topics.

While most of the surveys were completed online, individuals without Internet access were able to share their opinions through a hard copy of the survey. Survey results will be reported on the district's Web site, www.learningcommunity202.org.



Upcoming Important Dates

Mar. 13	Board of Education Meeting Administration Center 7:30 p.m. (open session)
Mar. 13-24	Illinois Standards Achievement Testing (Grades 3-8)
Mar. 16	CAPE Awards Reception Plainfield North High School 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 21	Primary General Election w/District 202 Referendum Get out and vote!
Mar. 24	End of third quarter for elementary, middle schools
Mar. 27	Spring Break begins
Apr. 3	Classes resume
Apr. 4	Board of Education Meeting Creekside Elementary School 7:30 p.m. (open session)
Apr. 7	CAPE meeting Administration Center 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 12	Teachers' In-Service Day
Apr. 13	No School Parent-Teacher conferences



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Foundation for Excellence Auction set for April 21

The Plainfield School District 202 Foundation for Excellence Annual Auction will be held on Friday, April 21, at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. The event, which is slated to begin at 6 p.m., will include dinner and both silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling Carla Erdey at (815) 577-4008. Tables of 10 can be reserved for \$750.

Around the district: News and notes from District 202 campuses

Friends of Plainfield Academy put on its second annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce Expo on February 11. Proceeds from the event benefitted Plainfield Academy ... **Plainfield Central** presented "The Madwoman of Chaillot" as its winter play on January 21-22 ... **Plainfield South's** Student Council collected gently used formalwear and donated it to Cinderella's Closet, which gives high school girls the opportunity to choose a prom dress and accessories for free ... District 202 Board of education member **Victoria Eggerstedt** gave a seminar entitled "School Funding 101" at the Administration Center on January 29 ... **Eggerstedt** and Board of Education President **Michael Kelly** were among a 13-member Illinois delegation at the National School Boards Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington D.C ... the **District 202 Foundation for Excellence** will offer the Mayor Richard Rock Scholarship and Community Service Scholarships for graduating seniors. The deadline to apply for these awards is April 13 ... **Matthew Ambrose** and **Nancy Voise** were promoted to assistant principal at Plainfield North at the January 23 Board of Education meeting ... Plainfield Central junior

Allison Robbins took home first-place honors in the biology competition at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Competition at the University of St. Francis on February 3. She advanced to March 16's sectional competition at North Central College ... eight **Plainfield North** students were honored in the drawing category at the 2006 Scholastic Art and Writing competition, the school's first appearance in the event ... Plainfield Central sophomore **Joey Fontanetta** will participate in the National Wind Ensemble at New York City's Carnegie Hall in May. He is one of 75 student musicians selected from across the country for the prestigious event ... Plainfield South senior **Adam Ramirez** took home his second consecutive "Gold Key Award" from the 2006 Scholastic Art and Writing competition. His drawing was also one of only five American Vision Award (best in show) honorees out of 900 entries at the event. Classmates **Lori Masisi-Mmutle**, **Alison Rigell** and **Andrea Spadaro** also won "Gold Key Awards" at the competition, at which the Cougars combined for 23 awards ... Plainfield Central science department chair **John Murphy** had two of his pictures included in "The Evolving Planet," an exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum.

Murphy also recently coauthored a paper on a new species of snake found in Indonesia ... Plainfield Central's girls' bowling team - including **Danielle Belobraydich**, **Carilyn Cape**, **Alyssa Ennis**, **Paige Jozwiak**, **Heather Kratz**, **Robin Ricker**, **Vicki Schwab**, **Samantha Sumner**, **Ashley Wilmoth** and **Sarah Wilson** - placed third in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) state competition in early February, earning the school's first-ever IHSA trophy. Belobraydich took first place in the individual competition at the event ... Plainfield Central freshman **Nicole Argus** and Ira Jones eighth grader **Manuel Alvarez** were honorable mention selections in the Illinois Teachers of Hard of Hearing/Deaf Individuals (ITHI) Students of the Year contest ... District 202 teacher **Brenda Schmidt** was tabbed as President-Elect of the ITHI and will serve a three-year term ... Ridge kindergarten teacher **Ann Smelser** gave a presentation at the National Reading Recovery Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on February 7 ... **Plainfield Central's** symphonic band won the Grand Championship at the Midwest Music Festival on February 25 ... **Plainfield North** presented "Cinderella" as its spring musical from March 10-12.