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January 18th  
No School



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January 21st, 6:00 PM  
@ Navajo School



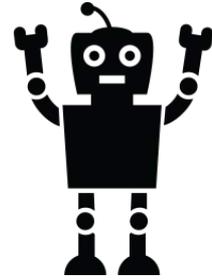
SIP Half Day  
January 27th

## PALOS HEIGHTS 128 eNEWS



**I**ndian Hill Preschool students were provided with boxes and materials to make a "robot" at home with their parents/guardians. Look at some of the awesome "robots" that the students brought in. We are not sure if we have creative students or creative parents/guardians or both!

# Fun Learning About Space...



*Indian Hill Preschoolers made robots as a family project.*

*Preschoolers are playing in the spaceship that the class built.*

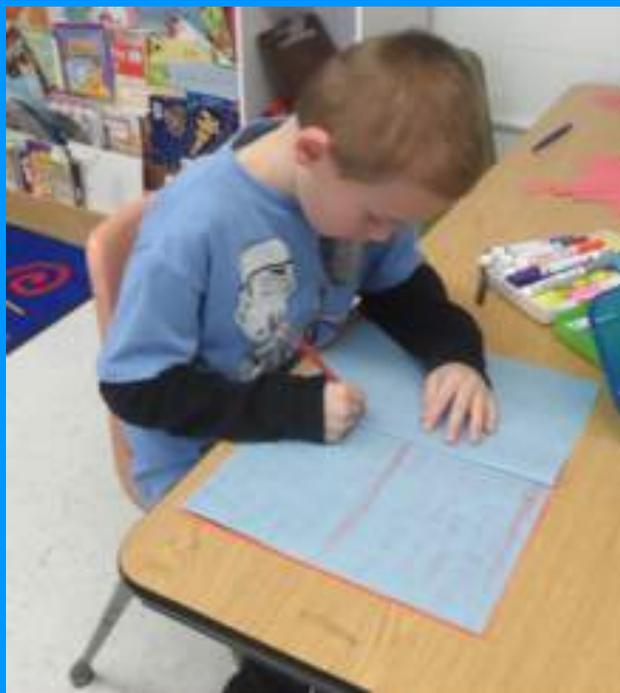


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# Chippewa Cheetahs Always on the Go...

Second grade students (right) choose daily five centers.

Future sports writer (below).



First grade students (above) enjoy outdoor recess.

Chippewa Cheetah Champs (left) are nominated by the teachers each month for outstanding citizenship.



# Technology at Navajo...



Fourth graders in computer lab are giving their "All About Me" presentations.

Fifth graders working on IXL Math.



Fifth graders working on research for their reading project.



## Science at IJHS...

As our 8th grade science classes participate in a continuation activity of their fossilization unit, Mrs. Woods assists with one particular group. Recently, these students created their own fossils using sugar cubes, hot glue, and water! This activity allowed our 8th graders to explore first hand how organisms decompose over time, leaving in its wake the fossilized remains. In order to better understand the environment in which many creatures lived that have been fossilized over the course of Earth's history, these students now perform research on a specific creature's life and fossil.



## PFA Family Science Night at Navajo...



A fun family evening entertained and educated students and parents.

