



Academic Navigator of the Month

The first D62 staff member to correctly identify the Academic Navigator of the Month will win the highly coveted “Journey of Education – Charting the Path” trivet. The question is:



If this public education pioneer had lived in the 1970’s, she probably would have counted Gloria Steinem and Betty Freidan as her colleagues. Our mystery educator set the foundation for the Women’s Movement of the 60’s and 70’s by challenging nineteenth century stereotypes of women. Who is she and why is she a pioneer of public education?

Oh, Baby!

Janis, North, and Jeff Steffan are the proud parents of a baby girl, Savannah Ilona Steffan. Savannah was born Monday, October 8 at 12:46 p.m.

Mary Ann Ales (Terrace) is thrilled to announce the arrival of her fifth grandchild and her first grandson, Joshua Michael Ales. Joshua was born September 29.

Helen Rodis, Chippewa, had a baby boy, Charles Edward, on September 26.

Judy Tosterud, Orchard Place, is the proud grandma of a baby girl. Amelia Marian was born Thursday, October 4.

Kudos To:

Erin Smith, Terrace, who won a \$4,800 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the State of Illinois.



Lindsay Santiago, Orchard Place, was one of 1,000 teachers across the nation to be surprised with an “A Day Made Better” award from the local Office Max store. Santiago received a leather desk chair and more than \$1,200 of supplies for her room. Representatives from Office Max also presented backpacks filled with supplies to each of her students.



A Word of Thanks

Thanks to all my District 62 family for supporting my son, Matt, in the Cubs Ultimate 7th Inning Contest. While he was not the first place winner, the experiences involved have engraved never-to-be-forgotten memories for each of us. Seeing the group of ten on the infield at Wrigley in their personalized baseball jerseys and having each one’s name appear on the scoreboard was something that we will always remember. Again, I want to issue heartfelt thanks for your support.

Carol Shepardson
Plainfield



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We CAN Feed Des Plaines

We CAN 2 contributed 4,003 pounds of food to the Des Plaines Food Pantry, which was 243 pounds more than was donated district-wide last year. The Administrative Center retained the We CAN Man trophy by collecting 24,667 pounds of food per staff member. Orchard Place and North won 2nd and 3rd place, with 7.936 and 7.825 pounds per staff member, respectively. All schools will be honored during the October 15 Board of Education meeting.



Time For Flu Shots

Once again this fall, Holy Family Hospital will administer flu shots at several District 62 locations for any interested employees, their immediate family members over the age of 18, and District 62 retirees. The cost will be \$20.00/injection. You can pay cash, exact amount please, or by check made out to "Work Plus."

To ensure that there is enough vaccine available at each site, please let the Health Clerk in your building or me (Susan Kellner) know where you intend to receive your vaccination and the number of people that will be receiving the flu shot.

You will be required to sign a consent form at the time you receive your flu shot. Some of the conditions that contraindicate receiving a flu shot include: adverse reactions to the flu shot; fever or cold within the last 3 days; an allergy to eggs, chickens, or latex. Holy Family advises that if you are under a doctor's care for any health concerns, you should consult with your physician first before receiving a flu vaccine. They will accept a note

from your physician giving permission for the flu shot if you are pregnant.

Since the flu shot is administered in the upper arm, it is requested that you wear short sleeves or a shirt that is easily rolled up to the shoulder.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Kellner at x1431.

Schedule of Flu Shot Vaccine Sites

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, 11-6	South Elementary	12:00-1:00
Wednesday, 11-7	North School	12:00-1:00
Wednesday, 11-7	Algonquin Middle School	3:30-5:00
Thursday, 11-8	Cumberland Elementary	12:00-1:00

Email "Spam" in District 62

"Spam" is the term used to describe the unsolicited, junk email that you receive in your email inbox. Among other things, spam advertises for prescriptions, conveys get-rich-quick schemes, promises certain body enhancements, spreads fake customer service alerts, and delivers other messages with absolutely no value. These messages originate from unscrupulous companies who usually specialize in distributing this type of email and constantly try to improve their distribution methods. Luckily, since Mac OS X currently has no viruses (as of October 2007), it is a myth that opening spam on a district Mac OS X computer will cause any damage.

To attempt to prevent spam getting delivered to users, District 62 uses a piece of network equipment called a spam firewall. The specific device we use is a "Barracuda Spam Firewall," generally considered an industry standard.

When an email message enters the email system it first gets scanned by the spam firewall to attempt to determine if it is a "real" email message or an



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unsolicited one. The District 62 Tech Team has the ability to control of the sensitivity of the spam filter. The issue of sensitivity is a delicate balance. If the settings are too open, you will receive more spam; if the settings are too tight, some “real” email may be incorrectly flagged as spam. A message flagged as spam will never get delivered to you.

