



BIWEEKLY DISTRICT EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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South Holland School District 151

November 21, 2025

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Coolidge A.C.T.S. (A- Assisting C- communities T- through S- service) & Student Council is excited to kick off their **2nd Annual Sock Drive** as the colder months roll in!

Socks are the **number one most-needed item** in the homeless community, yet they're often the least donated. This is a small way we can make a big difference for those in need right here in our community.

If you're able, we'd love your help by donating **NEW SOCKS** of any size, color, or style. Every pair counts and will be so appreciated!

Coolidge A.C.T.S. Presents:
2nd Annual Cozy Toes Sock Drive

Nov. 13 - Dec. 13, 2025



A.C.T.S. is partnering with Student Council to bring warmth for those in need this winter!

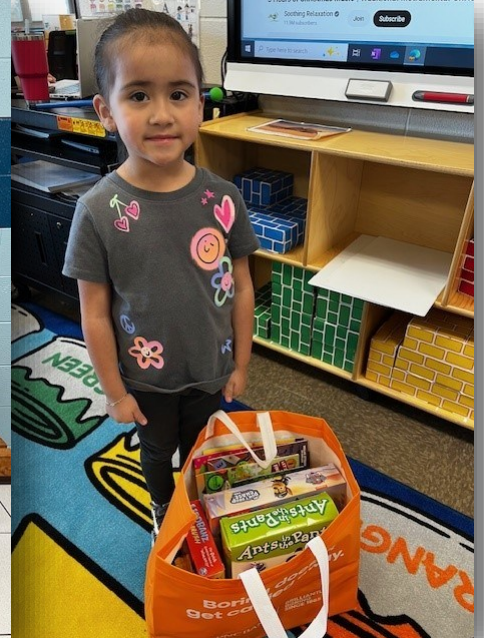
Please drop off **NEW** socks in the designated laundry bins located in each grade's common area or in the main office.



See sponsors for questions:

Coolidge A.C.T.S.: Ms. Berry, Ms. Love & Mrs. Muldrow

Student Council: Ms. Bond, Ms. Ireland, Ms. Jones & Mrs. Nosike



During the month of October Taft School held a reading contest. This was a school-wide challenge. The students were encouraged to read as many books as possible

during the month of October.

Congratulations!

First photo (left) Soledad Fajardo Kindergarten winner, (right) Valentina Gonzalez, 1st grade winner. Second photo Alexa Anguiano Pre-K winner.



(773) 247-3663 — visit chicagosfoodbank.org for a list of food resources in your area

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COOLIDGE—GREEN TEAM



During Intercession Green Team members visited Brookfield Zoo to learn about how zoos help with animal conservation. One of the highlights was visiting the recently opened Bramsen Tropical Forests. While there, Green Team members recycled cell phones from their annual cell phone drive that takes place during April. Recycling cell phones helps with gorilla conservation.

CSWAP at South Suburban College



SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE
Office of
VETERANS CENTER



Honoring All Who Served
VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11

**Strength in Service:
A Veteran's Story of Resilience**



Join us for an inspiring and heartfelt conversation with a Wounded Warrior veteran as they share their journey of strength, perseverance, and recovery.

Danielle Green

"WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT ALLOWED ME TO FEEL STRONG, BRAVE, AND CONFIDENT IN WHO I AM AS A FEMALE WARRIOR AND A COMBAT VETERAN."

**Friday,
November 14, 2025
12:00pm-2:00pm
MB Financial**

The Coolidge Color guard proudly presented the American flag during the national anthem at South Suburban College's Strength in Service: A Veteran's Story of Resilience event where retired army Wounded Warrior veteran Danielle Green was the honored guest speaker telling her story of resilience and survival.





Mad 7 is testing out a new segment with the students, "Connecting through Conversations". It will be a series of short conversations students conduct with various adults. Their first round was connecting with their Student Council Sponsors and Mr. Gervase, the new art teacher! They are working on getting students to speak a little louder, but that is a skill best learned through practice! We look forward to sharing more Connecting Through Conversations. You never know, our next interview could be YOU!



CSWAP learned about finance from South Holland District 151's Financial Officer, Mr. Clark.

Community Service

The Coolidge A.C.T.S. Club, along with their sponsors (Berry, Love, and Muldrow) were eager to serve their community by participating packing Manna Packs at *Feed My Starving Children*.



Together, they helped pack 123 boxes containing 20 packs that equated to 26,568 meals. This is enough to feed 73 children for an entire year!

In addition, they donated \$106.00, which will provide food for one child for a full year.

