

Spotlight on Addison



Winter 2009



At the Addison Public Library, one popular spot is the kitchen in the early literacy area of the Children's Library. Kids develop reading readiness skills while they play. For information on upcoming kids' programs, see pages 4 and 5.



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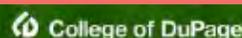
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1	2 VILLAGE - Finance & Policy Committee 6:30 p.m. Cultural Arts 6:30 p.m. Hist. Comm. 7 p.m. Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3 VILLAGE - Advisory Liquor Commission 7 p.m. LIBRARY - DDR, 4 p.m. Book Discussion, 7 p.m.	4 LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, Prek Stories, 10 a.m. Make & Take Crafts, 10:30 a.m. FIRE DISTRICT - Board Meeting 7 p.m.	5 VILLAGE - Senior Citizens Commission 6:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, Prek Stories, 11 a.m. Make & Take Crafts, 11:30 a.m. Crazy for Chapters, 4 p.m. Word, 7 p.m. ATHS - Parent Feedback, 7 a.m., noon, & 6 p.m. Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m. Winter Musical, 7 p.m.	6 LIBRARY - Word, 10 a.m. Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tourney, 4 p.m. ATHS - Winter Musical, 7 p.m.	7 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY - Drop-In Chess Club, 10 a.m. Drop-In Cr��tte, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. ATHS - Winter Musical, 2 & 7 p.m. TPO Spaghetti Dinner
8	9 VILLAGE - Pub. Health, Safety & Judicial 6:30 p.m. Building, Zoning & Development 7 p.m. LIBRARY - Local Author Book Talk, 7 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	10 VILLAGE - Commercial & Indust. Cmen. 10 a.m. LIBRARY - Crazy for Chocolate, 7 p.m.	11 VILLAGE - Plan Commission 7:30 p.m. DISTRICT 4 - Early Dismissal for Students LIBRARY - Teen Crafts: Make Cool Buttons, 1 p.m. Abraham Lincoln, 7 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - CAC Meeting, 7 p.m.	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> VILLAGE - Police Commission 4:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Happy Birthday Abel, 7 p.m. Excel, 7 p.m. ATHS - Addison Trail/Indian Trail Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.	13 LIBRARY - Excel, 10 a.m.	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY - Fantastic Fun Valentine's Party, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
15 LIBRARY - Writing for Broadcast, 2 p.m.	16 <i>President's Day</i> VILLAGE - Closed DISTRICT 4 and ATHS - No School	17 VILLAGE - Finance & Policy Committee 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	18 LIBRARY - Winter Beach Party, 7 p.m.	19 VILLAGE - Zoning Board 7:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Buying a Home in Today's Market, 7 p.m. PowerPoint, 7 p.m. ATHS - Addison Trail/Indian Trail Choir Concert, 7 p.m.	20 LIBRARY - PowerPoint, 10 a.m.	21 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. ATHS - Pay It Forward, 8 a.m.
22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 VILLAGE - Pub. Health, Safety & Judicial 6:30 p.m. Building, Zoning & Development 7 p.m. LIBRARY - Monday Movie, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	24 LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, 10 a.m. Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m. After School Teen Gaming, 3 p.m. Books & Bingo, 4:15 p.m.	25 DISTRICT 4 - Pay It Forward for 8th grade @ ATHS DISTRICT 4 - Board Meeting, 7 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, Prek Stories, 10 a.m. ATHS - TPO Meeting, 7 p.m.	26 LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, Prek Stories, 11 a.m. Tragedy to Triumph, 7 p.m. Internet Searching, 7 p.m. ATHS - Addison Trail/Indian Trail Band Concert, 7 p.m.	27 DISTRICT 4 and ATHS - No School - Institute Day LIBRARY - Internet Searching, 10 a.m.	28 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY - Wii Games, 1:30 p.m. Winter Reading Ends, 5 p.m.

THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE **ADDISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**



www.addisonlibrary.org

**February /
March
2009**

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Teen Services: 630.458.3319
Children's Services:
630.458.3338
Circulation Services:
630.458.3326
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Sa, 9-5; Su, 1-5
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**Friends of the
Addison Public
Library Meeting**
Wednesday, Mar. 25, 7 pm

Board of Trustees:
Robert Kepka, President
Linda Durec, Vice President
Kathi Reed, Secretary
Sandra Super, Treasurer
Lisa Knauf, Trustee
Wanda Rhoads, Trustee
J. Thomas Willis, Trustee

Board Meetings
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 17, 7:30 pm

How can we help you take full advantage of a Library program? Please let Sally Schuster, 630.458.3303, know of any special needs at least 1 week prior to the program.

Library Use Up...Way Up

Since the new library opened in July, it has been a very busy place. A crowd of nearly 200 people passed the last book from the old building to the new on July 21, and they haven't stopped coming. Numbers show the library is busier than ever, recording a 40% increase in visitors each month it is open.

To be more exact, in November 2008 (the last month statistics were available at the time of printing) more than 7000 people came to the Library than in the previous November. Month to month comparisons of 2008 with 2007 are available on the Library's Web site (www.addisonlibrary.org/about/librariystats.aspx).

More than 60 per cent of Addison's residents have library cards. Diane Klecka, the head of Circulation Services says her staff members feel like they have made new library cards for everyone in Addison. Average per day checkouts are at an all time high with almost 1000 items checked out each day in November, an increase of almost 10,000 items from November 2007. All of the items checked out have to be checked in as well.

Computer use has also increased significantly. The number of Internet computers available to the public has increased from 12 to 36, not including the walk-up express Internet workstations. Addison residents now can use the Internet for two hours each day, while nonresidents are limited to one hour per day. The number of Internet sessions has increased from 3069 in November 2007 to 5398 in November 2008, and the library now has almost 16,000 registered Internet users.

Comments of those coming into the Library have been overwhelmingly positive. "The community's support and enthusiasm signifies that this new facility will be cherished for many years to come," said Library Board President Rob Kepka.

If you are not taking advantage of this great facility, you should be!

Friends of the Addison Public Library

The Friends are accepting books in good condition which will be sold at their **Continuous Book Sale**. Take your contributions to the Children's Ask Here Desk.

Please, no encyclopedias or text books.



All 30 of the Internet workstations in Adult Services are often in use.

In the words of long-time Addison resident **Annette Baldwin:** *The vision of the Addison Public Library Board and the financial support of the building by the Addison Village Board demonstrate belief that our library can be the center of Village life. It advances the Village's mission to provide residents with a high quality of life. The light-filled spaces and the lively furnishings of the new library welcome community residents into this building. Once there, the expanded collections, the technical equipment, and the room dedicated to the wide selection of educational and entertaining programs offered by the library inspire pursuit of literary and cultural wealth, which is essential to full development of the individual. This building says that the planners and supporters for the new library are proud of Addison's residents.*

FAST FACTS

Building: 54,600 sq. ft.
Seating: 390 seats
Collections: 148,412
Computers: 71 computers for public use
Staff: 50 full and part-time staff members

TEEN PROGRAMS

ADDISON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009

For information about Teen Programs or to register, check Events on our Website (www.addisonlibrary.org) or call, 630.458.3319. All programs are for students in Grades 6-12 unless otherwise stated.
Programs are FREE.

DDR

Tuesdays,
February 3
and
March 3,
4-5 pm

**Regis-
tration
required**

Stay
warm with
Dance
Dance Revolution in Febru-
ary and celebrate Spring in
March.



