

The Libertyville Elementary School District 70's Character Counts! Committee has expanded its hurricane victim fundraiser to assist victims in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey in southern Texas and, now Irma in Florida.

Called "Helping in Hurricane Harvey's & Irma's Wake," the fundraiser will end on Monday, Oct. 2, with collection boxes stationed in all five school offices and the administration building. District 70 is collecting cash and check donations (with checks made out to Libertyville School District 70 with Helping in Hurricane Harvey's & Irma's Wake or "Hurricane" listed on the memo section) and gift cards of up to \$25 to Amazon, Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, Target and Wal-Mart, all stores located in the devastated Texas and Florida regions. Our goal is to provide some relief to the victims of the devastating hurricane as they work to reestablish themselves. District 70 is not collecting clothes, food or other items.

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The Copeland Manor variety show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Oct. 5** at the school, 801 S. Seventh St., Libertyville. The variety show features student talent, including performances on piano, violin, as well song, dance, and ballet, said co producers and teachers Patti Schroetter and Kelly Edelsberg.

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Rockland School will host its first Mother & Son Dance at 7 p.m. on **Oct. 6** at the school, 160 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. The event is sponsored by the Rockland Family Association.

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Highland Middle School's Marching Band will march in the Libertyville High School Homecoming parade on **Oct. 7**. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Libertyville train station on Milwaukee Avenue and travels south on Milwaukee Avenue, turning west on Route 176/Park Avenue to the high school. Eighth grade band members also will play in the football stands for the Friday night Homecoming Game on **Oct. 6**.

The band has begun practicing around the Crosslife Evangelical Free Church near Austin and Garfield avenues from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The school is located at 310 W. Rockland Road in Libertyville.

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(Please call HMS Dean Mike Cholipski for more information on times if you are interested in covering this event at 847-362-9020.)

Highland Middle School sixth-graders will learn about anti-bullying on **Oct. 6 and 13** when members of Youth and Family Counseling and HMS social workers will work with students on accepting diversity during a "Bully Prevention Program." The two-day program is designed to help students change the mentality around bullying by teaching acceptance and appropriate responses to bullying behavior, said Mike Cholipski, dean of students for Highland Middle School. The program is interactive and designed to "raise awareness of what bullying is and how it is harmful; increase empathy for others; and strengthen common bonds across cultures and differences." Students will learn a range of positive responses that bystanders, victims, parents, and school staff can use to defuse bullying situations, and strategies to prevent bullying from escalating into more serious situations.

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The Butterfield Family Association's Gently Used Children's Clothing and Toy sale will be held on Oct. 13 and 14 at the Libertyville school.

The sale, which will sell consignment items from Libertyville area families, will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 and from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 14, at the school, 1441 W. Lake St. Forty percent of the sale will go to the BFA, a volunteer group which enhances education at the school, while 60 percent goes to the person selling the items.

A half-off sale on selected items will be held on Saturday.

Items for sale will include fall and winter clothing in infant through teen sizes. The sale also will include a large selection of toys, books, games, videos, sporting equipment, Halloween costumes and baby items. This will be the only clothing sale for the school this school year.

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Actor and storyteller Chris Fascione will be featured in two school assemblies about “Bringing Literature to Life” as he acts out children's contemporary and classical literature in a fast-paced, fun-filled performance from 9-10:45 a.m. on **Oct. 18** at Copeland Manor School, 801 S. Seventh St., Libertyville. The assemblies will be participatory, high-spirited shows that incorporate Fascione’s unique style of acting, storytelling and physical comedy.

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Students who attended include, from left to right, from Rockland School, Sophie Krummick and Sofia Lombardo; from Highland Middle School, eighth-graders Michael Lothspeich and Paige Bleck, from Copeland Manor School, Ava Knight and Jozie Mitran, from Butterfield School is River Thompson (wearing the tie), Abbie Ruth Nemuras and Ellie Shafer, then from Adler Park School is David Taranowski (blue shirt) and Lukas Krzeminski (white shirt).

ALL FIVE DISTRICT 70 SCHOOLS

RANK IN LAKE COUNTY FOR ATTENDANCE

All five Libertyville School District 70 schools were honored this week for being in the top 10 for the 28th annual Lake County Regional Office of Education Attendance Week competition.

Copeland Manor School ranked second for the third consecutive year in the "Small Elementary Schools" category. Meanwhile, Highland Middle School reached the third position in the "Large Elementary Schools" category.

Adler Park School ranked fourth in the “Small Elementary Schools” category followed by Rockland School at seventh place. Butterfield School ranked sixth in the “Medium Elementary Schools” category.

Staff members and students from each of the four schools attended a special breakfast award ceremony on Sept. 29, with students going on stage to accept the awards.

Students who attended included from Rockland School, Sophie Krummick and Sofia Lombardo; from Highland Middle School, eighth-graders Michael Lothspeich and Paige Bleck, from Copeland Manor School, Ava Knight and Jozie Mitran, from Butterfield School, River Thompson, Abbie Ruth

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Copeland Manor reached an attendance rate of 99 percentage rate, Highland Middle School reached a 97.96 percentage rate, Adler Park School had a 98.34 percentage rate while Rockland came in with a 98.14 percentage attendance rate, and Butterfield School had an attendance rate of 98.10 percentage rate.

All Lake County elementary schools are eligible to be recognized by the Regional School Superintendent for attendance week, which ran from Sept. 11-15 this year.