Coolidge is proud of their students' hard work and grateful for the opportunity to make a difference!



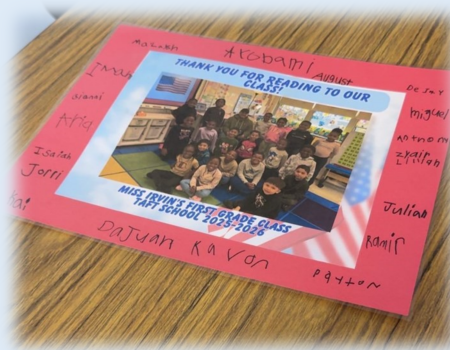
CSWAP visited Thornton's Township Food pantry in South Holland. The boys assembled and filled 640 boxes of can and box food goods for the families of Thornton township. Thornton's administration was very grateful for CSWAP contribution to the community and extended an invitation to come back next year.



The Letter "E" at Taft



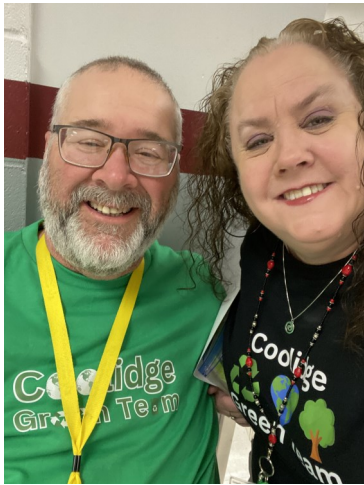
Ms. Gormley's class at Taft School focused on the letter "E" as part of Jolly Phonics.



Mr. Arturo Ortiz, a former Marine, visited Ms. Irvin's First grade classroom at Taft to teach the class about a Marine's job and how he became a Marine. He also answered the students' questions and read the class "Goodnight Marine".

The [Village of Phoenix Public Library District](#) hosted a Reading Night, where families collaborated on table puzzles to win prizes, enjoyed pizza, and participated in a raffle with prizes for both adults and children, all while being entertained by a magician. Each child received a complimentary bag of books and candy, making for a fun-filled family event. Thank you to Top Teens of America and Top Ladies for volunteering their time.





Green Team



What is America Recycles day? America Recycles day is a special day America has set aside to remind all of us how important recycling is. America Recycles Day started in 1997 and is celebrated on November 15th. It is the only nationally recognized day in the United States dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy-recycled products. *Google*

Coolidge Green Team members and staff celebrated America Recycles Day by wearing Green Team shirts on Friday. Additionally, all students and staff were asked to participate in an ARD Pledge Drive to encourage everyone to recycle more. The results were tallied and posted in the hall for everyone to see. Finally, Coolidge is participating in the America Recycles Day Clothes Collection Contest which ends on November 30th. We have already recycled 299 pounds of textiles in the first two weeks. Please continue to bring in clothes to be recycled. Our bin is located in the staff parking lot off of 155th Street, or feel free to drop them off with Ms. Jendrzejak.



Eisenhower 2nd Grade Raffle Winners



Eisenhower's 3rd Grade Raffle Winners

Eisenhower's Thanksgiving Feast





TARGETED SCHOOL DISTRICTS



133, 147, 148, 151, 152, 152 1/2

OTHER PROGRAM DETAILS

- 20-25 players per team
- 2 Leagues - 5th/6th grade league and 7th/8th grade league
- Schools will be allowed to practice on-site at Thornton Twp. High School, or at the designated school's location
- Thornton Township High School will furnish equipment.
- \$120 participation fee can be waived with a fundraising opportunity
- All games will be played at Thornton High School on the new turf field
- Each team will play each other one time during the regular season
- 5 Week regular season
- 3 Week Playoffs & Championship
- End of Season Banquet



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THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR WILDCAT FOOTBALL LEAGUE



J.W.F.L

From 2015 to 2024, we've witnessed a significant decrease in the participation of football, not just in the Chicago land area, but across America. The kids of our community do not have the resources available to them to become better in football, which limits their capacity to develop the necessary skills to compete and gain confidence. Over the years it has been the community and/or Catholic schools who have the financial resources to recruit and train skilled athletes to help them win state championships.

