

## Superintendent: We're excited to welcome every student to the 2022-23 school year

I would like to welcome all our students, families, and community members to the 2022-23 school year! The staff of Community Consolidated School District 89 is so excited to begin this next adventure in learning together.

After three irregular school years, it feels good to be starting school with a more normal routine. If you don't have students in CCSD 89, you might not realize that by the end of the last school year, most of the school day had gotten back to a pre-pandemic 'normal': extracurricular activities resumed, visitors returned to the schools, and all of our students were learning in the buildings.

We ended the year by celebrating 216 Glen Crest Spartans who are now high school freshmen. I hope that the entire community feels the pride of knowing that each of you contributed to the educational foundation that will support their very bright futures.

Within days of that promotion ceremony, the district began our busy summer. About 320 students participated in our summer school program. This is the second year the district has offered an expanded summer school that targets students' individual learning needs and addresses any learning loss due to the pandemic. (Read more about summer school on page 3.)



**Emily K. Tammaru**  
Superintendent

Additionally, dozens of CCSD 89 students participated in the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC) summer program. Thanks to GECRC, the students were able to explore learning opportunities that went beyond what is traditionally offered in our schools, such as meeting a plant doctor at the Morton Arboretum.

Make sure you check out the GECRC students' smiles on page 2 to learn how you can contribute to this amazing program.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone who took the time to learn more about the school-bond referendum that passed in June (learn more about that on page 2). I appreciate each person who asked questions and stayed engaged around this important issue.

We are honored that residents chose to protect the investment you have made in our school buildings, ensuring that kids will continue to learn in healthy, safe, and accessible environments. I'm glad we were able to do this while also meeting the Board of Education's goal of lowering residents' tax rate.

That steady community support is probably why, as I read about teacher shortages across the country, this is not an issue in CCSD 89.

People love to be a part of this community. Staff members tend to stay and grow at CCSD 89. In this way, the school benefits from being

part of a great community and the community benefits from strong schools.

This stability leads to greater relationships between our students and their teachers. As I mentioned earlier, our staff cannot wait to start this school year and that's for one reason: They love working with CCSD 89 kids.

Each fall, our staff has the privilege of meeting a new group of fantastic children. We value every single one of them; we can't wait to learn more about who they are and how they learn.

We will create a learning environment where they are safe and supported so that they can go home a little happier and a little better off than they were in the morning.

It's been a busy time in our school district but the truth is that there is no off-season for education. There is always a new challenge to meet and a new skill to learn. From early in the morning through late in the evening, the hallways of our schools are filled with the sounds of friends learning together. It is an inspiring place to be.

If you haven't been to our schools for a few years, I invite you to reach out and schedule a visit.

Sign up to be a mentor. Attend a music concert or an athletic event. Contribute to a PTC fundraiser. There are many opportunities to see our students' amazing accomplishments.

Whether you are a student, a parent, or a community member, everyone has an essential role in helping the district fulfill its mission of developing lifelong learners.



## The first day of 2022-23 school year is Wednesday, August 17

The 2022-23 school year will start for students on Wednesday, August 17. A full calendar of district and school events is available on the district's website at: [www.ccsd89.org/calendar](http://www.ccsd89.org/calendar)

### School times

**Elementary:** 8:50 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

**Glen Crest:** 7:50 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

**Preschool:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.

**Preschool specialized academic classrooms:** 8:50 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Half-day dismissal

Middle school: 11:15 a.m.  
Elementary: 11:50 a.m.



