



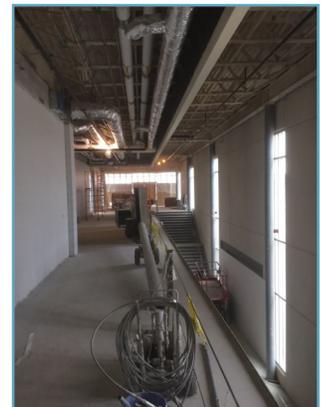
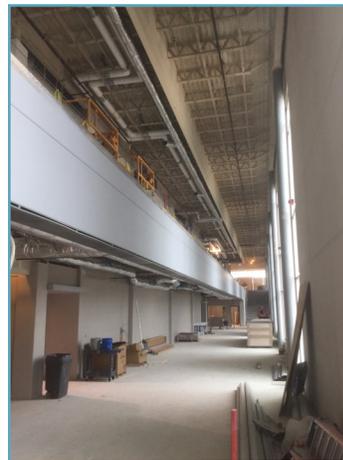
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Central High School Expansion

Construction continues to progress at Central High School. The Phase One addition of the high school is scheduled for completion by August 2017. This phase includes a Living Skills Classroom for the Special Education Department, four general classrooms, a concessions area, a new and expanded athletic trainer room, a modern weight room, and a cardio room that can be used by the Physical Education Department and for athletic conditioning. Phase One also includes the expansion of the music and band room and a revitalization of the library at Central High School.

A new parking lot is currently being installed between Howard B. Thomas and Central High School, and the Phase Two addition that includes a Fieldhouse, 12 classroom expansion, and renovation of the commons area and school cafeteria will begin by June 2017 and is scheduled for completion by August 2018. Other capital improvement projects planned for this summer include repaving the drive and parking areas at both Prairie View and Lily Lake Grade Schools.



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2017-2018 Registration and Verification of Residency

Registration for the 2017-2018 is well underway. Thanks to those families who have already completed online registration. If you have not yet completed this important step, please do so as soon as possible by logging into your [Skyward Parent Portal](#) account. Having our students' registration processes complete helps us to more accurately determine staffing needs for the next school year and avoid last minute class placement and scheduling changes.



Online
Registration

All families who rent their homes or live with another family within District boundaries are required to provide verification of residency on an annual basis. We are current accepting residency verifications for returning families for the 17-18 school year. If you have not yet completed the residency verification process, please do so at your earliest convenience at any one of our school buildings or at the District Office. For more information on documentation required to verify residency, or to download forms, please visit the [Registration Information](#) page of the District website.

All students must have online registration completed and residency verified (as required) in order to attend class on the first day of school. If you have any questions about registration or residency requirements, please contact your school office.

End of Year Chromebook Information

With the end of the school year comes questions regarding student Chromebooks. Each building shared information about the end of year process for student devices. Here are the highlights:

- Graduating students who have paid technology fees for the past two years and do not owe any other fees will have their Chromebook unlocked and all district software and filtering will be removed. Those who have only paid for one year of technology fees will have the option of paying an additional \$50 to keep the Chromebook or turning in the device at the school office.
- Students entering 1st and 2nd grade in August will leave their Chromebooks at school over the summer. They will be redistributed at the start of the new school year.
- Students entering 3rd grade in 17-18 will bring their Chromebooks home for the summer, but will need to bring them to school on the first day in August. The district will continue to manage the device over the summer.
- Students entering 4th through 12th grade in August will take Chromebooks home over the summer. The district will continue to manage the device until the first week of the 17-18 school year. Students who have paid for technology fees in 15-16 and 16-17 will have their devices unlocked and district software removed after the first week of school. Those who have paid only one year of technology fees may either pay \$50 to unlock and keep the device or turn it in to the school. New Chromebooks will be issued at the start of the next school year.

Please contact your school office with any further questions.



Plato Center Remembrance Items

In October of 2016 we said goodbye to the Plato Center School. Those families who signed up to receive an exterior wall brick or piece of wood from the gym floor can pick up their items from the District Office (275 South St., Burlington) between 8:00am and 3:30pm on business days through June 15th.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Greene and Central High School's CTE students for inscribing and adhering the commemorative plates!