Super Smash Bros. Brawl™ Tourney

Friday, February 6, 4-5 pm
Grades 6-12

Registration required.

Come show off your best
Super Smash Bros. Brawl™
skills. Bring your own
controller, if you have one.
There will be a prize for the
winner. Snacks provided.

Drop-In Chess Club

Saturdays, February 7 and
March 7, 10-11 am

Teen Area

No Registration Required

Chess players of **all ages
and skill levels** are invited
to play chess on the first
Saturday of the month. The
Library supplies the chess
sets.

Teen Crafts

MAKE COOL BUTTONS

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1-2:30 pm
Monday, March 30, 3-5 pm

Registration required

Use the Library's new one-inch
button machine to make buttons
for your backpack, bag, or jacket.
Draw your own design, or bring
a magazine or photo from home to cut out a picture. The
Library provides colored pencils, markers, and the button-
making machine. Snacks provided.



Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: The Gathering Dueler's Guild

Saturdays, February 14
and March 14, 1-4 pm

Ages 10 to adult

NO registration required

Come join the new
Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: the
Gathering Dueler's Guild at
the Library. Play and social-
ize. Snacks provided.

When we have enough
players, we will hold an
informal tournament.

Bring your own cards!

After School Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, February 24
and March 24, 3-4:30 pm

Grades 6-12

Registration required

After School Open Gam-
ing with Wii & PS2. Snacks.

Checkers Tournament

Wednesday, March 11,
3:30-5 pm

Registration required

After School Checkers
Tournament. Think you're
the best? See if you're up
to the challenge! There will
be a prize for the checkers
champ!

In the Library children
under the age of 10 years
must be directly super-
vised at all times by a par-
ent or approved caregiver
aged 16 years or older.

Story Times

4 week sessions beginning
the week of February 23
Registration begins Feb. 14

➔ **BEGIN WITH BOOKS**

**Birth-35 months with an
adult** (maximum 20)

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am

Thursdays, 11-11:30 am

➔ **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

3-5 years (maximum 25)

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am

Thursdays, 11-11:30 am

After Story Time

Drop-in Events

No registration required

➔ **STAY & PLAY**

**Birth-prekindergarten with
an adult** (maximum 40)

Tuesdays, February 24-
March 17, 10:30-11 am

A time to play with an
emphasis on developing
early literacy skills.

➔ **MAKE & TAKE CRAFTS**

All ages with an adult
(maximum 40)

Wednesdays, Feb. 4 and

Mar. 18, 10:30-11:30 am

Thursdays, Feb. 5 and Mar.

19, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Most crafts can be com-
pleted in 10-20 minutes.

Drop-In Chess Club

All ages

See Teen Programs for
details.

**All children's programs
are free.**

Registration is required and
is limited to Addison Public
Library card holders, unless
otherwise noted.

Register online through our
Website ([www.addisonli-
brary.org](http://www.addisonli-
brary.org)).

Register by phone at the Ask
Here Desk, 630.458.3338.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Family Events

All ages

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: AMERICAN PRESIDENT

Wednesday, February 11, 7-8 pm

Tickets available beginning January 31

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR CHILDREN will present an extremely entertaining and educational performance about the life of our 16th President. They will take you on a journey beginning with his childhood and continue throughout his presidency.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABE!

Thursday, February 12, 7-8 pm

Registration begins January 31 (max. 40)

Abraham Lincoln is 200 years old today; his penny is 100 years old. Celebrate Abe's birthday and the Lincoln penny with stories, games, crafts, and cupcakes.

FANTASTIC FUN VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, February 14, 11:00 am-noon

Registration begins January 31 (maximum 60)

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Library. Make crafts, read books, and play games all about Valentine's Day!

WINTER BEACH PARTY

Wednesday, February 18, 7-8 pm

Registration begins Saturday, February 7 (maximum 60)

Play away the winter blues at our Winter Beach Party. We will read summer stories, play summer games, and make crafts to remind us of the warm days of summer.

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, March 2, 7-8 pm

Registration begins February 14 (maximum 60)

Drop-ins are welcome

Celebrate the 105th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, with stories, crafts and games.

DAVE DI NASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

Wednesday, March 11, 7-8:15 pm

Tickets available beginning Feb. 28 (max. 96)

Dave's show is an up-close, live, and extremely interactive or "hands on" experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.



BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am-noon

Registration begins February 28 (maximum 60)

At Barbie's 50th birthday party we will eat cake, make crafts, read books, and play games too. Every girl is welcome to bring in her own Barbie doll.

ORQUESTRA DE SAMBA

Saturday, Mar. 28, 2-3 pm

Tickets available March 14

Explore the fascinating rhythms and sounds of the Brazilian "carnaval" with members of Orquestra de Samba, winner of 2008 International Brazilian Press Award. This workshop will focus on basics of Brazilian percussion and samba dance providing an "escola de samba" experience.



Drop-in Events

All ages, unless indicated

No registration

➔ CRAFTS

Saturdays, 11 am-noon OR 2-3 pm

Stop at the Ask Here Desk for a pass to enter the craft room. Most crafts can be completed in 10-20 minutes.

Feb. 7: **Valentine's Day**
March 7: **National Craft Month**

➔ BOOKS & BINGO

Tues., Feb. 24, 4:15-5 pm

Enjoy stories and play bingo.

➔ WII GAMES

Sat., Feb. 28, 1:30-3 pm

Wed. Apr. 1, 2:30-3:30 pm

Grades 1-5

You can challenge your friends to some E (Everyone) rated games like sports, quizzes, and Mario Party that groups can play together.

➔ POKEMON BATTLE

PRACTICE

Monday, Mar.

30, 2:30-

3:30 pm

Grades 1-5

No registration

Come to the Library on your day off and battle your friends in Pokemon. Bring your 60 card deck, and we will have the rest. There will be no prizes today, just a chance to practice to get ready for our next big tournament.

➔ BINGO

Tues. Mar. 31, 11-11:45 am

Play to win some great prizes!

➔ BOARD GAME

BONANZA

Thursday, April 2, 2-3 pm

A variety of games will be available to play in our story/craft room.



Crazy for Chapters

Grades 3-5 (maximum 15)

We begin reading the book together. Participants receive a copy of the book to keep, make a craft, and play a game.

➔ *Who Cloned the*

President? by Ron Roy

Thursday, Feb. 5, 4-5 pm

Registration begins Jan. 24

➔ *Miss Daisy Is Crazy*

by Dan Gutman

Thursday, Mar. 12, 4-5 pm

Registration begins Feb. 28



En Español

Programa gratis en español
Cupo 24 niños

Para todas las edades, niños menores de 10 años siempre con un adulto

➔ GORRAS Y SOMBREROS

Sábado, 14 de feb., 2-3 pm

Inscripciones al partir del 24 de enero

A nadie le gusta tener que arrojarse con tanta ropa pesada en el invierno. Venga a escuchar unos cuentos sobre las prendas que cubren la cabeza. Usa su creatividad para diseñar su propia cubre-cabeza.

➔ ¡NO MÁS INVIERNO!

Sábado, 14 de marzo,

2-3 pm

Inscripciones a partir del 28 de febrero

Celebramos juntos el fin del largo invierno con cuentos y una manualidad para olvidarnos del frío y la nieve. Una merienda y un juego ayudaran a olvidarnos de la temporada del frío.