### Curriculum nights

**Arbor View:** August 23, 6 p.m.  
**Briar Glen:** August 30, 6:30 p.m.  
**Park View:** September 8, 6 p.m.  
**Westfield:** August 24, 6 p.m.  
**Glen Crest:** August 25  
6 p.m. for 8th graders  
6:30 p.m. all grades

## Back-to-school resources

### School supplies

[www.ccsd89.org/supplies](http://www.ccsd89.org/supplies)

### Transportation info

[www.ccsd89.org/transportation](http://www.ccsd89.org/transportation)

### Lunch menus / payments

[www.ccsd89.org/lunch](http://www.ccsd89.org/lunch)

### Upcoming events

[www.ccsd89.org/calendar](http://www.ccsd89.org/calendar)

### District news

[www.ccsd89.org/news](http://www.ccsd89.org/news)

## Construction will begin in summer of 2023 after community approves school-bond referendum

The next two summers will be filled with construction work at Community Consolidated School District 89 schools after residents approved the bond referendum. On June 28, more than 71 percent of voters supported the district's bond referendum.

This result means the district will be able to complete essential health, safety, and accessibility projects at all five CCSD 89 schools while lowering residents' tax rate.

Among the highlights of the work will be:

- Remodeling the Arbor View and Briar Glen elementary school and Glen Crest Middle School entrances for additional security;
- Replacing the elevator lifts at Arbor View and Glen Crest;
- Replacing Arbor View, Briar Glen and Glen Crest roofs, which were all past their expected lifespan;
- Replacing all or parts of the heating and air conditioning systems at all five schools;
- Remodeling kitchens at the elementary schools to improve food service for students;
- Replacing all or part of deteriorating parking lots at all five schools;
- Boiler or water heater replacement at Arbor View, Briar Glen, and Glen Crest.

A full list of potential projects is at [www.ccsd89.org/bondprojects](http://www.ccsd89.org/bondprojects). The majority of the work will occur in the summer of 2023 and 2024.

The district will continue to update the community on the progress of these projects.

Many of the systems that will now be replaced were coaxed well beyond their expected lifespan, thanks to the dedicated work of the CCSD 89 buildings and grounds team. The district will maintain this high level of attention to detail with the new systems so they also last as long as possible.

The district will also continue its traditions of meticulous maintenance and fiscal responsibility. Even with a successful referendum, the Board of Education was able to provide tax relief by allowing a 2008 set of bonds to retire and reducing a 2009 set of bonds. The Board will continue to look for ways to reduce costs while still providing students with an excellent education.

Most importantly: this referendum means students will continue to go to school in a safe, accessible, temperature-controlled environment that allows them to focus on their learning.



## Make a difference for a student by volunteering or donating to afterschool tutoring program

In July, 22 students visited the Morton Arboretum for a day of fun and learning. The visit started with a walk on platforms that brought the students to the top of the trees and inspired them to study nature from 100 feet up.

The students then explored a small pond where an ecologist showed them the unique plants and animals in this wet ecosystem. Finally, the students had a chance to meet with a plant pathologist who described the similarities and differences between doctors who work with people and those – like her –

who work with plants.

All these diverse summer learning opportunities were made possible by CCSD 89's partnership with the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC). During the school year, GECRC runs an afterschool mentoring program at Glen Crest Middle School for students who need additional academic support.

Two CCSD 89 employees design the daily activities for the afterschool program while community volunteers help students with classwork.

A similar GECRC program in District 41 has shown powerful results: With the support of trained staff and dedicated volunteers, students who consistently participated in the mentoring program showed significant academic acceleration.

GECRC is looking for donors and volunteers to be a part of the program in CCSD 89. To learn how you can help, go to [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com).

To see a video of the CCSD 89 GECRC program, go to: <https://bit.ly/89GECRC>



*Leontine Eltigani (left) and Hermione Flores, both CCSD 89 students in the GECRC summer program, study a flower during a visit to the Morton Arboretum.*



### DONATE or VOLUNTEER with GECRC

You can sign up to be a mentor with CCSD 89 students or make a donation to support GECRC programming at [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com)

## CCSD 89 spotlight: community-based learning gives students real-life skills

Students in the specialized academic classroom at Glen Crest Middle School have cognitive or intellectual disabilities. Once a month, these students take trips into the community where they can apply their classroom learning to real-life situations and increase their independence.

