

# Canty Newsletter

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" . . . Nelson Mandela*



## Message from the Principal

### Holiday Gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect. ~ Oren Arnold

December is a very busy month. We will send home fifteenth week progress reports. Please review them with your children. We are also getting ready for the winter testing that will take place in January: DIBELS, Scantron, Common Core and ACCESS. The end of January marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

On the other hand December is full of fun. . . holiday rush, concerts, parties, presents, winter break, and time to relax, time for family.

Please mark your calendars. Canty students are getting ready for winter concerts. Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been practicing holiday songs with Mrs. Wasko in their music classes. They will be performing for the whole school on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents and families are welcome to join us for the concert on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. The Annual Winter Chorus concert will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Our students in the band program will have a Band Concert at Notre Dame High School on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The Canty Parent Teacher Club opens Snowball Express in the Library December 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to wish all of you a wonderful, healthy holiday and a smooth leap into the New Year. Students, enjoy winter vacation and stay safe.

I have an open door policy. If you would like to contact me, email me at [jmirowska@cps.edu](mailto:jmirowska@cps.edu) or come to the school. For all news and information check our webpage: [www.cantyschool.org](http://www.cantyschool.org)

Dr. Lucja Mirowska-Kopec



## 2011 - 2012 CANTY LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Parent Representatives:** John Rice – Chairman, Wojciech Wloch – Secretary, Ryan Forbes, Francesco Paolucci, Javier Silva, Wayne Wiberg **Community Representatives:** Mary Anselmo, Blaire English  
**Teacher Representatives:** Catherine Laduzinsky, Ronald Yak **Staff Representative:** Cynthia Mavridis  
**Principal:** Dr. Lucja Mirowska-Kopec

### Meetings Schedule for 2011-2012

All meetings are located in room 108 and take place on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. unless stated differently

December 14, 2010 6 p.m.	January 11, 2011	February 8, 2011
March 14, 2011	April 11, 2011 ~ Community Forum 6 p.m.	
May 9, 2011	June 13, 2011	July 11, 2011

**Make a Difference** – Run for your Local School Council. 2012 Elections will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> for Elementary Schools and April 19<sup>th</sup> for High Schools. Applications for the Local School Council and judges for election day are available in the school office. March 8, 2012 is the deadline for submitting nomination papers.



## BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PICK-UP SAFETY

Parents we need your help! We are now blocking 3700 Panama at 2:30 to secure student safety. Students may walk out and cross alleys and streets suddenly. Please drive carefully. We also realize that parking spots are limited before and after school but please **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK** You may be ticketed by Chicago Police Department.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the weather is 40 degrees or below, or it is raining, children are allowed into the building **after 8:40 a.m.** Please do not drop off your children before this time as there is no supervision. In the main building kindergarteners will continue to come in through the main doors. **ALL other grades** must come in through the playground doors off Paris. This will be the only door open for students to sign up for lunch and then go to their designated locations. **Kindergarten parents** we ask that you just drop off your children. Waiting becomes a hazard. Both modular's have an adult opening the doors after 8:40 a.m.



## PARENT PORTAL

Did you forget your password? Email Ms. Laurencell and she can reset your password for you. If you do not have your child's pin number you may get it from your child's homeroom teacher. You must have the pin number and your child's student ID number to get complete access to parent portal. Even though there is a notes option on the portal, please email the classroom teacher, call to set up an appointment with them if you have any concerns. If you are having trouble with access please see Ms. Laurencell.



## YEARBOOKS

2011-2012 Yearbooks can be purchased by sending \$23.00 in an envelope to Mr. Mavridis in Room 205. Yearbooks contain classroom pictures as well as sports teams, clubs and special event pictures taken throughout the year. Purchase a book full of memories today. A table will also be set up during report card pick-up night for those who would like to make a purchase.



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If you would like to retake your class picture or you were absent the retake day is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pictures will be taken between 9a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Students in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing in our Holiday program. The program, for the parents to view, will take place Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have two performances to accommodate all our guests the 1<sup>st</sup> performance will begin at 9:15 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance will begin at 1:15 p.m. The only difference in the two performances will be that the band will perform in the morning assembly. Parents will enter the building through the auditorium doors. On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Winter Chorus Concert. Doors open at 6:30. This is always a wonderful performance. Please come and hear their joyful sounds. We also have a band that will be performing on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame High School at 3115 North Mason at 7 p.m. To cap off our holiday festivities many classrooms are having parties on Friday after 1 p.m.



## DIBELS/mClass MATH TESTING GRADES K-2

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be taking DIBELS and mClass Math test with their homeroom teacher from January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>. Results will be sent home in February by the homeroom teacher.



## COMMON CORE QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT GRADES 2-8

Common Core Quarterly Assessment is a test given to students 4 times a year to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be taking a Reading and Math exam between January 9<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>.



## SCANTRON TESTING GRADES 3-8

Scantron is a test given to all students in grades 3 through 8 three times a year (fall, winter and spring) to help teachers guide their instruction. The next window for taking this test is January 17<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>. Classrooms will be assigned time using the laptops to complete the assessment.



## ACCESS EXAM

All bilingual students will be give the ACCESS exam between January 9<sup>th</sup> - February 17<sup>th</sup>.



## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES

January 14<sup>th</sup> will be the picture day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade composites. Students are asked to come dressed in appropriate clothing. Ladies please bring a sweater to wear over your shoulders during the school day. You might also consider a change of shoes.



## KEY DATES

December 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Picture Retakes AM only  
December 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Band Concert at Notre Dame H.S. @ 7 p.m.  
December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ LSC in Room 108 @ 6 p.m.  
December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Winter Chorus Concert 6:30 p.m.  
December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Winter Program Students Only  
December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Week Progress Reports go home  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Winter Program for Parents 9:15 p.m. & 1:15 p.m.  
December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ January 8<sup>th</sup> Winter Break  
January 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Back to School ☺  
January 11<sup>th</sup> ~ CPTC Meeting @ 5:30 in room 102  
January 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Market Day Pick-up 5:45  
January 11<sup>th</sup> ~ LSC @ 6:00 in room 108  
January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picture Day  
January 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Martin Luther King Birthday – No School  
January 27<sup>th</sup> ~ No School for Students – Staff Development End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter