



How Valuable Is Pre-K



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There is a program in most elementary schools that seems to bring about some very different responses. The program, Pre-School, is hard to find a School Board or politician that stands against Pre-K. But those that study the program question why after all these years, people have not realized it is in some ways a waste of money and there is no bang for the buck.

A recent look at test results in "Education Week" - "Are the Effect of State Pre-K over rated?" There is some indication its help is very short-lived in readiness, but nothing that lasts. There are some results that indicate the only group that has any residual help is Black boys as their social skills appear to be better than those not in Pre-K.

"Consensus Papers" in 2015 and again in 2017 indicates no long-term academic help for students. In fact, by 4th grade, those who never attended Pre-K scored higher in standardized tests in Reading, Math and Science.

Dale Farran, co-author of "The Tennessee Pre-Research Report" from Vanderbilt University states that no academic gain for this extra year of school. We should be looking at what we can do that is more beneficial for these students.

There was a time that the child needed to be "at risk" to be admitted to the

program. This is seldom true now because of parental demand and the "common knowledge" that the program is good. The Unions back the program because of the number of staff members they support. The number of staff members helps determine the salary of the principals in Chicago and many other places.

In a study that compared school district with large Pre-K programs with districts with small Pre-K programs by Grover Whitaker, of the Center of Children and Families of the Brookings Institute, did show slight gain for those with the larger programs, but this was considered statistically insignificant.

While some researchers complain that showing no academic gains for the Pre-K students have trouble getting their papers published. Just like the hundreds of scientists who go against "common knowledge" of global warming. It's not wanted. Chicago School Board is appointed, therefore, they must vote the way the mayor wants. I have met parents from relatively affluent suburbs that are actively seeking full time Kindergarten and Pre-K in their districts because they want to go back to work.

They realize that in Illinois, as well as many other states, neither Pre-K nor Kindergarten are mandated and therefore state funding really starts with 1st grade. Some have indicated that if there were no Kindergarten or Pre-K in the state schools, the schools for the most part would not be in the red because the state has never accepted the full responsibility of schools with extra programs.

Like these reports indicate, maybe there is a better way to serve the parents and children. One anecdotal is that in schools at which I was principal, we had active Pre-K programs and many of these parents served on the Local School Councils, PTA, and other organizations. In most of these schools, parents did not work out of the home. But they loved the Pre-K program.

Marquette Bank Awards 57 Scholarships



Marquette Bank awarded scholarships of \$2,500 to 57 graduating seniors from Chicagoland schools. Since the program began during the 1967/68 school year, more than \$3.3 million has been awarded to nearly 1,700 high school seniors. Recipients were selected on their record of volunteer service in their communities, financial need and scholastic achievement. The scholarship can be used for any post-secondary education program, including: four-year universities, community colleges and vocational training schools. Recipients were chosen by their school's guidance counselors and principals. Local recipients, their neighborhood, high school and institution they attend are: Fatima Estrada (Garfield Ridge) Acero-Garcia High School; Eastern Illinois University; Carlos Campa (Archer Heights) Curie Metropolitan High School, Northern Illinois University; Genoveva Muniz (Brighton Park) Kelly High School, University of Illinois - Champaign Urbana; Analay Gomez (Vittum Park) Kennedy High School, National Louis University and Margarita Torres (West Elsdon) Hancock High School, University of Illinois-Chicago.

Blues Band At McKinley Park



JOE FILISKO & ERIC NODEN

The McKinley Park Advisory Council will sponsor the Farmers Market Summer Concert Series at the President Monument, Archer & Western blvd. on Sundays from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Attendees should bring a chair or blanket.

Featured performers are Joe Filisko & Eric

Noden (1920's & 30's blues) on Aug. 5th; Jodi Koplin and Lenny Marsh (country, rock, calypso and blues) on Aug. 12th; Holy Cross Mirimba Ensemble (Mexican Folk) on Aug. 19th; Ida Y Vuelta (Son Jarocho from Veracruz) on Sept. 2nd; Mariachi Tradicion Juvenil on Sept. 23rd and Kelly High School Marching Band on Sept. 30th.