Reading Winterland

through February 28

Have you joined the Adult Winter Reading Club? It's not too late to begin reading for fun and prizes. For all the details stop by the Adult Services Desk.

Local Author Book Talk

Monday, Feb. 9, 7 pm

Driscoll Catholic High School English teacher **SUSAN LABASCHIN** recently published *The Gunner Wore Petticoats*. Susan will read from the book and talk about the story.

Crazy for Chocolate

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 pm

Chocolate expert **ROSE DENEEN** explains how to buy the right chocolate and how to melt it. She will demonstrate how to create some of your favorite chocolates. Samples!



Inside Writing and Publishing:

WRITING FOR BROADCAST

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2 pm

After 40 years in the media, sportscaster **RICH KING**, WGN-TV, knows the ins and outs of writing for radio and



television. He describes how to put together a program.

Learn the differences between narrative and broadcast writing.

Buying a Home in Today's Market

Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 pm

Realtor **CONNIE HASSELBACH**, mortgage industry representatives **BETTY AND ED STEVENS**, and attorney **GARY LUNDEEN** discuss the challenges facing buyers in today's real estate market. Those attending will receive free mortgage pre-approval, including credit report.

Tragedy to Triumph:

THE STORY OF ARTEMISIA

Thursday, February 26, 7 pm

Singer-songwriter/story teller **LINDA M. SMITH** explores the life and work of Artemisia Gentileschi, a revolutionary 17th century Italian painter. Enjoy this multimedia presentation that uses fresh visuals, dramatic text, and magical music.



THE PASSION OF ARTEMISIA

Wednesday, February 25, 2 pm

The Passion of Artemisia by Susan Vreeland is the inspiration for Linda M. Smith's program. Join the discussion before seeing "Tragedy to Triumph."

The March of the Mill Children:

FROM THE WORDS OF MOTHER JONES

Thursday, March 12, 7 pm

In 1903 workers struggled with conditions that were close to slavery. To publicize the crime of child labor, Mother Jones led a 125-mile march of 16,000 mill children from Pennsylvania to President Roosevelt's home on Long Island. Talented actress **BETSY MEANS** brings Jones' lecture to life.

A Humorous Encounter:

AN AFTERNOON WITH MARK TWAIN

AND WILL ROGERS

Sunday, Mar. 15, 2 pm

With many years of combined experience portraying Mark Twain and Will Rogers, **WARREN BROWN** and **LANCE BROWN** bring these American legends to life. Twain and Rogers' down-to-earth wit and wisdom are the perfect antidotes to our fast-paced world. The program includes history and hilarity, rope tricks, food for thought, but mostly the irrepressible spirits of two of America's greatest humorists.



Pre-Civil War Quilts:

HIDDEN CODES

TO THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Tuesday, March 24, 7 pm

DR. CLARICE C. BOSWELL, ED.D., brings replicas of pre-Civil War quilts. Learn the significance of hidden codes slave quilters imbedded in the patterns that enabled fugitive slaves to follow a safe route to the Underground Railroad and freedom.

Computer Classes

Preference is given to Addison Public Library Card holders.

➔ **WORD**

Thursday, Feb. 5, 7 pm
Friday, February 6, 10 am

➔ **EXCEL**

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 pm
Friday, Feb. 13, 10 am

➔ **POWERPOINT**

Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 pm
Friday, Feb. 20, 10 am

➔ **INTERNET SEARCHING**

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 pm
Friday, Feb. 27, 10 am
Thursday, March 19, 7 pm
Friday, March 20, 10 am

➔ **COMPUTER BASICS**

Thursday, March 5, 7 pm
Friday, March 6, 10 am

➔ **INTERNET BASICS**

Thursday, March 12, 7 pm
Friday, March 13, 10 am

Book Discussions

➔ **White Noise**

by **Don DeLillo**

Tuesday, February 3, 7 pm

➔ **The Passion of Artemisia**

by **Susan Vreeland**

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2 pm

➔ **Three Cups of Tea**

by **Greg Mortenson**

Tuesday, March 3, 7 pm

Monday Movies

➔ **Brideshead Revisited**

(PG13, 133 minutes)

Feb. 23, 2 pm or 6:30 pm

➔ **Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG13, 89 min.)

Mar. 23, 2 pm or 6:30 pm

Drop-In Chess Club

All ages

See Teen Programs, page 4, for details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROGRAMS

unless otherwise noted.

Register by phone at the Adult Services desk, 630.458.3320, or through our Website.

ADDISON PARK DISTRICT

Fun at the Parks

Register online every day at addisonparkdistrict.org



Give your park some T-L-C!

After a long, cold winter, Addison Park District's parks and flower beds are in need of some T-L-C! Help beautify one of the Addison Park District's parks through our "Adopt-A-Spot" program.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for your group or organization. Develop and maintain flowerbeds by watering and weeding. Groups, organizations and individuals will be recognized with a sign identifying their spot in the park.

For more information, please contact Geri Estvanik at 630-833-0100.

Remember a loved one by planting a tree

Honor a loved one's memory with a tree planted in one of our parks through Addison Park District's Commemorative Tree Program. Trees can also be used to celebrate a birth or remember a special event.

As a donor, you may select a tree from a list of shade, ornamental and evergreen trees. Included in the price of the tree is planting, care and replacement, if necessary.

Your donation will also be publicly recorded by the placement of an engraved brass leaf on a plaque located at the District's Administrative office at Community Rec Center.

For more details, please call 630-833-0100.

Get to know us!

How well do you know your neighbors? How well do you know your park district? Learn more about Addison Park District at one of our monthly neighborhood park meetings.

Held at the Community Rec Center, these meetings are a chance for you to tell us what you'd like to see in your neighborhood park and give input on how to make your park a better place. Plus, you might just meet a neighbor you've never met before!

Meetings are at 6 p.m. and last for an hour. Light refreshments will be served. Upcoming neighborhood park meetings are **Westwood Park** on Feb. 16 and **Farmwood Park** on March 16

For more information, call the Parks & Planning Department at 630-543-4949.

Upcoming Neighborhood Park Meetings

Westwood Park
Feb. 16

Farmwood Park
March 16

Quality programs for working parents

Keypers for Grades 1-5

Now at Centennial Rec Center & Army Trail School

This popular semi-structured program is offered Monday-Friday and provides children with a snack, homework time, games and crafts.

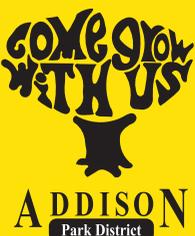
Kinderkeypers for Kindergarten

Kinderkeypers is held opposite your child's kindergarten class time and allows time for stories, games, outside activities and more!

For more information about Keypers or Kinderkeypers, please call 630-889-2150.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual APD Golf Fundraiser
Wednesday, June 10 • Bloomingdale Golf Club



Park District Board of Commissioners

- Donald Jessen, President
- Joseph Welkome, Vice President
- Michael Capizzano, Secretary
- Thomas Reed, Treasurer
- Donald Ortale, Commissioner
- Mark McKinnon, Executive Director

Facilities

- Community Rec Center**
120 E. Oak Street630-833-0100
- Club Fitness/Centennial Rec Center**
1776 W. Centennial Place.....630-889-2150
- Links & Tees Golf Facility**
900 W. Lake Street.....630-458-2660

ADDISON PARK DISTRICT



Golf, anyone?