New Website Going Live July 1st

The district is pleased to announce that we will have an all new website that will be going live on July 1st! District staff have been working with Morningstar Media to develop a beautiful, user-friendly site that will allow families, staff, and community members find the information and resources they need.



With the new website, we will also be transitioning to a new district logo. You'll start seeing this new logo on district forms and communications this summer!

School Board Election Results

School Board elections were held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The district had seven community members vying for three seats on the Board of Education. The election resulted in a victory for Christina Johnson, Jeff Kellenberger and Tina Johnson. Both Christina Johnson and Tina Johnson have begun serving their first four-year terms, and Jeff Kellenberger has begun his second four-year term. The new Board members were sworn into office on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, where they elected new officers. Jeff Kellenberger was re-elected to serve as president, Janet Marlovits, former secretary of the Board, was elected vice president, and Christina Johnson was elected to the office of secretary.

At the April 26, 2017 meeting, the attendees also honored outgoing Board members Maggie Perry and Duane Schmitt. Outgoing members Perry and Schmitt were presented with plaques in appreciation of Maggie Perry's two terms and Schmitt's one term on the Board of Education. Over the course of their service, they helped support the district's move to full-day kindergarten, 1:1 technology, the expansion of the preschool program, and the referendum to expand and improve Central High School. As a community, we are grateful to have such dedicated men and women serve the students and families of Central 301.

The seven members of the Board of Education include President Jeff Kellenberger, Vice President Janet Marlovits, Secretary Christina Johnson, Jeff Gorman, Tina Johnson, Mitch Penar and Laura Rabe.



2017 Retirees

Congratulations to our retirees! We thank you for your years of dedication and service to the students and families of District 301 and we wish you well in your retirement.



Jan Carbarly

I have to admit, the best day of the school year is the first day! In kindergarten, excitement and fear blend for the student **and** the teacher. You just don't quite know what to expect. After all, it is the first day of "real" school for the very young learner and the start of a new classroom family for the teacher. The "unknown" qualities of kindergarten have kept me there for 21 years. I have enjoyed every one of them. Thank you District 301 for the rewarding opportunity.

This final year at Prairie View, I was able to teach kindergarten and experience it through the eyes of my granddaughter, Addison Burner. We are finishing kindergarten together. It doesn't get much better than that!

Laura Helsper



I have aspired to be a teacher since I started Kindergarten. I feel so fortunate to have been able to be in this profession. When I retire, I will have been an educator for 32 years, most of those in District 301. In my time here, I have worked for 11 principals and 5 superintendents! My experiences include teaching Special Education and Kindergarten, in addition to being part of the district's Gifted program, and teaching a readiness program called Pre-First. I have also been a part of three different pilot programs along the way. It has been such a joy to get to know so many young students and facilitate their early learning experiences!

Being active in CEA has been a significant and rewarding part of my professional life. I have served the association as building rep, Secretary, Vice-President, and President. I have also been active in IEA, serving as Region 53 Vice-Chair. I hope I have inspired others to become involved in representing our needs and improving our working conditions, thereby paving the way for us to better meet the needs of our students.

When I leave, I will take with me many wonderful memories and some lifelong friendships. I hope I will be remembered as someone who truly cared about children and did her job with integrity. I have been proud to work beside so many excellent teachers and be a part of the Central community. I know I will miss the daily contact with little children. I will also miss the daily conversations with colleagues—whether commiserating or celebrating!

I am looking forward to having more time to spend with my husband, my family, and my friends. My future plans include traveling, becoming a more creative cook, and becoming active in local politics. I wish you all a rejuvenating summer and continued fulfillment in your careers!

2017 Retirees

Attention Alumni!

Mark your calendars! The 2017 Burlington-Plato-Central Alumni Association Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at the Burlington fire barn. We encourage classes with five (i.e. Class of 1982's 35 year reunion) and ten year reunions to attend the Alumni Banquet. For more information, please contact Denise Ramm-Lenz at bchs1982@aol.com or 630-365-5559.