Literacy Center Needs Volunteers

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1715 W. 35th st., recently trained volunteer English Literacy tutors to address the societal need of adult education in English as a Second Language.

The Center continues to grow as more students register and participate in supplemental learning. Volunteer tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adult learners Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English for 90 minutes per week. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, the training workshop for the 2018-19 academic year will be held on Friday, Sept. 7th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Sabrina Poulin, at (773) 927-0512 or email her at Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org.

Mini Soccer Field Opens



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke (2nd left) joined Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Park District Board President Jesse Ruiz (far left) and philanthropist Kenneth Griffin (far right) in opening one of the first of 50 mini soccer fields at Walnut Park, 3748 W. 45th st. The field is located on an under-utilized tennis court thanks to the generosity of Griffin, the Chicago Fire Soccer Club and Hauptman family. The 40 by 75 foot area received new soccer markings and goals. The court offers free space for children to practice and participate in programming provided by the Chicago Park District, Chicago Fire and U.S. Soccer Foundation.

Actuarial Academy At De Paul Univ.



B. DOYLE



J. JONES

Two De La Salle students Laurie Jones '19 and Bryan Doyle '20 recently participated in the DePaul University Actuarial Summer Academy which is designed to get high school students engaged in the exciting field of actuarial science through experiential learning, case challenges and visits by industry professionals.

Students experienced the summer camp in teams of six, each sponsored by a different company.

The curriculum included: Workshops in Excel modeling; Experiential learning seminars in the principles of probability, statistics, risk management and financial theory; Industry professionals as guest speakers and a case challenge where students applied all that they learned.

Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 912 will meet at David School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7 p.m.

Beat 911 is roughly bounded by Western ave., Central Park ave., Stevenson Expressway and Pershing rd.

Beat 921 is bounded by Western ave., Kedzie ave., Pershing rd. and 43rd st.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

Summer Dance At Millennium Park

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events invites dancers and fans of all ages and abilities to attend the 2nd Annual SummerDance Celebration at Millennium Park on Saturday, Aug. 25th from noon to 9 p.m.

The festival will feature competitions, social dancing, lessons, and performances by local companies throughout the park. Admission is free. For the schedule, visit chicagosummerdance.org.

Highlights include: Dance Village in Wrigley Square from noon to 1 p.m. Dance Downs at Cloud Gate Stage from noon to 1 p.m. The Most

Versatile Dancer Contest from 1 to 2 p.m. Line Dancing with the Thomas Twins & DJ Boolmaster from 2 to 3 p.m. Bollywood Dance Party with Bollywood Groove from 3 to 4 p.m. Garza 360 with Meher Dance and DJ Jeet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Carnival with Planeta Azul & Passistas Samba Dance Group from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Chicago Dance Showcase at the Pritzker Pavilion from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and House DJ Dance Party from 8 to 9 p.m.

Senior Fest At Millennium Park

The City of Chicago will sponsor Senior fest 2018 at Millennium Park, Michigan ave. at Washington st. on Thursday, Sept. 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chicago residents age 60 and older will be offered picnic, lunch, flu shots, health screenings, resource fair, dancing, raffle prizes and bingo. Attendees may be dropped off at the north entrance on Randolph drive between Michigan ave. and Columbus drive.

Tickets are free and available at the Southwest Regional Center, 6117 S. Kedzie or Garfield Ridge Center, 5674 S. Archer. For more information, call (312) 744-4016.

Seminar Series On Aging Issues

The Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Justice Center is conducting a free senior enrichment seminar series at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington st., Room 2005 on Thursdays from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Topics are Aging at Home; Safety and Support Systems on Aug. 9th; When Mental Illness Requires Protective Care on Aug. 23rd; Adult Day Care Services on Sept. 6th and Empowering Nursing Home Residents on Sept. 20th.