Get your golf game ready for spring and summer at Links & Tees' new indoor golf dome.

Now open, the brand-new dome features several improvements and upgrades that emphasize technology, customer service and creating a comfortable and user-friendly environment.

Call 630-458-2660 or visit addisonparkdistrict.org for more information.

Having a party?

Links & Tees' Clubhouse is available for rentals year round.

Group & Private Lessons are taught by certified PGA golf instructors. Register now and have a perfect swing for spring!

Call 630-458-2660 for more information.

Club Fitness offers variety of aquatics programs

SWIM LESSONS: Offered Saturdays throughout the year. Seven levels of instruction. Member and non-member rates.

FAMILY OPEN SWIM: Offered Fridays from 6:15-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 3:15-5 p.m. Fees are \$4 for children and seniors, \$5 for adults.

SILVER SWIM: Drop-in swimming for active seniors. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-2 p.m. \$4 per person.

POOL RENTALS: Want to make a splash for your next birthday party, family reunion or team party? Club Fitness' indoor pool can be rented for your next event. Reasonable rates and convenient times. **Call 630-889-2150 for more details.**

Special events for all ages

For more information or to register for any of these special events, please call 630-833-0100.

Valentine Cookie Decorating

**Thursday, 2/12 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • \$15 R/\$20 NR
Centennial Rec Center • Ages 5-8**

Enjoy decorating cookies with frosting, sprinkles, candy, chocolate chips and other edible goodies. Sample cookies and take the rest home to share with your family.

Date Break

**Friday, 2/27 • 6-9 p.m. • Centennial Rec Center
\$16 R/\$24 NR per child (\$14/add'l child) • Ages 2-10**

Drop the kids off for fun as you enjoy a night away with your significant other. Children will enjoy a movie followed by an ice cream social and playtime.

Radical Rocketry for the Family

**Friday, 2/27 • 7-9 p.m. • \$20 R/\$28 NR
Centennial Rec Center • Ages 5-12**

Junior scientists will have the chance to explore air pressure, aerodynamics and more. Build your own launchable rocket that can soar up to 200 feet in the air. Witness a real Mad Science night rocket launch, complete with explosions and fire balls in the sky!

Addison Idol Competition

**Friday, 3/13 • 5:30-9 p.m.
Community Rec Center • \$5 entry fee**

This is your chance to showcase your singing talents. Bring your excitement and friends to support you as you sing your heart out at this solo competition. No duets or groups, please. Addison residents only. Six age categories. Pre-registration by March 1 is required. Winners receive an Addison Idol award.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 4/4 • 10:30 a.m. • Community Park • FREE

Join us for this annual family event, held in conjunction with the Addison Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Indoor Garage Sale

**Saturday, 4/18 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Centennial Rec Center
Table Fees: One table for \$16; two for \$30**

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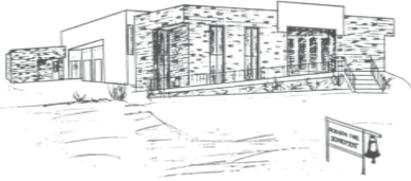
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News from the Addison Fire Protection District #1

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Do you have a question?

We often get a lot of questions at the Addison Fire District. Everything from what a firefighter does all day, to how we operate, safety questions and many more. We will be starting a new question and answer section during our newsletter. We will try to answer any questions you may have. Please submit questions to the following e-mail address.

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Each newsletter we will select a question to answer. You can also look for information about the District on our website.

www.addisonfire.org

CANDLE WITH CARE!

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2007 Home Candle Fire report, an average of 16,000 home structure fires per year started by candles were reported to local fire departments from 2002 to 2005, with associated losses of 160 deaths, 1,490 injuries, and \$486 million in property damage per year. And according to NFPA's 2007 report on U.S. Structure Fires in Religious and Funeral Properties, firefighters responded to 70 structure fires per year started by candles in religious and funeral properties from 2000 to 2004, with associated damages of \$6 million per year.



Here are some safety tips from the NFPA on candle safety.

Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.

Put candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.

Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

Don't burn a candle all the way down - put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.

Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.

Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

All this information and more can be found at nfpa.org.



NEWS FROM THE

Village of Addison

WINTER 2009

From the Mayor's Desk ...



The economy is on the minds of everyone, especially the elected officials and staff here at the Village as we work through the budget planning process.

Each year we estimate our revenue conservatively, but this year even more so. Mindful of the things that other area

*communities are experiencing – plummeting sales tax revenues, laying off of employees – we are being cautious, even while we are grateful that Addison is **not** going through those things.*

The partnership agreement that brought Wal Mart to our community a few years ago is showing its benefit now, in that we are one of a very few municipalities that is maintaining its sales tax revenue stream.

We have not laid off any employees, and hope it will not be necessary as we want to continue to provide the level of services our residents have come to expect.

We have, however, held back on filling some positions that opened recently. Some programs and projects are also on hold for the time being.

As a home rule community we are not restricted by the tax cap, yet we have always followed it. This year we froze the corporate portion of the tax levy because we firmly believe that we must live within our means, and cannot increase the burden on our residents.

We encourage you to shop here in town and keep your sales tax revenue within Addison whenever possible.

Respectfully,

Larry Hartwig
Mayor

New Health Center to Open in 2010

Preliminary plans are in place for Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare (EMHC) to expand service in Addison, while contributing the Village's re-development plans.

The new Elmhurst Memorial Addison Health Center will replace the current facility on Lake Street, west of Kennedy Drive.

This new building will be situated in Addison's Town Center, which is near Lake Street and Addison Road.

It is exactly the type of benefit that residents who locate to this planned pedestrian-friendly development will be looking for, said Mayor Larry Hartwig.

Incorporating the same Prairie-style architecture as several other EMHC facilities, the new Health Center is expected to open in the fall of 2010, pending approvals from the Village of Addison and the State of Illinois.

The 50,000-square-foot replacement building will be constructed on the same site as the current facility but will be more visible from Lake Street.

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When completed late next year, the new Elmhurst Memorial Addison Health Center will closely resemble the Lombard Health Center in downtown Lombard, and will offer additional health resources.



Salt Creek Greenway Trail Project Update

After More Than a Decade, Completion in Addison is in Sight

In 1994 a plan was envisioned to extend the bike trails in DuPage

County in the hope that air quality could be preserved or enhanced. The intent at the time was to connect commuter train stations, bus routes, parks, municipal facilities and commercial shopping with a viable, safe bike route. When completed, it was hoped that people would avail themselves of these interconnecting paths and leave their cars at home.

By 1997 the plan had taken form and a number of public meetings were held, one of which was at Community Park here in Addison. The following year, the Village of Addison passed a Resolution joining the DuPage Forest Preserve District, Addison

Park District, Elmhurst Park District, City of Oak Brook, Village of Brookfield, Village of Lyons and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County in this venture.

The intent was to cooperatively design and construct a 10-foot wide bicycle path from Ogden Avenue on the south to the Maple Meadows Forest Preserve on the north. This path would meander 32 miles along the banks of Salt Creek, which became the trail's namesake.

Funding for the project was a combination of grants such as Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, Surface Transportation Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, plus a local share. The original project estimate was \$7.7 million, with 20 percent or \$1.5 million being local cost participation.

Over the past ten years, sections of the path have been constructed on the south end. The last two sections – those in

Oak Brook and Addison – were delayed repeatedly.