Although Thornton Township HS was one of the best schools in the state historically and traditionally in athletics, in which it had the most players from one high school in the NFL at one point, it now serves communities that are:

- *Transient
- *Riddled with crime and violence
- *Lacks the necessary resources to provide and sustain youth sports programs

Because of this:

- *Kids are not as physically active as in the 80's, 90's or even early 2000's
- *Electronic devices (iPhones, iPads, video games, social media, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram) have taken over
- *Potential drug, alcohol and gang activity has become prevalent
- *Deviant & restless behavior has been problematic

As a result, Thornton has seen a substantial decline, not only in its enrollment, but in the talent level and the number of kids that participate in football, causing its program to decline as well.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

We will create two separate middle school football leagues, one league for 5th & 6th graders, and one league for 7th & 8th graders. The league will focus specifically on instructional development, as we will teach our athletes the proper fundamentals, techniques, and schemes for them to be successful in football.



MISSION

- To encourage and increase youth participation in football **FOR THE KIDS IN OUR SCHOOL SERVICE AREA.**
- To assist with the development of our young athletes by teaching them the game of football and related skills through an intentional progression.
- To instill confidence in our young athletes in a safe and positive playing environment, keeping them active and off the streets, and preparing them to play High School Football at Thornton for the next four years.





Our football program will be designed to develop the character of our young men. We want them to win games on the field, but we also want them to win the game of life by becoming productive, law-abiding citizens. Our core values that we will instill in our young men are:

DISCIPLINE, ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE, PRIDE, HARD WORK, DEDICATION & COMMITMENT.

All with the intention of playing football at their hometown school.



Coolidge's Superheroes Curriculum Night

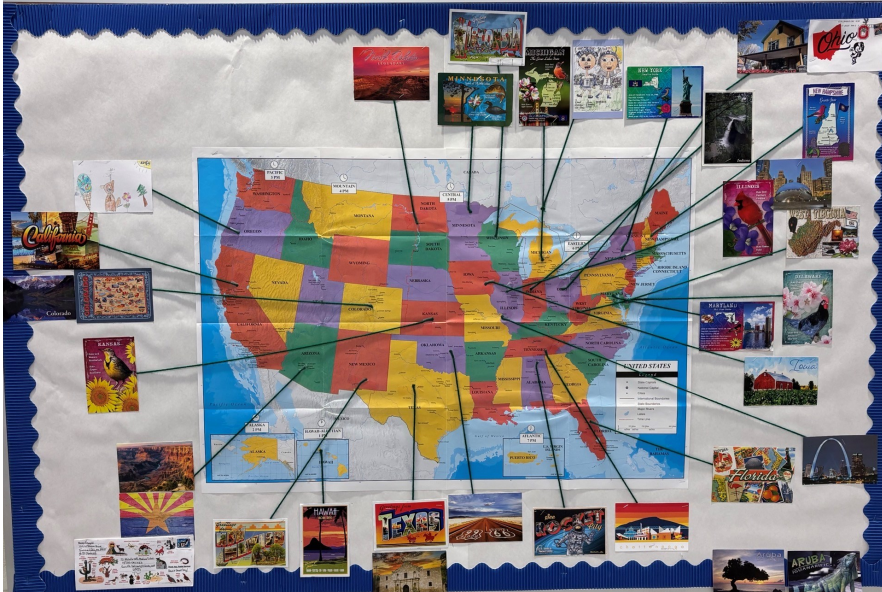




Taft's Thanksgiving Feast



Postcard Exchange



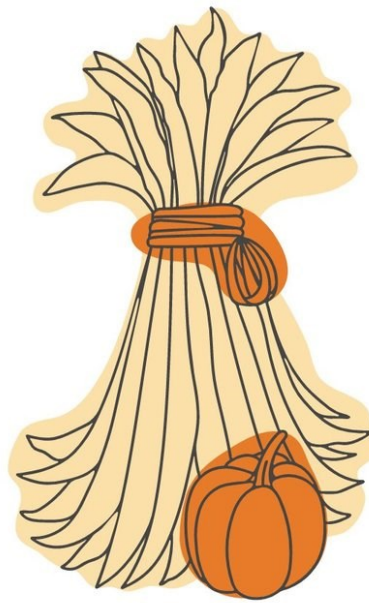
Madison Room 7 is now officially halfway through the country! We have 26 states and counting!

New Teacher Training: facilitated by Dr. Hartzol



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Thanksgiving Break



No School

**The District will be closed:
November 25, 26, & 27th
Enjoy your Holiday.**



SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 151 OFFERS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO ALL STUDENTS

SUMMER FOOD MEALS WILL BE OFFERED DURING INTERSESSION

OCTOBER 14-17, 2025, JANUARY 6-9, 2026, and APRIL 7-10, 2026



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FOR ALL STUDENTS

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14-17 DE OCTUBRE, 2025, 6-9 DE ENERO, 2026, Y 7-10 DE ABRIL DE 2026



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FOR ALL STUDENTS

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