Pam Michel

You look back at your life so that you can go forward in your life. When I started at Dist. 301 in the fall of 1973, our school district was so different from what it is today. It was more of a rural district and had 3 elementary schools, 1 middle school and high school which was housed in the present day CMS building. I was hired and approved by the school board during my spring break of my senior year from IL State University with a starting salary of \$8500. Back then, there were only 2 elementary principals. Mrs. Johnson was the principal at Lily Lake and Plato Center with Jim Warner being the principal at Burlington Grade School and CMS. I taught 7 years in 5th grade and 6 years in 6th grade at Lily Lake. At that time, the middle school housed just 7th & 8th grades. When the entire district met before the first day of school, we all fit in the library at Central Middle/High School (now CMS). Now, we barely fit in the cafeteria/commons area at CHS. Joan Placke, one of the English high school teachers and myself, were asked to coach middle school girls track for one year. Then boys were added that same year to make a combination team. Actually, our coaching ended up going for 11 years. I was the head teacher at Lily Lake for 10 years and helped with administrative duties when the principal was not there. I also taught 5th grade in Virgil for 2 years while an addition to Lily Lake School was being completed.

I left Lily Lake in April, 1986, when I had my first child. I, then, stayed home for 15 years raising my 3 children and helping my husband, Steve, with our heating and air conditioning company, which I have continued to do since 1986. Since the fall of 2001, I have been at Prairie View Grade School. I taught math and reading for the district's gifted program, as well as run the math centers, for 10 years. Then, I returned to the classroom after the gifted program was ended in 2011. I have taught 2 years in 5th grade and 4 years in 4th grade at Prairie View.

I am deeply thankful and most humbled for all my experiences and years with Central School District 301. I have seen education, parents, children, and staff change over all these years. I have always been very proud of our district and speak highly of all our accomplishments and achievements. No other district can top our integrity, rigor, kindness, and overall perseverance. Please know that I will always be close to this district and shall never forget the friendships with the staff and administration over all my years in the district. I have learned so much from the support and compassion from everyone and hope that I have returned every ounce of support, compassion, and work ethic to everyone with a smile and an outstretched hand. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your respect and regard for me during my 29 years of educating students in our district. My husband and I hope to travel, enjoy family and friends, and love and appreciate each other as we grow older. I see retirement as another stepping stone on the path to another passage in life. Now it is time for me to follow another path in life but never to forget where I started on my journey as an educator trying to make a difference.

Employment Opportunities

District 301 has a number of opportunities for those who are looking to work during the school year.

- Paraprofessional**—Paraprofessionals play an important role in the education of our students and are always in demand. As a paraprofessional, you would work with a student or group of students under the direction and guidance of a classroom teacher. To obtain a paraprofessional license, all you need is an Associates degree (or higher) or to pass a basic skills test. Having a paraprofessional license will allow you to work in a permanent or substitute role. Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Requirements.aspx> for more information.
- Substitute Teacher**—If you have a bachelor’s degree, you are eligible to apply for a substitute teaching license through the Illinois State Board of Education. Substitute Teachers are in high demand and you get to choose your schedule! Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Requirements.aspx> for more information on obtaining a substitute teaching license.
- Bus Driver**—We are always looking for qualified individuals to safely transport our students on a full-time or substitute basis. Training and assistance with acquiring your license is provided. Applicants must have held a valid driver’s license for the past three years with no breaks, suspensions, or major violations and must be at least 21 years of age. Contact the Transportation Department at 847-464-6052 for more information!
- Food Service** —Help prepare and serve nutritious lunches to district students. Training is provided! Contact the Food Service Department at 847-464-6043 for more information!

For more information on these or other employment opportunities, please contact [Mandi Bavaro](#) at the district office. Visit the [Human Resources](#) page on the district website for links to job postings and online applications.

Central 301 Administration wishes all of our students, families, and staff a safe and fun-filled summer. Congratulations to our 2017 graduates! You’ve made us proud!

Engage the mind

Empower the learner

Inspire excellence

Influence the world