From October 2004 until May 2006 the sections were in review by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This pushed the bid letting to January of 2006. As there were a number of raw material and fuel increases during that two year period, bids were extremely high. It was decided to re-bid the project in November of 2006. These bids were also over budget. Due to economic indicators, it was decided by the remaining participants to put all available funds into completing the Oak Brook section of the Trail.

The Oak Brook section was completed in late 2008. Addison was also notified that grant funds have been made available for the 2009 construction season. The final sections through Addison will be out to bid in April 2009. The project, which took more than a decade to complete, will finally become a reality.

Advisory Referendums to Appear on April Ballot

Input Sought on Development, Funding Issues

Three advisory referendums have been placed on the April 7 ballot by the Village of Addison.

- *Shall the Village continue to pursue flood mitigation and control projects?*
- *Shall the Village continue to pursue the Town Center Development Plan?*
- *Shall the Village continue to pursue public transportation initiatives and funding?*

At the time the Village Board approved these ballot questions, Mayor Larry Hartwig explained that all of these issues have seen public support in the past, but the Board is seeking input in light of

the recent economic downturn.

“The flooding in September has brought this issue back to the forefront after several years,” Mayor Hartwig said.

The Town Center plan was approved a few years ago after a series of public meetings, but now that the economy has slowed the project, the Village needs to know if the plan still has public support, he said.

Likewise, transportation issues are discussed on a regular basis. However, the Board needs to

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Health Center

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The current Health Center will remain open throughout the construction process. After the new facility is open, the old building will be torn down.

When completed, the new Addison Health Center will offer expanded physician office space, additional radiology and laboratory offerings, community education programs, health education resource services and an Immediate Care Center.

The tentative plan is for ground to be broken early this summer.

The Elmhurst Memorial Board of Governors Fall Benefit Dinner in November raised more than \$147,500; proceeds of the event will go towards this new addition to the Addison community.

Referendums

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know if they are supported by just a segment of the community, or the village as a whole. Currently the RTA is considering the Lake Street corridor for a transportation hub. Funding for the DuPage circulator service, of which Addison is the lead community, has been approved by both the DuPage County and RTA through a grant program. Pace Routes 711 and 715 provide transportation to and from Addison to many employment, shopping and entertainment opportunities. Ridership increases with the anticipation of expanded services and continued growth to accommodate the needs of our residents.

The results of all three referendums will be used by the Board in budget and strategic planning.

Red Light Cameras In Addison



*Police
Beat*

In an effort to enhance safety at some of Addison's most dangerous intersections, the Village Board has approved the installation of an automated traffic enforcement system, also known as

Red Light Cameras, for various intersections within the community. The intersection of Lake Street and Addison Road recently became operational.

According to recent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Red Light Cameras can decrease red light violations up to 60 percent. Traffic accidents caused by red light runners are among the most serious, often resulting in severe injuries and fatalities. Studies show that approximately 1,000 people die and 176,000 people are injured annually because of drivers running red lights.

The cameras will target two types of violations: right turn on red without coming to a complete stop, and entering the intersection after the signal has turned red.

Sensors placed in the pavement activate the camera only when a vehicle enters the intersection during the red light cycle.

Three photos will be taken, as well as 8-10 seconds of digital video. The images include the car entering the red light intersection, the car passing thru the intersection and finally, a close-up of the license plate.

All three images, plus a link to view the video footage on-line, will be mailed to the vehicle's registered owner. According to Illinois Law, it is illegal to photograph the faces of either drivers or passengers.

Violations will be reviewed and authorized by sworn officers of the Addison Police Department. Each reviewing officer will be specifically trained in the operation and review process of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. These tickets are treated as a civil violation, just like a parking ticket, and will not impact the registered owner's driving record or insurance rates.

If you receive a citation in the mail you should follow the instructions provided on how to pay or contest the violation. Should you decide to contest the violation, you may do so through the Village's adjudication program.

Under Illinois State Law, HB 4835, the registered owner of the vehicle is liable for any automated traffic law violations that occur to the vehicle, regardless of who is driving.

Snow Removal Plan Still Top Priority This Winter

Each winter, the Village Public Works Department prepares to do battle with Mother Nature, as their top priority becomes keeping the Village's streets safe.

Their ultimate goal is to maintain safe and open travel routes during and following snowstorms within a reasonable time frame.

The rising cost of salt and fuel, coupled with an economy that can ill afford overtime work costs has prompted many municipalities to warn their residents that streets simply cannot be maintained in the manner in which residents may be accustomed.

The Village of Addison Public Works Department has made no such changes to the snow plan.

"Plowing and salting the streets is a public safety issue," said Village Manager Joe Block. "If we find that we have to make cuts, we'll make them elsewhere.

Not in the area of safety."

As in past year's, Public Works reminds residents in the event of a large snowfall, streets will be maintained according to priority.

Top priority is high traffic areas, fire routes and routes near schools.

Next, crews will work on residential streets.

Lastly, will be cul-de-sacs and dead end streets.

"There are more than 100 miles of streets in the Village that we maintain," said Public Works Director Greg Brunst.

"We simply cannot plow every street simultaneously, so we ask residents to be patient."

Public Works' intent is always to have all streets completely clear within 12 hours of the completion of a snow storm.

Residents are also asked to



Public Works crews maintain 106 miles of streets, 163 cul-de-sacs, 29 dead ends and several public buildings and properties during the winter, and attempt to have all of them clear within 12 hours after a storm.

remember that some streets are not maintained by the Village, but rather the Township, County or State, such as Rohlwing Road/Route 53.

Be mindful of parking bans that may be in effect during larger snowfalls.

Addison Road Improvements Planned

Addison Road will be almost completely reconstructed in the coming months, thanks to a Federal Surface Transportation Program grant that will cover 70 percent of the cost.

The project is scheduled to go out to bid in April, with construction to begin approximately 6 to 8 weeks later.

Except for portions that were previously constructed – such as near Lake Street, and in the intersection with Fullerton Avenue – 1.7 miles of Addison Road from Lake Street to North Avenue will be redone.

The water main from Sidney to Fullerton avenues will be relocated and replaced with new mains as part of the Village's water replacement program and will be funded by the Village of Addison

The scope of the work covered by the grant includes curb and gutter, sidewalk and driveway removal and replacement as needed, new sidewalk on the west side, some storm sewers, parkway restoration and resurfacing of the feeder road just east of Addison Road and north of Sidney Avenue.

The total estimated construction cost is \$4.18 million, \$1.35 million of which is for the cost of the water main replacement.

The project will take up to eight months to complete.

Tax Facts

- According to the DuPage County Treasurer, the average Village in DuPage County represents 9.79 percent of the typical property tax bill. The Village of Addison represents 6.92 percent of your property tax bill.
- Village of Addison property tax rate (per hundred dollars of assessed value):

1988 .5967

2007 .3815

Decrease of 36 percent.

Our Commitment to Excellence

2008 Employee of the Year and December Employee of the Month



William Babyar
Deputy Chief
Police Department
2008 Employee of the Year

Bill Babyar, has been a Village employee for 26 years. As Deputy Chief – Support Services, he is responsible for the Detective Division, Records, Communications, Special Project Unit, Homeland Security/Emergency Management Coordinator and assists the Chief of Police on budget issues.

