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Media Advisory: Community Leaders to Serve as Principals for a Day in U-46

Event to highlight a day in the life of a principal

ELGIN - School District U-46 will host its 11th annual Principal for a Day event Dec. 7, with more than 50 local leaders experiencing school life from a new perspective across the District's 11 communities.

"This annual event is not only a way to celebrate our schools, but it is also an opportunity for our District to create and strengthen relationships with community leaders" said CEO Tony Sanders. "These relationships matter; they are what build and sustain our schools and communities."

Participating guest principals include police officers, firefighters, leaders in the areas of medicine, finance, business and education, and more than a dozen elected officials. They will all get a behind-the-scenes look at the life and responsibilities of a school leader in a diverse district of nearly 39,000 students. Twenty-two of the 57 guest principals are new participants in the annual event.

The participants are always encouraged to develop long-term partnerships with the schools they visit by committing to activities such as mentoring and tutoring, hosting field trips, sponsoring a school activity, or being a guest for career day.

To conclude the Principal for a Day event, the guests will convene for a luncheon sponsored by Marco, a leading technology services provider, at Villa Olivia in Bartlett. The featured speaker will be Illinois State Senator Andy Manar, the chief advocate of the evidence-based school funding reform in Illinois focused on equity for all students and schools. The reform brought additional state funding to District U-46, \$24 million during the 2017-18 school year and \$18 million during the 2018-19 school year. He will address attendees on statewide education initiatives during the luncheon.



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WHO: Community leaders, U-46 schools.

WHAT: Community leaders will visit schools, each serving as a “Principal for a Day.”

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 7.

8 a.m. to noon - Guest principals at U-46 schools.

Noon to 2 p.m. - Luncheon at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake St., Bartlett.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Available at schools all morning.

Reporters who want to cover or photograph the event, please RSVP with Mary Fergus at MaryFergus@u-46.org.

Below is a chart that outlines which community leaders will serve at individual schools.

School	Principal	Principal for a Day	Organization	Principal for a Day	Organization
Abbott M.S.	Kathy Davis	Leslie Maloney	JPMorgan Chase		
Bartlett Elem.	John Signatur	Hasi Smith	Alignment Collaborative for Education		
Bartlett H.S.	Mike Demovksy	Richard Miskiewicz	Baird & Warner		
Canton M.S.	Jeff Smith	Trustee Mary Thon	Village of Streamwood		
Centennial Elem.	Sarah N. Rabe	Samantha Alloway	U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council		
Central School Programs	Lindsay Mota, Administrator	Heather Weiss	DUTU		
Century Oaks Elem.	Dr. Andrea Erickson	Linda Deering-Dean	Advocate Sherman Hospital		
Channing Elem.	Josefina Melendez	Yvonne Irving	KCT Credit Union		
Clinton Elem.	John Oliver	Chief Steve Wascher	South Elgin Fire Department		
Coleman Elem.	Brian Stark	Paul Bednar	Vintage Home Realty		



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Dream Academy	Krystal Bush	Jenette Siebens	Family Service Association		
Eastview M.S.	Donald Donner	Mayor Kevin Wallace	Village of Bartlett		
Elgin H.S.	Krystal J. Thomas	Mary Perkins	Elgin Community College		
Ellis M.S.	Yvette G. Gonzalez-Collins	Chris Price	JPMorgan Chase		
Fox Meadow Elem.	Sjoukje Brown	Councilwoman Tish Powell	City of Elgin		
Garfield Elem.	Dr. Kyle D. Bunker	Sen. Andy Manar	State Senator		
Glenbrook Elem.	Cheryl DeRoo	Kelly Behnke	Three Fires Council Boy Scouts of America Inc.		
Hanover Countryside.	Harold Shepherd	Veronica Betz	AT&T		
Harriet Gifford Elem.	Joe Corcoran	Dave Burisek	Taylor Family YMCA		
Hawk Hollow Elem.	Noelle Dupuis	Tina Smith	JPMorgan Chase		
Heritage Elem.	Catherine Fletcher	Denise Espinosa	Walgreens		
Highland Elem.	Steve Johnson	Councilwoman Rose Martinez	City of Elgin	Board Member Melissa Owens	U-46 Board of Education
Hillcrest Elem.	Teresa Winters	Robert Cox	RCDC Services		
Hilltop Elem.	Dr. Kyle VonSchnase	Clinton Scharff	Three Fires Council Boy Scouts of America Inc.		
Horizon Elem.	Jennifer Schwardt	Rep. Michelle Mussman	State Rep. 56th House		
Huff Elem.	Dr. Angelica Ernst	Chief Dave Schmidt	Elgin Fire Department		
Illinois Park	Apyrl Lowe	Amber Peters	Elgin Partnership for Early Learning		
Independence	Lisa Bergbreiter	John Parquette	Hanover Township		
Kenyon Woods M.S.	Lisa Olsem	Trustee Brandi Ramundo	Wayne Township		



