

# Superintendent's Weekly Newsletter

---



Nov. 14, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your commitment to our students and love of U-46. I am thankful to work beside each of you as we strive to make sure every student grows academically and emotionally to reach their fullest potential and realize their aspirations. Additionally, I am thankful to the U-46 Board of Education for their leadership, stewardship and steadfast support as we continue to make essential changes to our systems so they can measurably work for all students.

With this theme of thanks, I ask you to submit KUDOS for the November 21, 2024 Superintendent Weekly staff newsletter. I would love to make the final message of November a message filled with appreciation from and for our colleagues. Please use the Let's Talk feature to submit the [KUDOS](#) by the end of the day on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024.

Thank you to all for making it a great day to learn in U-46!

Dr. Suzanne Johnson

---

## Kudos

Send Kudos directly by clicking [HERE](#) or using Let's Talk. Remember, only Kudos with the sender's name will appear in the Weekly; no anonymous messages. Kudos are due by **5 p.m. each Tuesday**.

**Kudos to Claudia Arroyo, Nancy Coleman, Edgar Montes, Adriana Armstrong, Jaime Prado, and LaTrisha Williams, from Kathryn Thompson at Streamwood High School**

I want to thank Claudia Arroyo from Junior Achievement and Nancy Coleman, Edgar Montes, Adriana Armstrong from Alignment Collaborative for Education, and their teams, for hosting a very informative session at Zurich International for our students. Students from Bartlett, Larkin, and Streamwood high schools were able to gain insight on the apprenticeship program that Zurich offers to our students. Junior Achievement and ACE continue to provide career opportunities for our students that also assist with paying for college.

Thank you to Jaime Prado and LaTrisha Williams at Streamwood High School for engaging in high level conversations with students about these opportunities. Jaime and LaTrisha had amazing connections with students they didn't even know and made the field trip beyond valuable! Thanks for all the support.

**Kudos to Heather Heatley, at Wayne Elementary School, from Jen Williamson, Streamwood Network**

Thank you for being a thought partner, an instructional leader, and always going above and beyond to help me process supporting staff members in my role as an elementary instructional coach for the Streamwood Network. You are truly appreciated. Thank you, friend.

**Kudos to the Staff at Canton Middle School, from Joe Corcoran, at Canton Middle School**

I would like to acknowledge the staff at Canton for their welcoming environment and accepting me into their school culture. From the minute I walked in the door as administrator support, I felt a sense of family among the staff. It has been an honor to work alongside you and see firsthand your commitment to the kids and to each other. You make Canton a great place to work and for kids to go to school. Keep up the good work. You are making a positive impact on the kids and families you serve.

**Kudos to Jorie Bartholomew at South Elgin High School and Kathleen Potter at Streamwood High School, from Michelle Zappia-Eickmeier, at Bartlett High School**

Kudos to Jorie and Kathleen for organizing and submitting work for the 10 weeks of the Kane County Regional Office of Education's High School Photography Contest. This is a lot of extra work over a long period of time to give the photo students in U-46 a chance to shine. All of our schools have been well represented in the Top 10 picks for the duration of this contest! Congrats and see you at the artists' reception in December. Great job!

**Kudos to Wayne Elementary School's 28 Special Education Paraeducators, from Heather Heatley, at Wayne Elementary School**

Wayne is a very unique building in that we have more paraprofessionals than we do classroom teachers. Each and every one of our paras brings a special set of skills, not limited to being extremely patient, hard-working, kind, and absolutely loving our students. It is because of the para family we have created that we were able to get fully-staffed for this school year. Thank you to all of you for the love and dedication you show every single day.

We appreciate you: Dulce Delgado, Tina Felt, Jazmin Mora, Julie Visoso, Patrice Jakalski, Deepa Gupta, Ernest Henton, Breigha Lopez, Judy Kelly, Stephanie Guzman, Sandy Mann, Maria Tinedo, Debbie Drummond, Daisy Rodriguez, Traci Altobello, Arielle Mezei, JulieAnne Robbins, Cindy Schuman, Stacy McCaffrey, Yulanda Magro, Patty Salazar-Arias, Jackie Miller, Sally Marino, Teresa Sobenes, Ewa Pawlikowski, Marianne White, Janice Modrzewski, and Evelyn Aguilar.

**Kudos to Brandy Rajabali, at Independence Center for Early Learners, from Griselda Villegas, in Health Services**

I want to give kudos to Brandy for being an awesome nurse. You made my stay at Independence the best, I really appreciate you and your hard work. Independence is lucky to have you. Keep up the good work. Until next time.

**Kudos to Lucia Garcia from Dr. Cretia Kirkwood and Mrs. Lisa Bergbreiter, all at Independence Center for Early Learning**

We want to give a big kudos to Lucia Garcia for being a fantastic paraprofessional. She works well with her classroom teacher, organizes and implements visuals, and works well with challenging students. Ms. Lucia, thank you for being great!

**Kudos to Lillian Villa at Eastview Middle School from Tracy Ellegood and the Rest of the Specialized Student Services Team and the Administrators, all at Eastview Middle School**

We all want to recognize Lillian Villa for all of her hard work! Lillian does her job above and beyond daily, and we are so grateful she is an Eastview Wolf!

**Kudos to Estrella Pozos, in Transportation, from Megan Meyer, at Streamwood High School**

Star has shared such positive energy with our classroom on our CBI trips. She encouraged students to engage in their community and has been very flexible to meet the needs of our students. Thanks so much, Star!

**Kudos to Donna Burritt at Centennial Elementary School, from Amy Weber and the Rest of the Centennial Staff**

During a stressful and challenging time at Centennial Elementary, our part-time secretary Donna not only met expectations but exceeded them by going above and beyond her responsibilities. Her willingness to adapt, and ability to maintain a calm and supportive presence, are invaluable to the entire school. We are deeply appreciative of Donna 's commitment to our school and community.

**Kudos to Skyler Chiavario, in Information Services, from Brenda Prado and the Rest of the Professional Learning Department**

Thank you, Skyler, for being an awesome co-worker and for going the extra mile for our department. Thank you for all of your help and technical support when we needed you. You were so nice, patient, and at all times willing to help! Kudos for being such an insightful resource for the District!

**Kudos to Allison Brown from Dr. Cretia Kirkwood and Mrs. Lisa Bergbreiter, all at Independence Center for Early Learning**

Allison is a new gross motor teacher this year and has had great ideas to keep the kiddos engaged and moving. She gives the students experiences that they may not have at home at school and keeps them fully engaged in learning and movement. Students in general education and self-contained classes have recently been enjoying rolling down the hills and playing in the leaves! Thank you for being a part of this family!



School District U-46