Bill and his wife, Barbara, have three grown daughters, Amanda, Julie and Jeanette.

He is a die hard White Sox fan along with the Bears and Blackhawks and attends games when he can. He also enjoys reading mystery novels. Bill also likes to spend his spare time keeping up with his daily running and walking.



Michael McDonald
Plan Examiner
Community Development Dept.
December 2008

Mike McDonald, Employee of the Month for December, has been a Village employee since June.

Mike worked for the Addison Fire District for 32 years before joining the staff as a Plan Examiner. Some of Mike's duties include reviewing and interpreting building plans, site plans specifications, approving construction methods and materials for code compliance.

Mike and his wife Kathy have three children, Catie, 29, Maggie, 26 and Ian, 23.

He enjoys working on projects around the house and also likes to spend his spare time camping, fishing and bike riding.

A Bit of Addison History

The Addison Historical Museum recently received an e-mail from a gentleman in England, editor of a CB/Ham Radio magazine/newsletter. He wanted to know about an Addison company named Avanti Research and Developments Inc., for which we found a listing at 45 W. Fullerton Ave., in a 1968 Illinois Bell telephone directory.

The writer indicated that Avanti had also been located at 340 Stewart Ave. in the 1970's and 80's, and was regarded by many as "the world's premier CB antenna manufacturer." An Avanti mobile antenna was frequently used on the "General Lee," in the 1979-85 "Dukes of Hazzard" television program.

We learned that Avanti's antennas were available worldwide; however, the company eventually succumbed to the waning popularity of the CB hobby, and was purchased by Bob Paul of Antenna Specialists in August 1981.

Antenna Specialists acquired Avanti primarily for their on-glass technology which was a big success when cellular started in 1984. They were subsequently bought out by PCTEL Inc., currently located in Bloomingdale.

Mr. Paul of the former Antenna Specialists told us that Avanti had been founded by Lou Martino and his wife, June. Mrs. Martino had also been the secretary to Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald's Corporation. After selling Avanti, the Martino's moved to West Palm Beach, Florida.

If you have information on Avanti Research and Developments Inc., contact the Addison Historical Museum, at (630) 628-1433, or Museum@addison-il.org.

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ACT Production

Following a crowd-pleasing performance of “Steel Magnolias” in November, the second show of the season, “Figments” by Billy St. John is sure to be another hit for Addison Community Theatre (ACT).

Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, February 27 & 28 and March 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road.

Directed by Tania Carrara, “Figments” tells the story of Rick Jacobs, a playwright with a wild imagination - perhaps too wild! As he attempts to overcome a massive case of writer’s block, the audience witnesses the four figments of his imagination as they play out the opening scene of his next murder mystery.

Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students, and children. Visit www.addisontheatre.org for more information.



Voters Information

The Consolidated Election will be held Tuesday, April 7. Locally, candidates will be chosen for seats on the governing boards for the Village of Addison, Library, Park District, Fire District, Elementary Districts 4 and 15, High School Districts 87 and 88, and College of DuPage.

The deadline to register to vote for this election is Tuesday, March 10. You may register at Village Hall, the Library, Addison or Bloomingdale Township Offices or at the DuPage County offices in Wheaton.

For information, call the Village Clerk at 543-4100.

Festival of Artists



The Mid-Winter Festival of Artists will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Village Hall. This free event brings together artists and friends from the entire Chicago area, and is hosted by Dillman’s Creative Arts Foundation of Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, the Addison Arts Guild and Dick Blick Art Materials.

Art instructors will show their work, as well as demonstrate skills and techniques. Hourly door prizes will be awarded.

For information call 630-543-4100, ext. 7416, or 715-588-3143,

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4 EDUCATION

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District unveils new website

District 4 was an early leader in the field of educational technology, using computers as learning tools as well as communication devices. A wide variety of information about District 4 was made available on the district's web page in those early days as school leaders tried to anticipate the new ways in which the public would be interested in accessing school info. Sometimes it's difficult to remember how much internet usage has changed since those early days. Today, most people have become dependent on their computers in order to access information they need in their day-to-day lives, and websites often need to be reevaluated and adapted in order to keep pace with the public's changing needs.

The District webpages underwent a 'facelift' two years ago, when the District's main page was redesigned to make relevant information easier to find. The web page banner was redesigned tying together the district's school house logo with the familiar red ribbon from the Village of Addison's Addison Advantage logo. That website update that was implemented in 2006 covered the District's general pages, but did not extend to the websites for the District's eight schools.

The school web pages all share a number of common informational elements, but in reflecting each school's individuality, the websites have become quite varied in appearance in recent years. District 4 currently houses kindergarten students in three school buildings, 1st through 5th graders in six schools and 6th through 8th grade students at Indian Trail Junior High. One of the goals of the current web redesign was to give the webpages a more consistent 'look', making it easier for families with students at more than one District 4 school to access information that they need.

A significant aspect of the district's website is that it is maintained in-house, by teachers who are assigned the responsibility of overseeing their individual school's webpages. These teachers--the 'webbies'--have been meeting and planning the new look of the school websites since fall of 2007, working to develop a design that would be easy to navigate and consistent from school to school.

Indian Trail teacher John Tataris has served as the point man for the redesign of the school web pages. The only remaining 'original' webbie, Tataris has seen a great deal of change over the years in the way in which people access information.

"This was a long process that required a great deal of coordination and effort on the part of all of the webbies. Each of them worked long and hard on making the changes, even while learning new software, but it has been worth the effort," said Tataris. "The new web site is much more user-friendly and intuitive for visitors to navigate." Tataris also credited Lincoln School teacher Angelica Rojas, who used her graphic design experience to create eye-catching banner designs for each school.

Users are encouraged to visit the new webpages and offer feedback to the webbies. Parents who have bookmarked their school's website will also need to adjust that reference to reflect the school's new web address. *(continued on page 17)*





Bell to Bell

**View from the
Addison School
District 4
Superintendent**



The beginning of 2009 has been very good to Addison School District 4. The weather in December was challenging, and because of the timing of the storm, we joined with schools across DuPage County in making the decision to call a snow day on the last day before our winter break. This was a disappointment to students, parents and staff members who had worked to plan holiday parties and festivities, but our concern for the safety of students and staff members traveling in the stormy weather was our first priority. Because of the snow day, the school calendar will be amended, adding a make up day of school on Thursday, June 4.

District 4 parent conferences in January went very well. We have a very high attendance rate and our parents are very supportive in wanting their children to be successful. All District 4 staff are working hard to prepare our students to be successful on the state examinations - ISAT. This test is given in March.

We are looking forward to nice weather in the spring. Please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or me with any concerns. May the rest of winter be kind to you and your family.

Sincerely,

**Donald Hendricks
Superintendent**

Bus Concerns and Safety Issues

Please be reminded that schools are a very busy place in the morning and at dismissal time. All community members are reminded to be aware of important safety issues:



When a bus is stopped and picking up children, driving around the bus' stop sign when the red lights are flashing is a serious violation. When the stop arm is out, drivers need to STOP until the arm is pulled back. It is a state law with penalties up to \$500 in fines and suspension of driver's license up to a year. The violation will also be put on the driver's record. Bus drivers have been advised to write down the license number of any car violating this law and to turn it over to the Addison Police Department. The school district works very closely with the Addison Police Department and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.



Bus lanes around schools are just for busses. Please do not attempt to enter those areas.