# Cheer, Poms, Basketball...

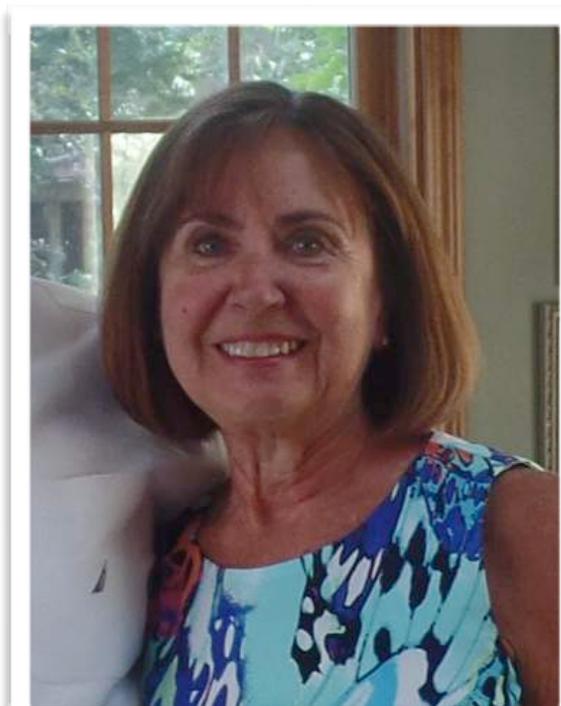


*Independence Junior High*

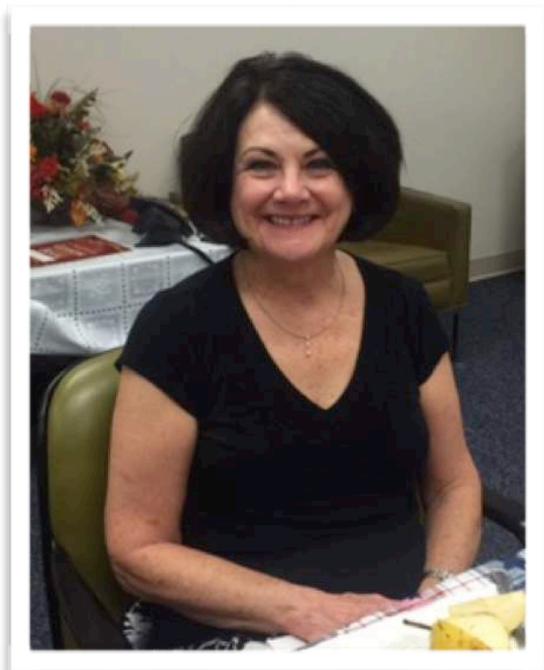
## Meet Our Staff...

### Mary Beierle

1. The position I hold is District Nurse and this is my 8th year.
2. I grew up in Crestwood and now live in Orland Park.
3. My favorite way to spend a Sunday afternoon is going on a long bike ride.
4. If I weren't in this line of work, I would be a nurse on a cruise ship.
5. Growing up, my family was an important influence in my life.



**Mary Beierle, District Nurse**



**Maureen Faletti, Math/French Teacher**

### Maureen Faletti

1. The position I hold is Math and French teacher at Independence. This is my 22nd year here and my 30th year of full time teaching.
2. I grew up in Spring Valley, Illinois and now live in Crete, Illinois.
3. I don't really have one favorite way of spending a Sunday afternoon, but I especially like to spend time with my family on Sundays. I especially like to be with my grandchildren.
4. If I weren't in this line of work, I might try being an artist, a salesperson or a letter carrier.
5. Growing up, my family was an important influence in my life. Several teachers also had great impact. One of my high school teachers taught both Math and French.

*We Have a Great Staff!*

## Meet Our Staff...

### Carrie Hoban

1. The position I hold is Kindergarten Teacher This is my 5th year in district (15th overall teaching).
2. I Grew up in Palos Park. I live in Tinley Park.
3. My favorite way to spend a Sunday afternoon- watching any of my kids play in one of their many sporting events.
4. If I weren't in this line of work, I would have been a party/event planner.
5. Growing up, my grandmother was a huge influence.



Carrie Hoban, Kindergarten Teacher



Lauren Weaver, Music Teacher

### Lauren Weaver

1. The position I hold is PreK-4th grade music teacher, and this is my 3rd year.
2. I grew up in Hinsdale and now live in Lincoln Park.
3. My favorite way to spend a Sunday afternoon is reading or hanging out with my niece and nephews.
4. If I weren't in this line of work I would be a political analyst.
5. Growing up, my mom was an important influence in my life. (And still is!)

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# Transportation Committee Still at Work

Two bits of information from the D#128 transportation committee:

- We have come across another possible scenario for you to consider for transportation within D#128 next year so we will be sending out an informational email link next Tuesday, January 19th after the school day ends.
- Additionally, we will be hosting a town hall meeting February 4th at 7:00 pm at Independence Junior High School to review everything that the committee has considered and to answer questions related to the two scenarios that meet all of our initial needs from a change in transportation.

So, look for an email on January 19th with more information, and mark your calendars to attend the town hall meeting on February 4th.

