

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

It is hard to believe the first month of school has come to an end! The teachers and staff have been working hard to set the tone for the school year so all our students can be successful.

There is a lot to celebrate. Our students did a great job on ISAT last year. Those results should be coming soon and will be distributed when they arrive. We made AYP this year in all categories. Kudos to the entire Canty community.

I would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend the Open House in September. It was a great success. Progress reports for the first five weeks will be sent home on October 12th. Just a reminder, that there is no school October 10th for Columbus Day or on October 28th for Staff Professional Development.

On a fundraising note, the McTeacher night brought out many families and we were able to raise \$506.00. We will be having another fundraiser Monday, October 17th that also involves our teachers. The annual Pizza Fundraiser is a great time for families to order a pizza and have a Canty Staff member deliver it to your home. All tips and a portion of the sales go back to Canty.

We will be having a Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st, if weather permits. It will begin after morning activities, around 9:30 for students in K – 3rd Grade. We will walk around the school on the sidewalk. Classrooms Pre-K through 5th will also have classroom parties after 1pm. Accessories like toy swords, guns etc, are not permitted even if they are part of a costume.

I have an open door policy. If you would like to talk with me about any concerns, you may email me at Imirowska@cps.ed or come to the school.

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 Luduzinsky, Ronald Yak

Staff Representative: Cynthia Mavridis

Principal: Dr. Lucja Mirowska-Kopec

Meetings Schedule for 201-2012

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

October 12, 2010	November 9, 2010 ~ Community Forum 6 p.m.
December 14, 2010	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



ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTIFICATION

This is to notify you in accordance with Illinois and Federal Asbestos Regulations, that a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available at each school during school hours by appointment. Requests to review the Asbestos Management Plan must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Also, please be advised that CPS conducts asbestos inspections of all schools every three years. The last inspection was completed in 2010. Asbestos surveillances are conducted every six months.



DIBELS TESTING GRADES K-2

Kindergarten – 2nd grade students will be taking DIBELS test with their homeroom teacher from August 31st – October 14th. Results will be sent home in October.



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 first window for taking this test is September 6th – October 14th. Classrooms will be assigned time using the laptops to complete the assessment.



PARENT PORTAL

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.



HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Come meet high school representatives & get high school applications at the **High School Fair** **October 13th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** At Oriole Park Elementary School 5424 N. Oketo Ave.



McTEACHER'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER

For all of the students and families who came out for McTeacher's Night at the McDonalds on 1st Avenue thank you. Your coming out and supporting Canty has raised \$506.00.



PIZZA FUNDRAISER

This year we are again holding our annual pizza fundraiser. It will take place on Monday, October 17th. Orders placed at the pizza place will be delivered by Canty Teachers and Staff. Canty gets to keep some of the proceeds for the pizza along with all the tips. A menu and detailed information will be coming home soon.



PLAYGROUND

The play lot is for Kindergarten through 2nd grade only. **Because of the playground being smaller we can no longer play bounce the ball off the building.** We do not want any children or adults to get hurt. Also, balls of any kind can only be used on the grass field.



BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PICK-UP SAFETY

Parents we need your help! To keep everyone safe before and after school we need to do the following:

- Due to the safety of all children we cannot have dogs on the playground.
- Do not block the cross walks with your cars while you are waiting for your children.
- Please cross the street at crosswalks. Children follow what adults do.
- When pulling away, once you have collected your children, please watch out for the other students who are walking home.
- At Addison location please do not drive around the busses it is illegal.
- **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK** because 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.



PICTURE DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st

This picture day is the picture that the class composite and yearbook pictures is taken from. Please dress appropriately.



TAFFY APPLE SALE

Taffy Apple pre-sale will take place from 10/4 – 10/12. Place your order and money in an envelope marked with your child's name and room number. Pre-orders will be ready for pick-up on October 24th after 2:45. Apples will be available to purchase during lunch periods on October 26th, 27th, 28th and if available the 29th.



RED RIBBON WEEK

CPTC will sponsor Red Ribbon Week October 25th - October 29th Read their newsletter for details or check out information on the cantycptc.org website.



HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday, October 27th will be our annual Family night sponsored by the CPTC. **Please join us for all kinds of fun activities.**



HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTIES

October 31st Canty will have our traditional Pre-K – 5th grade parade. If weather permits we will walk outside along the sidewalk after morning activities. The Addison location will also have a parade at their location. Pre-K – 5th grade will have classroom parties after 1 p.m.



KEY DATES

October 10th Columbus Day ~ No School
October 12th Progress Reports Go Home
October 13th High School Fair at Oriole Park (date did change)
October 17th Pizza Fundraiser "Teachers Deliver"
October 21st Fall Picture Day
October 27th CPTC Family Halloween Night
October 28th Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL for Students