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District 64 Launches New Web Site and E-News Service

Spring is bringing a fresh, new look to the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Web site (www.d64.org) along with a new e-news service. "We have shifted our Web site this spring to a more streamlined, versatile format to improve our communications with parents and the community," according to Larry Sorensen, Director of Technology Planning & Assessments. "This new approach to information management will enable us to post a wider variety of helpful items more quickly, and will create more continuity between the individual school sites and the main District 64 Web site," he noted.

Mr. Sorensen provided a real-time "tour" of the Web site to the Board of Education at its April 7 meeting. He pointed out the addition of a handy new calendar feature, which displays daily listings of events happening on a District-wide and school basis. "Going forward, teachers also will have the capability to create Web pages to communicate with parents," he noted.

The curriculum section of the Web site has been expanded with more information about the District's educational program. "The site now shows our educational program both by subject matter, such as math, and by grade level," Mr. Sorensen pointed out. He also spotlighted the Educational Ends page, which later this year will feature the District's score cards tied to those Ends. "This information will provide a higher level of accountability for community members to observe the academic performance of District 64 students across all our Ends statements for academics as well as non-academic skills," he noted.

Mr. Sorensen noted the Web site was a "home grown" effort, with leadership provided by a team within District 64 including: District 64 Webmaster Allison Blum, who also serves as Roosevelt School Webmaster; Tony Clishem, Curriculum Specialist for Science, Health and Technology; Carey Meredith, Assistant for Student Learning & Achievement; Bernadette Tramm, Public Information Coordinator; and school Webmasters – Matt Toren, Carpenter; Michael Kennedy, Emerson; Caroline Schaab, Field; Kathy Hurley, Franklin; Pam Jachino, Jefferson; Franny Keyes, Lincoln; and Georg Luxton, Washington.

In tandem with the new site, District 64 also is offering interested citizens a new opportunity to subscribe to an e-news service. Occasional announcements will be e-mailed to subscribers covering updates on Board of Education and District 64 news, according to Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm. "This is one of the different ways we are reaching out to make information about our schools available more conveniently to the community," she added. To subscribe, visit the District 64 E-News page on the main navigation menu of the District 64 Web site: www.d64.org.

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