Registration is required at (312) 603-9233.

De La Salle Honorees At Heroes In The Hood



J. MARTINEZ

De La Salle Institute announces that seven students were honored during the 25th Annual Heroes in the Hood reception held at the DuSable Museum of African-American History. Lauded for their work with the St. James Food Pantry and receiving second place in the 2018 Group Award category were recent graduates Xichu Chen and Andy Zheng along with juniors Jeremiah Catchings and Andre Alamillo as well as sophomores Lyree Brunson and Jessica Martinez.

Finishing first in the 2018 Individual Award category for his work with his church was recent graduate Travis Armstead.

Dean's List At Connecticut

Connecticut College announces students who have been named to the dean's list for the 2018 spring semester.

Local scholars are: Brian Bahena, 2018, Biological Sciences; Paloma Camarena Sevilla, 2020, Sociology and Stephanie Lopez, 2021, undeclared.

Shedd Aquarium Seeks Volunteers

The Shedd Aquarium is sponsoring Great Lakes Action Days to provide opportunities for volunteers to remove invasive species, restore habitats and pick-up litter from local ecosystems.

Individuals, families and groups are welcome. The locations are Somme Woods on Friday, Aug. 3rd from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 12th Street Beach on Wednesday, Aug. 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ping Tom Parks on Wednesday, Aug. 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. Bob Mann Woods on Saturday, Aug. 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 16th

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 63rd Street Beach on Friday, Aug. 31st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register, call (312) 692-3330 or visit GreatLakesActionDays@shedd-aquarium.org.

Esquinca Honored

Miguel Esquinca has been named of the Spring 2018 Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic Main campus, Davenport, Iowa. Palmer College was founded in 1897 in Davenport, Iowa, by D.D. Palmer, the discoverer of chiropractic.

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Loggins Graduates

Deanna Loggins of 60609, a graduate of Chicago High School for the Arts, graduated from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Volleyball Honors For DeLaSalle



De La Salle Institute announces that student-athletes Michael Coates '18 (left) and Jerry Hopkins '18 (right) were chosen to the 2018 All-Chicago Catholic League Boys Volleyball Team. Coates, an outside hitter, and Hopkins, a setter, played integral roles for the Meteors as they posted a pair of victories in the IHSA state playoffs before a season-ending loss in the IHSA St. Ignatius Regional final. Also shown is head boys volleyball coach John Grubisich '08.

40 Year Reunion For Kelly '78 Class

The 1978 graduating class of Kelly High School is planning a gala 40th Anniversary celebration for the weekend of Sept. 14th - 16th.

Sue (Lewanski) Rickbacher has scheduled a great line-up of events which opens with a tour of the school on Friday, Sept. 14th at 6 p.m. A pizza party will follow at Falco's, Archer & California at 7:30 p.m.

The main event will be staged at Zachery's Grill, 13415 S. Ridgeland on Saturday, Sept. 15th from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The cost of \$52.78 per person includes a buffet of various food stations throughout the restaurant, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages and live entertainment. A full service cash bar will be available.

Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, Brunch will be served at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, 5000 W. 127th st. at 10:30 a.m. for \$35 per person. A block of rooms has been secured for \$129 night.

The group booking code is KHS when booking online, or mention it when you call in-house reservations department at (708) 371-7300 ext. 620. The code can be entered in the "Group Code" section under "Add Special Rate codes" on the <http://group.doubletree.com/Kelly-HighSchoolClass1978Reunion>.

Classmates may attend one or all of the events. For complete details, visit <https://ruthkutz/wixsite.com/khsclassof78> or call (630) 728-6152 or email kellyclassof78@gmail.com.