Busses need to make wide turns. Please allow for those turns. Drivers have reported that they have been cut off when trying to pull into or out of bus lanes.

Please help us to keep everyone safe!

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Have a question or concern? This is the team that maintains the information about schools that is made available to the public on the District 4 website, as well as the direct addresses for each school's updated webpage.

John Tataris - District Coordinator/ Indian Trail

www.asd4.org/schools/indiantrail/index-it.htm

Laurie Zibton - Ardmore

www.asd4.org/schools/ardmore/index-ard.htm

Lisa Kargl - Army Trail

www.asd4.org/schools/armytrail/index-at.htm

Sue Ortale - Fullerton

www.asd4.org/schools/fullerton/index-full.htm

Sharon Achtien - Lake Park

www.asd4.org/schools/lakepark/index-lp.htm

Angelica Rojas - Lincoln

www.asd4.org/schools/lincoln/index-linc.htm

Stacy Hahn - Stone

www.asd4.org/schools/stone/index-stone.htm

Lynn Saenz - Wesley

www.asd4.org/schools/wesley/index-wes.htm

Diane Junokas - District

www.asd4.org

Developmental screening

Voluntary screenings for three and four year old children living in the Addison School District attendance area will be held at Ardmore Elementary School in February and June. The purpose of the screening is to identify children who may encounter some developmental learning problems or who would benefit from specialized help before entering kindergarten.



The instrument used for screening is called DIAL-3 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning). This tool, along with other supplementary tools, gives information about developmental skills such as how a child uses his or her body (fine and gross motor skills), knowledge of basic concepts like counting and letters, social skills and the child's use of language. Vision and hearing screening is also included in this process.

The next screening date is scheduled on February 20. Screenings will also occur the week after the end of this school year-- from Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12 .

Screenings are free, but parents need to schedule an appointment in advance. To register your child for a screening appointment, please contact Ardmore's Parent Facilitators, Ms. Romero or Mrs Espinal, at 630-458-2905.

School calendar approved

The calendar for the 2009-10 school year was approved at the December 16 Board of Education meeting. The calendar can be accessed through the District website at www.asd4.org/calendar/0910.htm.



Administrators and the board members discussed many options as they worked to align the elementary school schedule as closely as possible with Addison Trail High School's calendar in order to assist families who have children in both school districts.

Artist and students create murals

The Artist in Residence program has been providing unique artistic experiences for students in Addison for many years. Artists work with all the schools in Addison on a rotating basis. This year, artist Beth Shadur worked with students at Lake Park School in the fall and is currently working with students at Fullerton School to create murals that tell a story about each school.



The photos above show Lake Park artists in the early stages of painting on the wall as well as the finished project. Their mural was designed to include objects that represent the school and the positive environment in which students learn each day.

The photo below shows the Fullerton project during the planning stage. In January, fifth grade students who were part of the design team were introduced to Mrs. Shadur and had the opportunity to learn about Addison's history from Mr. Jim Krage, a long time resident of Addison. The Fullerton mural is



being designed to incorporate elements from Addison's past and present.

Students and staff members involved with these projects have enjoyed having the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on their schools.

The resident artist program is funded primarily by grants from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the Addison Cultural Arts Commission.

Centralized kindergarten registration scheduled

Kindergarten registration for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2009 will be held soon. In order to prepare children, hire staff and plan for building usage, it's important to register students in spring.

Kindergarten registration is going to be conducted in one central location this year, to make the registration process run smoothly and efficiently. Parents can register their child for school on any one of the three dates listed below.

ALL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT

**Army Trail School
346 Army Trail Blvd.**

on

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 8-11:00am and 12:00noon-3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 5-7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 8-11:00am and 12:00noon - 3:00pm



Registration will be conducted in the large gym on the north side of the school. Please enter the school through the entrance on Highview Avenue, on the west side of the school building.



Registration packets will be available at the District Office, 222 N. Kennedy Drive (Door 18) and at each of the school offices by February 23. Parents are encouraged to pick up a registration packet in advance so they will have time to read and complete the required paperwork before coming to register their child. Parents must register in person. Students whose primary language is not English will be screened when they come to register in order to determine class placement.

Please call the District 4 Administrative Office at 630-458-2500 with any questions.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL!



Bowling for books

Addison Council PTA (ACPTA) is once again sponsoring two fun-filled events to raise funds for District 4 school libraries.

On **Monday, February 2, beginning at 5:30pm** and on **Monday, February 16, beginning at noon**, families are invited to Bowl for Books at Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine in Addison.

The cost for the event covers shoe rental and two games of bowling with all profits going to the school libraries in the District's eight school buildings. This event has brought together staff, students and their families in a fun and worthwhile activity the last couple years and ACPTA is hoping to involve even more people at the lanes this year.

Registration forms are available in the school offices. While preregistration is preferred in order to help with planning, walk-in bowlers are also invited to join the fun.

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Students Achieve Academic Gains Through Personalized Learning & Support Systems

The following accomplishments highlight progress made toward the DuPage High School District 88 Mission:

To work for the continuous improvement of student achievement

Academic Gains

- ◆ Students at Addison Trail High School are making academic gains each year as reported on local and state assessments. Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) scores are up 3.6% overall.
- ◆ 85% of English Language Learners are achieving state standards every year in their progress towards English Language Proficiency.
- ◆ Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses has increased over 25% in the last 3 years and now includes over 600 students participating.
- ◆ Individual student growth is steadily improving as demonstrated on annual assessment exams such as the EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT.

Interventions & Support Systems

- ◆ Student attendance has increased significantly and discipline incidents are down due to the implementation of the "ATHS Attitude."
- ◆ Suspensions are down over 25% due to the expansion of an on-campus In-School Intervention program that focuses on academic skills and behavior modification.
- ◆ Failure rates have decreased from the expanded in-school and after-school academic support systems such as math double blocks, Thursday School, teacher utilization of technology and varied instructional strategies.
- ◆ The District 88's Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs have reduced drop-out rates by ensuring that each student has opportunity to achieve and access post-secondary education.



Personalization & Creating Connections

- ◆ More students are accessing needed support through the personalization of our learning environments provided by the Smaller Learning Communities HOUSE structure.
- ◆ Parent involvement has increased with access to student grades through PowerSchool, expanded parent programming from the Guidance Department and parent outreach efforts such as Latino Parent Nights.
- ◆ Over 60% of students are engaged in athletics and extra-curricular clubs and activities.
- ◆ Statewide and regional school representatives often visit Addison Trail to learn about the district and school success models.



Another College Track

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www.daoes.org



Technology Center of DuPage
Budget-friendly TCD Salon 301

TCD offers a state-licensed Cosmetology program for DuPage area high schools students interested in a career in the beauty industry.

Prices are low because the work is performed free by students under the supervision of TCD's licensed instructional staff.

Call 630.691.7500 to make an appointment. See the sidebar at right for other TCD public services.



Senior Marisa Panzarino of Downers Grove North H.S. does a cut and style in TCD's Salon 301.

The TCD Mission:

Technology Center of DuPage will provide an educational environment that supports and encourages individual learning styles, develops occupational skills, fosters professionalism, promotes academic growth, and assists students in discovering their potential.