You can view these students' recent trip to a grocery store on the district's YouTube channel or at <https://bit.ly/89community>

Students practice using lists, speaking with strangers, and paying for purchases.

"One thing that's really neat to see when we're out in the community is people will come up to us," said Rebecca Luedtke, Glen Crest speech and language pathologist.

"It provides an awareness that these students can do all these amazing things and these students can become part of the fabric of everyday life."



YouTube

You can see this visit to the grocery store and learn more about education in CCSD 89 by searching for "Community Consolidated School District 89" on YouTube.



## Expanded summer school helps students meet standards

About 320 students participated in CCSD 89's expanded summer school program in 2022. This is the second consecutive year that the district has significantly increased the size of its three-week summer school session.

In total, more than 600 students participated in the 2021 and 2022 summer school.

CCSD 89 summer school was designed for students who needed additional time to meet learning standards from the

previous school year. The classes helped students sharpen their skills and continue their academic growth.

The classes were taught by CCSD 89 teachers and were free for CCSD 89 students.

The expanded program was paid for by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, federal grants that were provided to school districts to address the impact of the pandemic on student learning.



## Before- and after-school care for CCSD 89 students

CCSD 89 partners with the Butterfield Park District and B.R. Ryall YMCA to provide before- and after-school programs for elementary school students at Arbor View, Briar Glen, Park View, and Westfield elementary schools.

The **Butterfield Park District RecKids program** provides child-care services in a fun, safe, and active environment. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will enjoy supervised age-based activities before and after school, in addition to daily homework time and appropriate healthy snacks.

For further information, visit [www.butterfieldpd.com](http://www.butterfieldpd.com) or call at (630) 858-2229.

With a focus on safety, health, social growth and academic enhancement, the **B.R. Ryall YMCA Safe 'n Sound** before- and after-school program serves kindergarten-through-fifth-grade students, offering a variety of programmatic and activity options to explore and develop their interests and talents.

For more information please contact Erin White, B.R. Ryall YMCA Director of Youth Development, at (630) 858-0100 or [ewhite@ryallymca.org](mailto:ewhite@ryallymca.org).

## Save a life! Residents invited to donate blood Aug. 24 at Glen Crest

With more local permanent blood centers closing, Glen Crest Middle School has become a regular host site for blood drives organized by Versiti Blood Centers. Everyone in the community is invited to donate blood at Glen Crest.

Glen Crest will host its next blood drive from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24. Appointments will be honored first.

Blood donation is a simple four-step process: registration, medical history, donation, and refreshments. Blood donation usually takes about 10 to 12 minutes. The entire process, from arrival to exit, takes about an hour.

Versiti Blood Centers provide blood to hospitals across the country. The lives of approximately 4.5 million Americans are saved each year by blood transfusions. After the August 24 event, Glen Crest will next host a blood drive on November 2.



**Community Blood Drive**  
**2-6:30 p.m. August 24**  
**Glen Crest Middle School**

Ever wondered what it's like to donate blood?  
Nervous about needles?

Get answers to common questions about blood donation in this video:  
[www.ccsd89.org/blood](http://www.ccsd89.org/blood)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 15** **Staff returns**  
First day of 2022-23 school year for all CCSD 89 staff members
- AUGUST 15** **Board of Education meeting**  
Administrative Center  
22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn  
7 p.m.
- AUGUST 17** **First day of school**  
Students begin the 2022-23 school year!
- AUGUST 24** **Blood drive at Glen Crest**  
2-6:30 p.m. at Glen Crest  
Open to community  
[www.ccsd89.org/blood](http://www.ccsd89.org/blood)
- AUGUST 26** **Preschool screening**  
At Briar Glen Elementary  
More info:  
[www.ccsd89.org/preschool](http://www.ccsd89.org/preschool)
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- SEPT 5** **No school**  
Labor Day. All schools closed.  
School will resume on Tuesday, September 6
- SEPT 10** **Board of Education workshop**  
Administrative Center  
22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn  
8 a.m.
- SEPT 19** **Board of Education meeting**  
Administrative Center  
22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn  
7 p.m.
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- OCT 7** **No school**  
Teacher Institute. All schools closed.  
School will resume on Tuesday, October 11.
- OCT 10** **No school**  
Columbus Day. All schools closed.  
School will resume on Tuesday, October 11.
- OCT 17** **Board of Education meeting**  
Administrative Center  
22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn  
7 p.m.

