

Parent Link 10-9:

Good Evening Bell-Graham Families

“What do you have for homework tonight?” Is that a question you have come to dread?? Over the past few years, the staff and I have discussed the value of nightly homework. Supporting your child review the work of the day, developing organizational and study habits are all positive outcomes. We also understand that the 20 minutes scheduled can turn into 60 when tasks become frustrating or our expectations differ from your school experience. In an effort to support students, we are gathering a homework task force. This group would be comprised of a mix of staff and parents. We will meet approximately four times over this school year to review research, generate ideas and develop a plan to propose for the 17-18 school year. If you are interested in supporting this work, please let me know.

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Important Dates:

October 7: School Improvement Day; no student attendance
October 10: Columbus Day

Pokemon Cards: I have noticed an increase of Pokemon cards across grade levels. The cards have provided students with a common topic/interest to engage in however they are beginning to cause challenges. Having them in the café runs the risk of spills, talking Pokemon versus attending to bus lines/cars picking up has led to missed busses and backups at dismissal. Please speak with your child and ensure Pokemon cards remain a at home activity. Thank you!

SCHOOL PICTURES: You will receive your child's photo proof sheet within the next few days. Payment envelopes are to be returned to the office or on-line orders made by Tuesday, October 11th. Color Portraits will be here the morning of Monday, October 17th, for picture retakes. Please e-mail Mrs. Priola at lori.priola@d303.org if you would like your child's photo retaken.

D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District's middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year.

The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. Details of the District Administration plan will be presented to the public at the following meetings:

Thursday, October 20 Haines Middle School	7 p.m.
Monday, October 24 Wredling Middle School	7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25 Thompson Middle School

7 p.m.

The three meetings will contain the same content and can be attended by anyone in the community who wishes to attend at their convenience.

The Board of Education will consider the middle school plan at the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 11 BOE Regular Meeting

7 p.m.

Thursday, November 3 BOE Special Meeting

TBA

Monday, November 14 BOE Regular Meeting

7 p.m. at North H.S.

All meetings to be held in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 South 7th St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.