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PALOS 118 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Laps for Literature

Palos 118 Educational Foundation Directors were recognized for their efforts with this year's Laps for Literature event. A total of \$7,770 was raised for school media centers, with checks presented to each principal. This achievement wouldn't be possible without our student and staff walkers, the hard work of our Educational Foundation, and the generosity of our learning community.

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Harvest Fest

Congratulations to our Music Parents Association on a wonderful and successful Harvest Fest. Nearly 400 attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and great music by our outstanding bands and choirs. Thanks was extended to MPA officers; President Lisa Banos-Cruz, Treasurer Mary Pempek, Secretary Amanda Tzanov, and Communication Chair Amber Chapman for their hard work. Thanks also to South Principal Stu Wrzesinski and Assistant Principal Meagan Doornbos for their help coordinating the event, Band Director Bill Hansen, and Choir Directors Danielle Wetle and Anna Negley. A special thank you also to MPA Liaison Pam Paris, students, volunteers, sponsors, and teachers for supporting the annual event.

PALOS SOUTH STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (SAVE) PROMISE CLUB

Joseph Dinolfo, Palos South's counselor, and Meagan Doornbos, South Assistant Principal introduced the Palos South Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club. This group of students was recommended by their teachers to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their friends, school, and community from any forms of violence before they occur. The students presented a video showcasing the club's work and reported on all initiatives they have been implementing. SAVE Promise Club members are: Natalia Furczon, Kelly Thomason, Jude Welsch, Tessa O'Connell, Eamonn McDevitt, Lizzy Ellsworth, John Skordas, Sarah Zaibak, Charlie Librizzi, June Giblin-Segal, Bella Narciso, and Keegan Mackey. The club is facilitated by Sarah Leahy, Jill Yerkes, Joe Dinolfo, and Meagan Doornbos.



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PALOS 118 SCHOOL BOARD

November 15 marks the official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. This honorary day is an opportunity for the district and community to show support for our board of education and their commitment to our district's educational vision. School board members serve the public as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the students and community residents, and are front-line advocates who provide a local



voice and vision for the district. Board members dedicate a significant amount of their own personal time to the district; something that is often overlooked. They attend extracurricular events, participate in professional development opportunities, and work long hours to ensure students have access to the educational resources they need to succeed. This commitment often takes them away from time that could be spent with their own family. Their vision, leadership, and dedication ensures the success of our students, families, and our entire Palos community.

A special thank you video featuring Palos 118 students and staff was shown, and board members were presented with framed copies of certificates commemorating School Board Members' Day. [It can be viewed by clicking this link.](#) The men and women serving Palos School District 118 are:

- Dr. James Cantorna
- Terrence Heafey
- Donald Jeanes
- Pamela Paris
- Michael Pizur
- Nadine Scodro
- Katie Thomason