

# 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

### Welcome to the Wonderful 2011 School Year!

We are very happy to see you all back at school ready for the challenge to grow academically. As you all know Chicago Public Schools under the new administration of Mr. Brizzard went through a reorganization process that is still in process. We are now apart of the O'Hare Network with the new Chief Officer Dr. Mesa-Collins. The big stress put forth by CPS are common core standards, and academic rigor.

We would like to welcome the new families to the Canty Community and hope that you feel part of our family. We are looking forward to continuing collaboration with our families to build a strong, safe, and caring community. Please, join us for the Open House, September 15<sup>th</sup> to see how Canty has been growing and evolving. For all news and information check our webpage:

[www.cantyschool.org](http://www.cantyschool.org)

The first few weeks you will not see me due to sudden surgery that I went through and had to take a leave of absence. Visit me anytime upon my return. All questions please direct them to my assistant Ms. Laurencell.

I do have an open door policy. If you would like to contact me, email me at [imirowska@cps.edu](mailto:imirowska@cps.edu) or come to the school

Dr. Lucja Mirowska-Kopec



## SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder that school begins sharply at 9:00 a.m., dismissal takes place at 2:45 in our main building and at our Addison location 8300 W. Addison the school day begins at 8:45 and dismissal is at 2:30 p.m.



## ATTENDANCE

Your child's attendance is important. Please try to have your child present for school daily. Students who attend school regularly are more successful. If your child will be absent, call the school at 773-534-1238 option 3 and leave a message with child's name and classroom. Send him or her back to school with an absence note. Detailed information about the attendance policy will be in your parent packet. Doctor appointments and special events should be scheduled after school hours so that students do not have to leave school early or be absent as this disrupts the instructional day.



## LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Lunch applications are in the parent packet if you did not fill one out on the quick start days. It is important to fill out the forms (one per family) and return them to school. Your child's lunch status will be determined once the application is processed. These forms are very important as we get our state funding based on that information. Please complete and return the form to the school as soon as possible.



## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

We will be serving "Universal Breakfast" in the classrooms each morning. As the 3-8 grade students enter the main building they will pick up a bag and milk and go to their classrooms. K-2 will have the breakfast already in their classrooms for the students.

Students who are eating a school lunch must come in to the building through the door off the playground closest to the play lot to sign up for their lunch. Parents please place money in an envelope marked with your child's name and room to make the process faster. You may pay for a week or month at a time. Mrs. Lagunas will then keep track of your account. Lunch Menus will be posted on our webpage monthly when they are sent to us. If they begin sending us a breakfast menu then that will also be posed but as of now we only get the lunch menu.

### New Lunch Prices

Full Price \$2.25  
Reduced \$ .40



## SCHOOL FEE

A reminder the school fee is \$55.00 and should be given to the classroom teacher within the first two weeks of school. This fee pays for all the consumable materials your children write in. Please place money in an envelope marked with your child's name and room. Cash and money orders only. **No Personal Checks.**



## 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 2010-2011 ~ All meetings are TBA**

Wednesday, September 14, 2010 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12, 2010

Wednesday, November 9, 2010 ~ Community Forum 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, 2010

Wednesday, January 11, 2011

Wednesday, February 8, 2011

Wednesday, March 14, 2011

Wednesday, April 11, 2011 ~ Community Forum 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 2011

Wednesday, June 13, 2011

Wednesday, July 11, 2011



## CANTY OPEN HOUSE

We will be hosting our 2011 – 2012 Open House on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for all grades. We will run three 25 min periods with a 5 minute pass time to give parents an opportunity to visit with at least three teachers.



## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

8<sup>th</sup> grade parents only will have a ½ hour information session the same day as our Open House. It will take place from 6:00 to 6:30 in the auditorium. We will go over vital information you will need to know for selecting a high school and other 8<sup>th</sup> Grade information.



## 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 August 31<sup>st</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>. Classrooms will be assigned time using the laptops to complete the assessment.



## HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Come meet high school representatives & get high school applications at the **High School Fair** **October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** At [Oriole Park](http://OriolePark) Elementary School 5424 N. Oketo Ave.



## PLAYGROUND

The play lot is for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## KEY DATES

September 21<sup>st</sup> Lunch Applications DUE

September 22<sup>nd</sup> McTeacher Night at McDonalds on Cumberland

September 23<sup>rd</sup> NO SCHOOL for Students PD DAY

September 30<sup>th</sup> Bus Evacuation Drill Day

October 10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day ~ No School

October 12<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports Go Home

October 17<sup>th</sup> Pizza Fundraiser "Teachers Deliver"

October 21<sup>st</sup> Fall Picture Day

October 27<sup>th</sup> CPTC Family Halloween Night

October 28<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL for Students