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Ben Wootton, a fifth grade student at Serena Hills School in Flossmoor School District 161, acted as “Principal for the Day” on Tuesday, May 3. Ben’s parents won the unique opportunity by participating in the silent auction during the District 161 PTO’s annual Mardi Gras in February.

Some of Ben’s responsibilities included a meeting with Dr. Donna C. Joy, Superintendent of Schools, conducting morning announcements, a safety check of the building with the custodian, playground supervision, and other duties that arose during the day.

That afternoon the Chicago Heights Business Council held their monthly meeting at the school, located at 255 Pleasant Drive in Chicago Heights. The council members arrived at 11:30 a.m. and enjoyed a lunch provided by Mrs. Lynn Westerlund, Principal. Third grade teacher Janet Burke presented a demonstration of a Smart Board, an interactive whiteboard used to enhance and enrich instruction. The council was also entertained by the Serena Hills School fifth grade choir, under the direction of music teacher Katie Harshbarger.

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Serena Hills School fifth grade student Ben Wootton is pictured.