

**NEWS RELEASE
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

AUG. 17, 2016

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

**PERSONAL ONLINE LEARNING AND RENOVATIONS
TO GREET STUDENTS WHEN THEY RETURN AUG. 23
FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR**

New online personal learning for students, along with improved safety additions, renovation to Copeland Manor School and the standard fresh coats of paint, repaired roofing and some new flooring will greet Libertyville School District 70 students when they return this fall.

Inside the classroom, as well as at home, District 70 kindergartners through fifth-graders will take on personal differentiated learning through a new online program called CompassLearning. The program allows students to work on their own performance level, through assessing test scores and specific state standards, said Erik Youngman, District 70's director of curriculum, instruction and assessment.

"We've never done this before," Youngman said of the online program which students also will be able to reach from their home computer devices. "CompassLearning will help us use data to create student-driven learning paths that personalize instruction to meet each child's unique needs and empower students to be self-directed learners."

A teacher committee researched programs for about a year, field-testing CompassLearning last January with great success. The program uses a rigorous instructional approach, offering teachers almost immediate data and the digital interactive content engages students in their learning, he added.

Students have worked on math problems online for many years, Youngman noted, but CompassLearning provides rigorous and engaging content via direct and targeted instruction, scaffolded support, supported practice, and independent practice.

"It's truly differentiated teaching," he added.

During the 2016-17 school year, teachers also will be looking into deeper aspects of movement education as a means of enhancing the importance of leading physically active, healthy lives. Look for more movement times in classrooms to enhance of physical education classes and some optional structured play at recess.

Teachers also will be field-testing science and language art programs for kindergarten through fifth grade that are "better aligned to the state

standards,” Youngman said. Field-testing means that some teachers in each of the grade schools will use the programs to see how they work throughout the school year. The science programs will look at providing STEM and STEAM activities online, while the language arts programs look more to word study and reading.

In line with an ongoing commitment to safety and security, cameras also have been installed outside the schools and interior entrance wings that will monitor and record activity on school grounds to enhance safety at the buildings, said Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher. Signs will be posted to alert visitors that they are being filmed.

Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher said new intercom systems are being installed at all the schools. The new systems allow for safety features and design factors that can effectively broadcast pre-programmed messages that alert students and staff to safety and security practices and procedures,” he added.

The intercom systems in the schools dated back to the 1980s, said Dan Gilbert, supervisor of facilities and maintenance. “They were old analogue systems that were outdated,” he said. The old system allowed only classroom broadcasts with messages, giving little to privacy issues. The new programmable system, he said, places phones in each classroom allowing more private discussions and giving administrators practical Internet access.

As previously reported, a major \$5.7 million renovation is taking place at Copeland Manor School this summer. Over the summer, crews added four classrooms to the 58-year-old school that began with 12 rooms and has almost doubled in size. Crews also renovated the kindergarten wing, creating same-sized classrooms and bathrooms for the youngest students in the school. The Learning Center was moved back to a remodeled space and the mobile classrooms were removed.

Construction continues into the winter on a new full-size gymnasium that will include a stage. But the rest of the school is ready and we have an occupancy permit to begin school on time when we open on Aug. 23.

The only new administrative staff member is the new Highland Middle School Dean of Students Mike Cholipski. District 70 is welcoming six new teachers including Adler second grade teacher Ashley Turner, Adler Park fourth grade teacher Lisa Fumanski, Butterfield kindergarten teacher Sarah McPerren, Rockland kindergarten teacher Tayler Janda, and special education teachers Kristi Treven at Copeland and Kelly Blahnik at Rockland.

Other activity during the summer included cleaning each school from ceiling to floor, painting specific areas of the schools, installing sections of

new flooring at Adler Park School, adding an inside door to Highland Middle School, along with six new gravel parking spaces, additional lockers at Butterfield School, repairing school roofs and tuck pointing boiler chimneys at Highland Middle and Rockland schools.

#####

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

Libertyville Elementary District 70 teachers return to work for Teacher Institute Days on **Aug. 18, 19 and 22**. The first day of school is set for **Aug. 23**.

Teachers will gather together at 10:30 a.m. **Aug. 18**, for a welcome back presentation at Butterfield School, 1441 W. Lake St. A luncheon hosted by FAD70 (Family Associations of District 70) follows at noon to 1 p.m. Teachers then will travel back to their home schools for school-based meetings. On Friday, Aug. 19, teachers will attend training sessions at Highland Middle School for a new online acceleration-learning program for students, as well as language arts curriculum. Teachers also will have time to connect with technology literacy coaches to learn what new software can be used this year. On Monday, Aug. 22, teachers will work on their plan time at their schools.

***Welcome Back, introduction of new staff and the District 70 State of the District Address focusing on the new Strategic Plan will be given between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 18 at Butterfield School by Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher and Board of Education President Tom Vickers.

***Teachers began setting up their rooms in early August, once the school buildings were opened on Aug. 1. Teachers return on their own time, so there is no set schedule to take photos. Please call Robin Smith Kollman at 847-362-9695 if you have an open time and would like to take photos of teachers setting up their classrooms. She will check to see which schools have teachers setting up at that time.

#####

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

As teachers prepare for the **school year to open Aug. 23**, they are already working in their classrooms. On **Aug. 18**, teachers throughout the district will meet at Butterfield School at 10:30 a.m. for a “Welcome Back to School” session that will School Board President Tom

Vickers and Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher, and the Libertyville Education Association President and Rockland teacher Cheryl Crenshaw. The school is located at 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville. On Aug. 19, teachers will be working at Highland Middle School, 310 W. Rockland Road, all in Libertyville, and then on Aug. 22, teachers will be working in their own schools.

