



# The Weekly Bulletin

February 3, 2012

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## News & Events

On February 3, Westview Elementary will be hosting a Lunar New Year Celebration here at Westview on the evening of Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year the celebration will include a potluck dinner as well as songs and dances from China, Korea and Vietnam. It will be from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Community Room/Gym.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students entered the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest through the University of Illinois Center for Education in Small Urban Communities. Congratulations to the following winners from Champaign Unit 4 Schools:

Student	School	Teacher
Ellen Locks	Edison MS	Mr. Kuppler
Regan Christensen	South Side	Ms. Browning
Ben Corum	South Side	Ms. Browning
Rowan Enstrom	Stratton	Mrs. Newman
Audrey Mullins	Stratton	Mrs. Newman
Courtne Hilson	Stratton	Ms. Snyder
Gloria Park	Stratton	Mrs. Uppinghouse
Riley Smith	Stratton	Mrs. Uppinghouse
Ethan Simpson-Palmer	Stratton	Mrs. Uppinghouse
Lihi Catriel	Stratton	Mrs. Uppinghouse
Anisha Gubba	BTWashington	Ms. Mayer
Teja Guntupalli	BTWashington	Ms. Mayer
Leland Jackson	Jefferson	Ms. Baird

Community Volunteers are making a positive difference for students in Champaign Schools. 34 new One to One mentors completed training this fall bringing our total number of One to One mentors volunteering in Champaign schools to 289. 97 of these mentors are at the high schools, 107 are at the middle schools, 82 are at elementary schools and 3 are in alternative schools. 1,287 volunteers have volunteered for 15,048 hours in our schools this fall. Volunteer trainings have been conducted by all coordinators for groups such as: U of I—Spanish, Special Ed, ESL, Education majors, Vis-à-Vis, fraternities and sororities; Parkland volunteers, parent volunteers, senior and community volunteers.

The Central girls' basketball teams hosted a Pink Out game. They sold shirts and hosted bake sales to donate to a local Breast Cancer organization. The Franklin Step team also helped out. They are doing a bake sale and are performing during the Junior Varsity game. The student athletes raised \$1,200 donated to Young Survivors' Coalition.

The Champaign Centennial Speech Team finished second place at the Eureka High School tournament, the fourth consecutive top two finish, with six top five finishes throughout the season. Individual event awards are listed below. Junior varsity first place medalists include: 1st – Extemporaneous Speaking – Tara Ibrahim 1st – Humorous Interpretation and Varsity first place medalist was Ashton Goodly.

The Champaign Central High School Interact Club is hosted a charity dance on January 28 for Habitat for Humanity. The students developed the idea for a dance and planned the decorations, sold tickets, and helped during the event. They selected Habitat for Humanity as the recipient based on a request from the Habitat club at University of Illinois.

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Phil Kocheril, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Franklin Middle School has made it to the semi-final round of competition in the National Trumpet Competition sponsored by George Mason University. Phil is one of 16 students in the Junior Division to make it to the Semi-Finals. He will travel to George Mason University in March to begin competition and try to advance to the next round.

The Champaign Early Childhood Center will host two lunch bunch events on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Between 11:10 and 12:40, parents are invited to join their Pre-K student for a pizza lunch at school. Each family will receive a bag with fun learning activities and the book *Pizza Party!* This event is being sponsored by the Young Children Priority One Committee of the Kiwanis Club of C-U. They are providing the pizza and volunteers to serve lunch. Last year, 170 students and family members attended the two events.

Congratulations to these Champaign Central High School athletic teams for qualifying for the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award.

Boys Cross Country	3.56 Team GPA
Girls Cross Country	3.38 Team GPA
Girls Swimming and Diving	3.30 Team GPA
Girls Golf	3.20 Team GPA
Girls Tennis	3.20 Team GPA
Volleyball	3.08 Team GPA

Thanks to a Target Field Trip Grant, all BTW 2nd and 3rd graders will travel to the Virginia Theatre see *Seussical the Musical*. To prepare, students have been exploring Seuss' stories and songs from the show, learning about the historic Virginia Theatre, learning about musical theater, and perfecting their audience etiquette IQ.

The Library Media Center at Westview is challenged every student to celebrate 100th day of school by reading 100 minutes in one week. An honor roll of all students who reached the goal is displayed at the school. Chess Club at Westview Elementary began January 24. Chess Club is a Tuesday afternoon afterschool activity for 1-5th graders, beginners through experienced players.

A Safe Routes to School grant for \$76,000.00 have been awarded to Bottenfield Elementary School to teach pedestrian and bicycle safety skills to students and parents. Stratton Elementary received two Safe Routes to School grants \$62,000 for construct replace or repair sidewalks and \$122,000 for installing raised pedestrian island for street crossings. Gabe Lewis of the Regional Planning Commission's Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) coordinates the grant projects.

Kenwood Elementary School will host **Camp Kenwood** each Saturday morning in the month of February from 8:30-11:15. Students in grades in grade 2-5 were invited to preregister for the **action-based** skills review in math and reading. Small classes and lots of hand-on activities keep the student on their feet and ready to learn. This is the third year Principal Lisa Geren and key members of her staff have offered the enrichment opportunity and 69 students are registered for the program.

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