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HIGHLAND STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN

NOV. 4, 2017

PRESTIGIOUS IMEA

Several Highland Middle School orchestra students were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educator's Association District 7 Honor Orchestra concert that will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 at Wauconda High School.

The students performing will include Ellie Chen, Melody Chen and Aaron Levenson, all on violin; Christopher Hanagan and Michael Lothspeich on viola; and Randy Huang and Katelyn Jacobs on the cello, said the school's orchestra director Carol Janossy. The November performance is "quite a gala," Janossy noted.

More than 300 students auditioned for a position in the orchestra on Sept. 23 at Round Lake High School in Round Lake, Janossy said, adding that about 125 students pass the audition. Members of the orchestra are from IMEA District 7, which encompasses the Northern section of Illinois. This year's conductor is David Eccles from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. "Not only will the young musicians play great music but they will reunite with friends from other schools and also make a few new musical friends," Janossy said. "We are very proud of our selected participants."

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**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 70's
COPELAND MANOR SCHOOL
NAMED IN 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD
FROM US DEPT. OF EDUCATION**

Copeland Manor School in Libertyville is being honored as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School Award of Excellence, meaning all five Libertyville District 70 schools have been named to the prestigious national award given by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals,” District 70 Supt. Dr. Guy Schumacher said. “It is most evident that the talented children, past and present, dedicated and caring staff, as well as exemplary leadership of Copeland Manor School have devoted themselves to achieving a commitment to academic excellence.”

Recognized as one of the most prestigious honors in education, the Blue Ribbon School awards given by the U.S. Department of Education, serves as a benchmark for excellence.

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said, “National Blue Ribbon Schools are active demonstrations of preparing every child for a bright future. You are visionaries, innovators and leaders. You have much to teach us: some of you personalize student learning, others engage parents and communities in the work and life of your local schools and still others develop strong and forward-thinking leaders from among your teaching staff.”

Copeland Manor School, which underwent an addition last year of four classrooms and a gymnasium, was selected as a "high performing" school in the award categories, being measured on state assessments over the last five years. Copeland was one of up to 420 schools across the country to be nominated, with Illinois schools being recommended to apply for the 2017 award by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Copeland Manor School now joins District 70's four other schools that already have been named as Blue Ribbon Schools. Rockland was the last honoree, being awarded the prestigious national academic honor of being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2014 and in 1989. Highland Middle School also won the award twice, in 2010 and 1990. Adler Park School was awarded the Blue Ribbon in the 2000-01 school year,

having first won the award in 1991. Butterfield School received the honor in 1993.

Copeland Manor Principal Lori Poelking guided the school through the lengthy and detailed Blue Ribbon process. It began in February, when Copeland Manor staff members on the school's Improvement, Planning and Leadership Team met to split the application process into 12 different components listed by the U.S. Department of Education. Each component was then handed to a committee representing Copeland staff. Members working on the application included Traci Flader, Ann Marie Grote, Julie Jermakowicz, Meriann Negovetich, Sara Snider, as well as Principal Poelking and then Assistant Principal Steve Feldman.

"Copeland is a special place where students, parents, and visitors are all welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm," Poelking said. "Each staff member is dedicated to make every day special. Teachers work tirelessly to build meaningful relationships, provide innovative lessons, and help students learn and grow daily. Parents play an integral role in the school community and are eager and important participants in their children's educational experiences."

To be considered for the prestigious award, state schools first must be nominated by the Illinois State Board of Election, after which Copeland completed a lengthy application, providing the U.S. Department of Education details that captured the essence of what makes Copeland Manor so unique.

Poelking credited hard working students, dedicated parents and an outstanding teaching staff for working together as a team to win the award.

"I'm incredibly proud of the dedicated, talented, and kind staff that come prepared to meet the individual needs of every Copeland Cougar every single day," Poelking said. "Copeland is one of five exceptional District 70 schools that enjoys steadfast support from its Board of Education and its Superintendent, Dr. Guy Schumacher. The entire Copeland community works together to ensure students are safe, happy, and always learning."

The schools – 342 for 2017 – will be honored at an awards ceremony Nov. 6-7 in Washington, D.C. Poelking will attend, along with teachers Ann Marie Grote and Sara Snider, and Supt. Schumacher.

The award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieving at very high levels or those who have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools based on one of two criteria:

1) Schools whose students, regardless of backgrounds, are high performing. These are schools ranked among the state's highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments or in the case of private schools, that score at the highest performance level on tests referenced by national norms in at least the most recent year tested; and
2) Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that improve student performance to high levels as measured by the school's performance on state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

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LIBERTYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 70'S

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS HOLD ROCK & ROLL FUNDRAISER

OCT 13 AT AUSTIN'S IN LIBERTYVILLE

The Family Associations of District 70 (FAD70) are hosting a fundraiser, Rocktoberfest, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville. The event will feature two bands, Charlie Foxtrot and Hold the Pickle. Food and drinks also will be available for purchase.

Money raised during the fundraiser will benefit the charity of your choice, between Libertyville District 70's Family Associations, the Libertyville Multiple Sclerosis Society and Camp Duncan. Note which group to donate to when purchasing tickets at rocktoberfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com.

Tickets must be purchased online and will not be sold at the door.

For more information, please see the flyer posted on the Libertyville School District 70 website at d70schools.org.