Commemorative License Plate for Loyola



Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White honored the Loyola University Chicago Men's Basketball team on their successful 2017-18 season, which culminated with a run to the NCAA Final Four. Coach Porter Moser and White are pictured with players Clayton Custer, Christian Negron, Cameron Krutwig and Marques Townes. White presented the team with the commemorative Loyola University Chicago license plate in honor of their achievements.

Games Days At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer Game Days on Saturdays, Aug. 4th and 11th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages. Six new games will be selected each month. Traditional games will also be available. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Call (312) 747-6082 for more information.

Live Music At Cafe Brauer

The Patio at Cafe Brauer of Lincoln Park Zoo offers free live music on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through Sept. 27th.

The Wednesday Lineup (curated by Old Town School of Folk Music) features Aug. 8th: Tony do Rosario Duo (jazz); Aug. 15th: Barlow (blues, rags, old-time, early country); Aug. 22nd: The Pickin' Bubs (tradi-

tional country, old-time folk); Aug. 29th: Harlan Terson Duet (blues instrumentals and more); Sept. 5th: The Astronomer (pop and rock); Sept. 12th: Laura Crotte Duo (Mexicano); Sept. 19th: Jodee Lewis (Americana) and Sept. 26th: Dill Costa Duo (Brazilian jazz).

CyberNavigator At McKinley Library

The CyberNavigator at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer four computer classes.

Getting Started On A Computer will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 15th at 2 p.m. for older adults only. Patrons will learn what a computer is and how to use a mouse and keyboard.

Mobile Devices class will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22nd at 2 p.m. On Job Searching will be held on the same day, at 5 p.m. Creating Resumes, using Microsoft Word will be conducted on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 4 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

Community Dinner At McKinley Park



Green City Market will present the Big Table Community Dinner at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, on Sunday, Aug. 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are free for all ages but must be reserved at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/big-table-dinner-mckinley-park-tickets-45104301179>.

Honor Students At Trinity College

Nancy K. Garcia and Rafael Villa Jr. both of 60608 were awarded Faculty Honors for the spring 2018 semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Honors are awarded to students with a semester GPA of at least 3.667 on four graded courses, with no individual grade below B-, and no incomplete grades.

Recreation Van At Hoyne Playground



The Chicago Park District will send the Rollin' Rec activity van to Hoyne Playground, 3417 S. Hamilton on Tuesdays through Aug. 14th and Thursdays through Aug. 16th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Sports, gymnastics and fitness activities will be available for all ages. Registration is not required.

Music Series At Millennium Park

The 2018 Millennium Park Summer Music Series is offering free outdoor concerts at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place rain or shine.

Featured performers are Monday, Aug. 6th Bahamas (singer). Sunday, Aug. 12th Whitney (Indie Rock) and NE-HI (Rock). Thursday, Aug. 16th The Sea and Cake plus Moonrise Nation (Indie Rock).

Other events include: Aug. 9th Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me; Aug. 13th: Broadway in Chicago Summer Concert and Aug. 29th-Sept. 2nd: Chicago Jazz Festival.

Summer Dance

Chicago Summer Dance will be staged at Buckingham Foundation on Wednesday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Summer Reading Program for Adults

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, is conducting an Adults Summer Reading challenge through Sept. 1st. Information is available at the Adult Reference Desk or call (312) 747-9241.

Salute To Armed Forces

The 8th Annual "Salute to the Armed Forces" will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Alsip, 5000 W. 127th st. on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 1 p.m. Honorees must pre-register to attend.

This celebration is presented by Vitas Healthcare, Dignity Memorial and Double Tree Hotel.

All branches of military service men and women will receive an honorary "Salute Certificate" and Brass Commemorative Pin. The Ceremony of Appreciation will include a Patriot program, POW-MIA Remembrance Service, guest speaker Steven Braverman, M.D. Director, Hines VA Hospital, patriot entertainment and Color Guard presentation. Light refreshments will be served to honorees and guests.