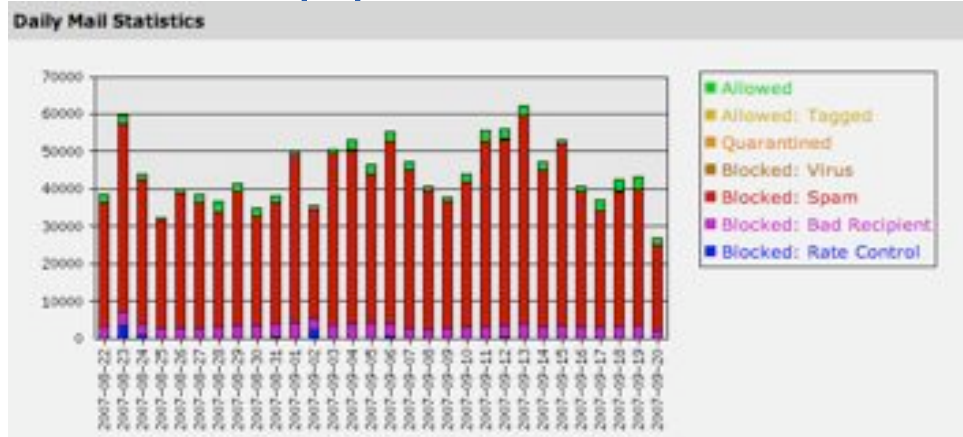
Most email users are very surprised by the following information. Every day, the District 62 spam firewall processes roughly 50,000 messages from outside the district. Only about 2,000 of the 50,000 are NOT spam. Thus, approximately 96% of email coming into District 62 is identified as spam and is **not** getting delivered to you. Put another way, on average, if you get 4 spams per day, 96 spams are getting blocked. Please refer to the graph from the District 62 Barracuda spam firewall that illustrates a 30-day period of receiving email. The red part of each bar represents identified and undelivered spam; the green part of each bar represents the “real” email that is allowed to be delivered to your inbox.

The current reality in the digital age is that spam is a problem that cannot be completely solved; however, it can be controlled. I hope you will agree that the accompanying graph illustrates that District 62 is doing a very good job of controlling spam. If you are receiving a few spam messages per day, please understand that tens of thousands are getting effectively blocked. If we tighten control on spam any more, the consequence is that “real” messages will be blocked. The District 62 Tech Team will continue to choose settings that will help us control spam as effectively as possible. If you have further questions about spam, please contact Matt Fuller, Director of Information and Instructional Technology, at fullerm@d62.org.

If you received



Then you DID NOT receive



Moment of the Month

Share a story about your most memorable Halloween!

My best Halloween moment was in 1975 I was Trick-or-Treating. I went to a house that was handing out packs of football cards. In the pack I received a Walter Payton Rookie Card. I still have the card and it is valued at over \$900.

Marc Schellhorn
Orchard Place



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Another story about a memorable Halloween...

My father worked for ARA (Automatic Retailers or America) when I was a child. The company filled vending machines in various business and retail locations. As part of a cigarette promotion, Marlboro had a giant cardboard pack of cigarettes next to the vending machine to attract customers. When the promotion was over, my father brought the display home. We cut circles out of the sides and the top to make room for my arms and head. Then we rolled a poster board into a cylinder to make a mask for my face. We decorated it to look like a cigarette poking out of the top of the box. As a student in District 62, I went to my sixth grade class' Halloween party at Maple School dressed as a pack of cigarettes. This was 1975. Can you imagine someone trying to do that today? I would probably be suspended! Everyone thought my costume was "cute" and "original," but I don't think anyone thought it was offensive.

Barb Zachwieja
Cumberland

Thank you to Marc and Barb for sharing their favorite Halloween moments. The November "Moment of the Month" is "What are you thankful for?"

Need A Babysitter?

Are you or someone you know looking for childcare in Palatine (Palatine Rd./Northwest Hwy location)? Linda Hess, Jim Hess' wife, has offered childcare in their home for eight years. Currently, a part or full-time opening is available, and can be established for the school year or year round. Call Linda Hess 847-705-8517 for more information.

Mark Your Calendar

South School Rummage Sale, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Saturday, October, 13, 2007.

District 62 Education Foundation Night @ the Chicago Wolves, 7:00 p.m., Allstate Arena. Opening night for the Wolves will be against the

Milwaukee Admirals. Package prices are: \$28 for Package "A," which includes a ticket, Chicago Wolves baseball hat, a hot dog, A medium soft drink, and a collectible Chicago Wolves puck. Package "B" is \$19 and includes a ticket and a collectible Chicago Wolves puck. To order, call Julie Seyller at 847-832-1941, or fax 847-724-1652, Attn: District 62 Foundation, c/o Julie Seyller, All payments must be received by noon on Friday, October 12. All proceeds will fund educational opportunities for District 62 students.

"Meet the Press" Workshop, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2007, Forest Board Room. A panel of reporters and editors from the *Daily Herald*, *The Journal* and other newspapers that cover District 62 will be available to answer your questions about media submissions and give advice on how and what type of events to promote. Staff, administrators, and parent volunteers are invited to attend.

How Can You Use *Inside 62*?

You can:

- Announce personal and professional achievements
- Invite others to your classroom and school events
- Sell, trade, or give away your stuff

Questions?

Contact Mindy at wardm@d62.org
or 847-824-8070

Next Deadline: Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Deep Thoughts

"Words, once they are printed, have a life of their own."

— Carol Burnett