



RECOGNITION



RECOGNITION OF AMBER RIVERA; BUS DRIVER AND LOCAL HERO

Dr. Scarsella and the Palos 118 School Board acknowledged the heroism of bus driver Amber Rivera for her outstanding efforts and extraordinary bravery in saving the lives of a district family and helping her other neighbors to safety. At 5:30 a.m. on Monday, October 22, Rivera responded to her carbon monoxide detector's alarm going off in her condominium complex. The poisonous gas had been coming from her neighbor's condo across the hall.

Pictured at left are Superintendent Dr. Anthony Scarsella, and Board President MariJo Calacci presenting Amber Rivera with a certificate of thanks.

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Harvest Fest

Congratulations to our Music Parents Association on a wonderful and successful Harvest Fest. Over 455 attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and great music by our outstanding bands and choirs. Our thanks to MPA officers, President, Lisa Banos-Cruz; Treasurer, Drea Richards; Secretary, Amanda Tzanov; Communication Chair Amber Chapman, and Hospitality Chair, Araceli Vega for their hard work. A big thank you also to Pam Paris, volunteers, sponsors, teachers, and the entire music department for their support of this great annual event.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

November 15 will mark the tenth official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. This is an opportunity for the district and community to thank school board members for their commitment in providing a local governance voice for your education decisions.

Leadership for our community and our schools begins with

the tireless work of the local board of education. Board President MariJo Calacci, Vice President Nadine Scodro, Secretary Pam Paris, and Board Members James Cantorna, Terrence Heafey, Michael Pizur, and Katie Thomason were thanked by Superintendent Dr. Scarsella for their service to Palos 118.

Board members do more than just attend meetings; they devote a significant amount of their own personal time to the district. They attend extracurricular events, participate in professional development opportunities to become better leaders, and work many hours to ensure students have access to educational resources they need to succeed. Many of these activities take them away from time that could be spent with their own family.

A video was presented at the board meeting with students of the district thanking board members. President Calacci thanked Kerri DeFranza and Dr. Scarsella for the concept and creation of the video. Lee Harwig also submitted videos of her students.