List your name, branch of service, phone number, email address, and number of guests attending. Fax information to (708) 781-4365 or call Joanna Voorhees at Vitas Healthcare (708) 781-4401 by Oct. 12th.

Obituaries



BRONISLAWA KOIS, daughter of late Anna (nee Haberna) & late Jan Kois; sister of late Andrzej Kois and late Kazimierz Kois.; aunt of Anna (Jozef) Styrzula, Wojciech Kois, Krzysztof Kois and Tadeusz (Maria) Karpel. Visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 2nd from 3-9 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral services will be held Friday, August 3rd at 9 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Fabian Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



THOMAS J. SULEK of Countryside, IL passed away on July 27th at the age of 69. He was the son of late Josephine (nee Jarzab) & late Rudolph Sulek and nephew of late Emily Garbacz. Funeral services were held July 31st from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs to St. Cletus Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



JOHN E. STACHON, passed away on July 28th at the age of 73. He was the son of late Frank and late Anna Stachon (nee Gonciarz); brother of Lori Noceda, Ann Marie (John) Dymanus, Toni (Jim) Paolini, late Robert Stachon and late Diana (late John) Szala; godfather of Maria (Dan) Dymanus and Amy Paolini; uncle of Sarah (Matt) Stanislawski, Rob (Desaree) Noceda, Michelle Noceda, Tom (Myra) Noceda, Maria (Dan) Dymanus, J.P. (Sarah) Dymanus, Rachel Paolini, Amy Paolini, Michael Szala and the late John Szala; great uncle of 12. Funeral services will be held Friday 8:45 a.m. from Wolniak Funeral Home, 5700 S. Pulaski to St. Symphora Church for at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m.

2 Mile Walk For Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6th at Rock Run Forest Preserve in Joliet, IL. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Participants will complete a 2.15-mile walk and learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services. A Promise Garden ceremony will honor those affected by the disease.

In Illinois, there are more than 220,000 people living with the disease and 590,000 caregivers.

Sign up as a Team Captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at alz.org/walk.

CAPS Beat 821 Plans Meeting

8th District CAPS Beat 821 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to meet with beat officers and express their concerns.

Blood Drive At Brookfield Zoo

The American Red Cross invites eligible donors to participate in the 4th Annual Brookfield Zoo Blood Drive on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8th & 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ITW White Oak Room at the Bramsen Animal Ambassador, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield.

Donors will receive a \$10 Visa gift card (via email) and be treated to a cookout, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Those with appointments will receive free general zoo admission the day of the drive for one adult and up to two children and free parking in the Discovery Center Lot. All walk-in blood donors will receive a ticket for free general zoo admission on a return visit.

Eligible donors with types O, A negative and B negative blood are urged to make a Power Red donation. During this type of donation red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor.

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: BrookfieldZoo or call (800) 733-2767 to make an appointment.

Lebowski Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct a Big Lebowski Fest Chicago: Movie Party on Friday, Sept. 14th from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

It began as a small fan gathering in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2002 and became an entertaining pop-cultural phenomenon known worldwide.

Dress up as your favorite character from the film, enjoy live music from Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band The Fortunate Sons and the movie screening.

General admission is \$20 with free entry for 5 years old and younger. A bowling party at Diversey River Bowl will follow on Saturday, Sept. 15th.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Extended Day At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry will extend its hours until 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11th providing guests with a full day of experience its 14-acres of interactive exhibitions which include the U-505 Submarine, Science Storms and The Science Behind Pixar.

Guests may go behind the scenes of the filmmaking process through hands-on activities inspired by some of Pixar's most treasured films, participate in more than 40 interactive elements, listen to accounts from members of the studio's production teams, and come face-to-face with recreations of their favorite Pixar film characters, including Buzz Lightyear, Dory, Mike and Sulley, Edna Mode and Wall-E.

A showing of Pixar's "The Incredibles" will follow at 8:15 p.m. on an inflatable screen right outside the north entrance.

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