Photo ops of teachers preparing for the first day of class follow:

- **Thursday, Aug. 18**
8-10 a.m. All teachers meet in their own schools for a building Welcome Back session and meetings.
- 10-11:45 a.m. All teachers go to the Back-to-School orientation at Butterfield School, 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville. Supt. Schumacher and Board President Tom Vickers will lead a “Welcome Back” session and introduce new staff. Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher will address the staff by going through the new five-year Strategic Plan.
11:45 a.m. – noon: Libertyville Education Association President Cheryl Crenshaw (Rockland first grade teacher) will address teachers.
- Noon- 1p.m. District 70 staff is treated to a luncheon sponsored by the District 70 Family Associations.
- 1 – 3 p.m. Adler, Butterfield, Copeland, Highland Middle and Rockland teachers take part in professional development planning at their home schools.
- **Friday, Aug. 19**
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Teachers will be training at Highland Middle School, 310 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville Teachers will take lunch at noon.
- **Monday, Aug. 22**
8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Teachers will plan and work in their home schools.

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

Butterfield School parents, students and teachers will spend some social time together during a “Kick-Off Picnic” on **Aug. 22**. The event, to run between 4-6 p.m., will feature entertainment, food and music. A meet and greet with teachers will run around the same time from 3 to 5 p.m.

“The Kick-Off Picnic is a much anticipated event throughout the Butterfield community,” Principal Candice Kehoe said. “Students, parents and staff always look forward to this event. Besides the

fabulous entertainment, the event brings a sense of belonging and togetherness. It's a great time."

Entertainment will include music and dancing with Elite DJ's and a Photo Booth! Bulldog Spirit Wear will be for sale. Food for the event will feature Jersey Mike's subs, Jet's pizza, chips, a drink and snow cones provided by Champions, District 70's before- and after-school, preschool program. The picnic is hosted by the Butterfield Family Association. The school is located at 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville.

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

A Copeland Manor School kick-off dinner featuring a variety of food vendors will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on **Aug. 25** at the school, 801 S. Seventh St., Libertyville. There will be a DJ providing music with dancing and contests. Families will set up chairs and spread out blankets to enjoy this evening get together. Principal Lori Poelking and Assistant Principal Steve Feldman, along with some Copeland teachers, will attend.

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

An Adler Park Family Association BBQ, which includes students, parents, staff and Principal Kerri Bongle, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on **Aug. 25** at the school, 1740 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. The BBQ, which has become a quaint tradition at the school, will feature hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, and soft drinks.

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

Rockland School will mix families and teachers with a "Welcome Back to School Picnic" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on **Aug. 26**.

The event, featuring food and fun, will be held on the playground, 160 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. Look for a fun-filled night for the entire family as students and parents take time to mingle and chat with the Rockland teachers and Principal Jeff Knapp.

#####

NEWS RELEASE
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUG. 17, 2016

For more information, call
Robin Kollman at 362-9695

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 70
SCHOOL DOORS OPEN TUESDAY, AUG. 23**

The doors to all five schools in Libertyville Elementary District 70 will welcome students back on Tuesday, Aug. 23, when the 2016-17 school year officially begins for a full day of school.

The school bell rings for elementary schools in Libertyville at 8:15 a.m., while the middle school bell rings at 8:50 a.m. School dismissal for the elementary schools will be at 2:45 p.m. School dismissal for Highland Middle School is 3:35 p.m.

This is the second year District 70 offers full-day kindergarten in all the schools. Kindergartners will attend a special Open House from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. at their schools on Aug. 23. They will follow a full-day schedule on Aug. 24.

Opening day at Adler Park School will feature school staff greeting the students at the buses by the bus turnaround. There also will be a brief ceremony outside in the back as Principal Kerri Bongle introduces the staff and everyone says the pledge of allegiance. The school is located at 1740 N. Milwaukee Ave. Look for a new school mascot as “Sporty” reports in.

Butterfield School will host a Welcome Back assembly for students at 9 a.m. at the school, 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville. Principal Candice Kehoe and Assistant Principal Kristi Patterson will greet students and introduce staff in the gym. Music teacher Jonathon Weppler will sing the National Anthem.

At Copeland Manor School, students will be greeted as they get off the bus at the school, 801 S. Seventh Ave. The teachers and students will go to the cafeteria where a fifth-grader will lead the school in the pledge of allegiance and the Character Counts pledge. Principal Lori Poelking and Assistant Principal Steve Feldman will hold an assembly to introduce the school staff.

On opening day at Highland Middle School, Principal Jon Hallmark, Assistant Principal Megan Russell and NEW Dean of Students Mike Cholipski will be greeting students as doors on the northwest and west sides of the school open for business. Seventh- and eighth-graders will gather on the basketball courts and enter in the back of the building at the northwest doors, while sixth-graders will use the west entrance

and report to the lunchroom. The school is located at 310 W. Rockland Road.

Rockland students, families and teachers will gather around the flagpole at 8:15 a.m. on Aug. 23 to welcome the new school year for the school at 160 W. Rockland Road. Principal Jeff Knapp will welcome students back and introduce the staff for the new school year. Then Rockland students will lead the pledge of allegiance and the school bell will be rung before students and staff enters the building.

#####