### Stay connected with CCSD 89!



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[facebook.com/CCSD89](https://facebook.com/CCSD89)



Search "CCSD 89" on YouTube

## Kate Costello, Fatimah Shahid selected as 2022-23 Student Board Members

Glen Crest Middle School eighth-grade students Kate Costello and Fatimah Shahid were selected as the next Student Representatives to the CCSD 89 Board of Education.

"Fatimah and Kate are amazing young women," said Superintendent Dr. Emily Tammaru. "They are both so incredibly compassionate and truly want to be a voice for others. They will bring a great perspective."

Student Board Members represent their classmates at monthly Board meetings. They report on student challenges and celebrations.

### Kate Costello

Kate Costello, 13, sees the Student Board Member position not as a personal honor but as an opportunity help others. She believes every person deserves to be heard.

"I like empowering people," Kate said. "Helping to give other people a voice makes me really happy."

Kate attended Briar Glen Elementary. At Glen Crest, she has been a part of band, chorus, and drama. In sixth and seventh grades, Kate earned state-level honors in the French Horn from the Illinois Grade School Music Association. She has been a member of Builders Club, PRISM Club, intramurals, and the school musical at Glen Crest.

Outside of school, Kate participates in Girls Scouts and Scouts BSA, as well as learning jiu-jitsu.

"Kate's ability to bring people together is very exciting," wrote math teacher Monica Shekar. "She's calm, collected, mature, and has a natural talent for problem-solving and reaching a consensus."

When she gets older, Kate would like to work in family law or as a Judge Advocate General Corps attorney in the military.



### Fatimah Shahid

Fatimah Shahid hopes that being a Student Board Member will give her an opportunity to advocate for all students in CCSD 89.

"What I really want is to help all students feel comfortable in their school and have a voice in their community," the 12-year-old said.

Fatimah has been involved in a number of activities at Glen Crest, including: Builders Club, Coding Club, crew for the school musical, Drama Club, Friends Helping Friends, intramurals, Library Teen Advisory Board, Math Club, and the dress code committee.

In elementary school, she was part of Art Club, Best Buddies, Culture Club, Eco Club, Girls on the Run, Jump Rope for Heart, safety patrol, the science fair, and student council.

Fatimah is a student of service: she has been fundraising for nonprofits since third grade; she is a Girl Scout; she volunteers once a month; and she attends Islamic school every Sunday. She was the only student volunteer at the CCSD 89 vaccination clinics. She also participates in martial arts.

Fatimah moved to CCSD 89 before fourth grade and attended Westfield Elementary, where fourth-grade teacher Heba Khourshid helped Fatimah to find her voice.

"Fatimah is the advocate students should model after and the voice you need to hear," Khourshid wrote. "Her unwavering support and commitment to help others will make her an excellent Student Board Member."

As an adult, Fatimah would like to be an elementary school or English-language teacher.



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### Glen Crest Middle School

(630) 858-2770 [www.ccstd89.org/westfield](http://www.ccstd89.org/westfield)

25125 Mayfield Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL

### Westfield School

(630) 858-1600 [www.ccstd89.org/parkview](http://www.ccstd89.org/parkview)

250 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL

### Park View School

(630) 545-3300 [www.ccstd89.org/briarglen](http://www.ccstd89.org/briarglen)

1800 Briarcliffe Blvd., Wheaton, IL

### Briar Glen School

(630) 469-5505 [www.ccstd89.org/arborview](http://www.ccstd89.org/arborview)

22W430 Ironwood Drive, Glen Ellyn, IL

### Arbor View School

## CCSD 89 Schools

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