Some of TCD's 21 Programs:

- Landscape Design & Management
Computer Information Systems
Electronics & Pre-Engineering Technology
Cosmetology
Culinary, Pastry Arts & Hospitality Management
Certified Nurse Assistant
Criminal Justice
Fire Science
Medical & Health Care Careers
HVACR (Heating-Ventilation-AC-Refrigeration)
Manufacturing Technology
Pre-Architectural/Pre-Engineering CAD
Residential Wiring/Home Technology

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- Salon 301
'A Child's World' Preschool
TCD Greenhouse
Print Shop
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DuPage Area Occupational Education System

Based in Addison, DAOES is one of Illinois' regional CTE systems. Its two main functions are to plan for the delivery of CTE for the western suburbs and to oversee the operation of the Technology Center of DuPage in Addison.

Pathways to Success

Career Clusters and Pathways are key components of the latest national initiative to assist young people in mapping out their high school and post-secondary courses of study, leading them to a meaningful and productive career.

As one of Illinois' regional CTE delivery systems, DAOES is a key player in this new initiative. CTE programs under Perkins IV will be held to accountability standards as well as industry-based standards.

There are 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters, within which are multiple Career Pathways. The framework identifies the foundational knowledge and skills as well as the educational pathways necessary for future success.

DAOES staff member Sue Doser is the Partnership Coordinator for the DuPage Area Partnership for College and Career Success (PCCS), developing activities and strategies in cooperation with College of DuPage, the Regional Office of Education, the Workforce Development Board, and area businesses, industry, school districts, and other post-secondary institutions.

Parents, students, and educators are encouraged to explore www.careerclusters.org.

Welcome to the College of DuPage Addison Regional Center



College of DuPage Addison Regional Center

301 S. Swift Road
Addison, IL 60101
(630) 942-4600

www.cod.edu/RegionalCtrs

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.



College of DuPage Addison Regional Center at Technology Center of DuPage is located on the east side of Swift Road, north of North Avenue and south of Army Trail Road. Swift Road is approximately 3/4 mile west of Route 53 or I-355.

Spring classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Late-start classes begin Friday, Feb. 13.

If you missed the Jan. 14 start of spring semester, the Addison Center offers plenty of 12-week classes that begin on Feb. 13. These include Anthropology; Education 1105; English 1101, 1102 and 1157; Math 0481 or 0482; Psychology 2237; Real Estate; Sociology; and Speech.

New youth classes: Computer Animation for grades 3 to 5, Intro to AutoCADD and Crime Lab for grades 3 to 4.

A+ Certification Program: Beginning in March, the Addison Center will offer three 8-week classes that prepare you to sit for the A+ exam: CIT 1100, PC Maintenance/Upgrading; CIT 1111, Computer Hardware Maintenance; and CIT 1112, Networking Basics. Classes are offered 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Services at the Addison Center

Math Assistance:

Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Writing Assistance:

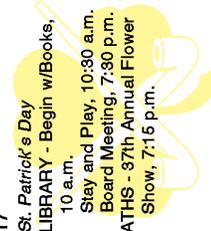
Monday, 4 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

Academic Counseling:

Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon
Monday and Tuesday appointments are available. Please call to make any appointment.

We're in your neighborhood! Call (630) 942-4600 to make a counseling appointment, ask about services or classes, or arrange a tour of the center. Our staff is ready to assist you.

March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 VILLAGE - Finance & Policy Committee 6:30 p.m. Cultural Arts 6:30 p.m. Hist. Comm 7 p.m. Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. DISTRICT 4 and ATHS - No School - Pulaaki Day LIBRARY - Dr. Seuss's Birthday, 7 p.m.	3 VILLAGE - Advisory Liquor Commission 7 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, 10 a.m. Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m. DDR, 4 p.m. Book Discussion, 7 p.m.	4 LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 10 a.m. Make & Take Crafts, 10:30 a.m. FIRE DISTRICT - Board Meeting 7 p.m.	5 VILLAGE - Senior Citizens Commission 6:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 11 a.m. Make & Take Crafts, 11:30 a.m. Computer Basics, 7 p.m.	6 LIBRARY - Computer Basics, 10 a.m.	7 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY - Drop-In Cheese Club, 10 a.m. Drop-In Crafts, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins - clocks ahead 1 hr.	9 VILLAGE - Pub. Health, Safety & Judicial 6:30 p.m. Building, Zoning & Development 7 p.m.	10 VILLAGE - Commercial & Indust. Cmsn. 10 a.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, 10 a.m. Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m.	11 VILLAGE - Plan Commission 7:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 10 a.m. Checkers Tournament, 3:30 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - CAC Meeting, 7 p.m.	12 VILLAGE - Police Commission 4:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 11 a.m. Crazy for Chapters, 4 p.m. March of the Mill Children, 7 p.m. Internet Basics, 7 p.m.	13 DISTRICT 4 - Kindergarten Registration LIBRARY - Internet Basics, 10 a.m. ATHS - International Feat Dance Show, 7 p.m.	14 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY - Barbie's Birthday Party, 11 a.m. Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic, 1 p.m. ATHS - POPS Concert, 7 p.m.
ATHS - International Feat Week						
15 LIBRARY - A Humorous Encounter, 2 p.m.	16 VILLAGE - Finance & Policy Committee 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	17  St. Patrick's Day LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, 10 a.m. Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. ATHS - 37th Annual Flower Show, 7:15 p.m.	18 LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 10 a.m. Make & Take Crafts, 10:30 a.m. ATHS - TPO Meeting, 7 p.m.	19 VILLAGE - Zoning Board 7:30 p.m. LIBRARY - Begin w/Books, PreK Stories, 11 a.m. Internet Searching, 1 p.m. Make & Take Crafts, 11:30 a.m. ATHS - College Night for Juniors and Parents 7 p.m.	20 LIBRARY - Internet Searching, 10 a.m.	21 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
22	23 VILLAGE - Pub. Health, Safety & Judicial 6:30 p.m. Building, Zoning & Development 7 p.m. LIBRARY - Monday Movie, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. DISTRICT 88 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	24 DISTRICT 4 - Board Meeting, 7 p.m. LIBRARY - After School Teen Gaming, 3 p.m. Pre-Civil War Quilts, 7 p.m.	25 DISTRICT 4 - Kindergarten Registration LIBRARY - Friends of the Library, 7 p.m.	26	27	28 HISTORICAL MUSEUM Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
29	30 LIBRARY - Pokemon Battle Practice, 2:30 p.m. Teen Crafts: Make Cool Buttons, 3 p.m.	31 LIBRARY - Bingo, 11 a.m.	DISTRICT 4 and ATHS - Spring Break			

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	Event	Date/Time	Location	Contact
	Shape of Addison Town Hall Meeting	Jan. 28 7 - 9 p.m.	Village Hall Board Room 1 Friendship Plaza	Itasca Bank & Trust 630/773-0350
	22nd Annual Lutherbrook Bowl-a-Rama	Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. & 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Stardust Bowl 37 E. Lorraine	Chris Byrne 708/488-5557 or visit LCFS.org
	International Dance Show	Friday, March 13 7 p.m.	Addison Trail High School 213 N. Lombard Road	630/628-3300
	37th Annual Flower Show	Tuesday, March 17 7:15 p.m.	Addison Trail High School 213 N. Lombard Road	630/628-3300

This information, provided by event coordinators, was compiled by the Village of Addison Community Relations Department on December 19, 2008. Details are subject to change without notice. Tune to Addison Community Television Channel 19 for the latest information, or check out our website at www.AddisonAdvantage.org.