

Palos School District 118

2014-2015 Areas of Success

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<p>culture at Palos West and Palos East in their annual Celebration of Cultures with projects and displays with artwork, artifacts, music, clothing, and food samples from around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 5th annual One District One Book reading celebration was held February 9. Parents and students enjoyed activities related to Shel Silverstein’s “Every Thing On It.” Over 100 students and parents came out to support the event. Participants were able to paint with watercolors, create digital images on computers, explore iPad activities, create acrostic poems and bookmarks, perform poetry karaoke, and much more. ▪ Among Palos East’s many fundraisers was student council’s December Stuffed Animal Day for the PAWS Organization. Students paid \$1 to bring in a stuffed animal for the day, raising over \$600 for animals without a home. Second grade teachers sponsored a pajama drive in partnership with Scholastic books for the Together We Cope organization in Tinley Park. 	<p>St. Laurence Band Director’s Festival in March. The 7th & 8th grade bands had the highest scores of the festival and were separated by less than a point. The 7th Grade Concert Band won the Dan Greenock Memorial Award for having the highest score.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five Palos South students took first place at the annual Newbery Bowl. ▪ Palos 118 Mathletes competed in the South SWIC Math Competition; the 7th grade team finished 1st, and the 8th grade team took 3rd place. ▪ Palos South 6th grade and 7th-8th grade teams took 2nd place at the South Cook Math Bowl. ▪ Palos South students charmed sold out crowds with songs including “Candy Man,” “Pure Imagination,” and “Oompa Loompa” at Stagg High School with their performance of “Willy Wonka: The Musical.” ▪ Palos South’s participation in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, America’s largest education-based fundraiser, netted a remarkable \$10,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. ▪ Palos South Student Council’s annual Family Trivia Night took 	<p>with artwork, artifacts, music, clothing, and food samples from around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 5th annual One District One Book reading celebration was held February 9. Parents and students enjoyed activities related to Shel Silverstein’s “Every Thing On It.” Over 100 students and parents came out to support the event. Participants were able to paint with watercolors, create digital images on computers, explore iPad activities, create acrostic poems and bookmarks, perform poetry karaoke, and much more. ▪ Palos West’s “Souper Bowl” of Caring Food Drive netted 7,000 items such as soup, mac and cheese, and ramen noodles for the Palos Township Food Pantry. West also had many charitable drives including collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the Three Little Kittens Mitten Drive.
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	<p>place on March 4 with over 200 participants. Proceeds benefited Camp Lions for visually and hearing-impaired kids.</p>	
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