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Kimball M.S.	Alan Tamburrino	Sen. Andy Manar	State Senator		
Larkin H.S.	Jamie Crosen	Melissa Barbosa-Guzman	Law Office of Melissa Barbosa-Guzman		
Larsen M.S.	Gina Crespo	Joseph McMahon	Kane County State's Attorney Office		
Laurel Hill Elem.	Maria A. Lopez	Michael Cohen	Hanover Township Youth & Family Services		
Liberty Elem.	Juanita Jimenez	Ofc. Tracey Dendinger	Bartlett Police Department		
Lincoln Elem.	Abbie Eklund	Velma Sept	African American Advisory Council		
Lords Park Elem.	Dr. Hilda Rivera	Ernie Broadnax	Project 3-2-1	Rev. Dr. Nathaniel L. Edmond	Second Baptist Church of Elgin
Lowrie Elem.	Juan Henderson	Township Supervisor Franklin Ramirez	Elgin Township		
McKinley Elem.	Juan Lira	Ralph Martire	Center for Tax and Budget Accountability		
More at Four	Angela Gallegos	Elisa Lara	VNA Health Care		
Nature Ridge Elem.	Charlotte Coleman	Hal Theis	Retired Texas A&M and McDonald's Corporation		
Oakhill Elem.	Laura Alegria	Nancy Coleman	Alignment Collaborative for Education		
Ontarioville Elem.	Dr. Elizabeth Ma	Ron Wentzell	Three Fires Council Boy Scouts of America Inc.		
Otter Creek Elem.	David Aleman	Board Member Dawn Curran	U-46 Educational Foundation		
Parkwood Elem.	Ana Arroyo	Trustee Sharmin Shahjahan	Village of Hanover Park		
Prairieview Elem.	Paul Flatley	Board Member Philip Lewis	Kane County Board		
Ridge Circle Elem.	Janelle Raine	Chief Daryl Syre	Streamwood Police Department		



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Ronald D. O'Neal Elem.	Marcie Marzullo	Chief Ana Lalley	Elgin Police Department		
South Elgin H.S.	Brian Moran	Sen. Andy Manar	State Senator		
Spring Trail Elem.	Amy Kendryna	Daniel Potter	JPMorgan Chase		
Streamwood H.S.	Michele Chapman-Simmons	Fatima Reyes	Avid CNA School		
Sunnydale Elem.	Dr. Maria Valdovinos-Bhatia	Oswaldo Alvarez	Grand Victoria Foundation		
Sycamore Trails Elem.	Lisa Cardenas	Ofc. Victoria Anderson	Bartlett Police Department		
Tefft M.S.	Luis Fernando DeLeon	Board Member Sue Kerr	U-46 Board of Education		
Timber Trails Elem.	Dr. Elisa Biancalana	Dave Bearden	Elgin Symphony Orchestra		
Washington Elem.	Lori Brandes	Maggie Sifuentes	Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois		
Wayne Elem.	Dr. Marybeth DeLaMar	Commissioner Martin McManamon	Wayne Township		
Willard Elem.	Dustin Covarrubias	Board Member Michael Kenyon	Kane County Board		