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October 2018 Newsletter

A Note from the Administrator in Charge

Dear Canty School Families,

My first week at Canty is complete and it has been a wonderful welcome. Introducing myself at the Open Houses gave me an opportunity to see the Canty community in action. Staff, students, and parents alike have made me feel right at home. Thank you!

I know the Network sent home a letter about my background, so I won't go over that again. However, they did not tell you that I have three grown children, a five-year-old granddaughter and three dogs. I have been married forever; retired a few short years, and I am glad to be back in a school.

I look forward to working with you as you go through the process of selecting a new principal. I can already see that you have a committed Local School Council and parents devoted to their children's success.

Please feel free to contact me with concerns (skcarlson@cps.edu) or drop in to say hello.

Sincerely,

Sandra Carlson

Administrator in Charge

October Happenings

Thank you to all the Parents, Students, Staff, and Community members that came out to help support Canty School at McTeacher night at McDonalds. October brings more events to bring us together. Progress reports for 1st quarter will go home on October 5th. If you want an earlier notice of how your child is doing, set up a parent portal account. Email Ms. Laurencell at cldlaurencell@cps.edu and she will provide you with your child's ID and personal pin number. In honor of Christopher Columbus there is no school on Monday, October 8th. Our "Friends of Canty" will be hosting our annual Halloween Fest on October 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm. There is something for all grade levels ~ Games and activities for Pre-K to 5th grade in the Lunchroom and a Costume dance party for 6th to 8th grade students in the Gym.

~ Halloween Information is located on the last page of this Written Newsletter~

Forms

If you have not already turned in your Family Income form, Emergency form, Medical Form, Media Consent form, and Cell Phone form, please send all forms to the teachers as soon as possible. If your email or phone number has changed or you need to add additional contacts on the Emergency form, you can print and complete a copy of this form anytime from our website: www.cantyschool.org ~ under Parents ~ then under School Forms, and send it in with your child.

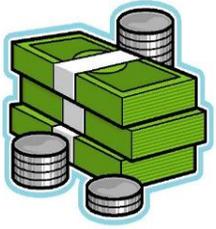
Cell Phone and Cell Phone Watches

- The Canty cell phone policy reflects the Chicago Board of Education's policy on cell phones and wireless devices.
- Before a child is allowed to have a cell phone at school, the Canty Student Cellular Phone/Wireless Device Agreement must be completed, signed, and given to the homeroom teacher.
- While students are in the building (during, before or after school hours), cell phones/wireless devices are ONLY allowed to be in the students' backpacks and TURNED OFF! Cell phones/wireless devices are not allowed to be taken out of their backpacks, or turned on, until the student has left the building. If a student does not abide by these rules the following consequences (taken from Chicago Public School's Student Code of Conduct, code 2-12), will be strictly enforced.
- We are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones/wireless devices or other electronic devices.

Family Income form

The Family Income form is the basis of our school funding. Every family needs to complete this form. *Only one form per family needs to be submitted.* If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact Mrs. Jill Watkins at jrwatkins1@cps.edu Please ensure the form is returned ASAP.

Extra forms are in the Main Office or on our website!



Science Fee

In order to provide a complete science program including labs and experiments, the science department, with the approval of the Local School Council, has approved a *Science fee of \$5 dollars for Kindergarten to 5th grade students* and a *\$10 dollar fee for 6th to 8th grade students.* Please submit this fee to the grade level Science Teacher. Cash only.

Student Fee

The Local School Council has set the Student fee of \$80 dollars. The Student Fee is \$80 dollars and can be sent to your child's homeroom teacher. The Student Fee helps Canty School buy additional curriculum materials like novels, magazines and online educational materials.



Medical Forms

**Physical Exam for students: Prek, Kindergarten, 6th grade and any student entering CPS for the first time ~ Due by 10/15/18*

**Vision Exam for students: Kindergarten and any student entering a State of Illinois school for the first time ~ Due by 10/15/18*

Dental Exam for students: Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade ~ Due by 5/15/19

Exclusion letters due to missing shots or physicals went home. If you get a letter and make a doctor's appointment, let us know immediately so your child's attendance is not affected and we can note it in the system of upcoming appointment.

**Failure to submit the required documents before October 15, 2018 will result in exclusion*

CPTC is now "Friends of Canty"

Welcome back, Canty Families! The new school year brings some exciting new beginnings! The CPTC decided to change its name to *"Friends of Canty"*. We wanted to include all of our volunteers and often times; they're our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even family friends. In addition to the name change, we also have some new officers. I'm happy to introduce *Jennifer Kiryiczuk, Nicole Kiska, Adriana Altamirano, and Jackie Stuckert.* Please see their information below.

Friends of Canty Board Members

Sara Sanchez (President) ~ sanchez.sara1979@gmail.com

Jennifer Kiryiczuk (Vice President) ~ jenk.canty@gmail.com

Nicole Kiska (Co-chair of Event Planning) ~ nicoleekiska@gmail.com

Adriana Altamirano (Treasurer) ~ aceron79@yahoo.com

Jackie Stuckert (Secretary)

Mrs. Joan Todde (Teacher Representative)

Grade Level News



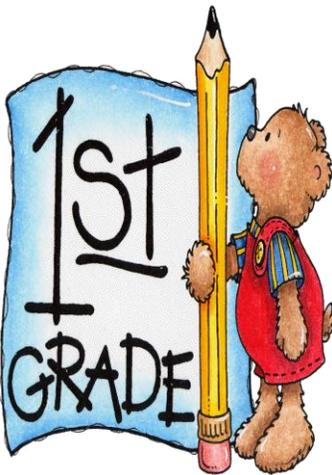
The PreK students have adjusted to their new classrooms and routines. All have enjoyed our All About Me study which is being finished up now. We will move on to our October activities and will be busy with fire safety, trees/farm, and Halloween. Each room will provide special events from field trips to food experiences and a possible visit from a firefighter.

Please remember to drop off and pick up your children on time so that they don't miss out on any of the fun.

The Kindergarten classrooms have settled in to a routine and have been very busy in their classrooms getting to know their teachers and classmates. In October, we will be learning about fire safety, apples and pumpkins, and the season of fall. We are taking a field trip to Goebberts Pumpkin Farm on October 15th. We are working hard in Math identifying and learning to write numbers 1 - 10. Identifying concepts same, different, one more, and one less. We will celebrate Halloween in our classrooms with the annual Cnty Halloween Parade and classroom parties.



Reminder as cooler weather is here, remember to dress your child for the weather because we do go outside for recess daily.



The first graders have been busy adjusting to their routine of being departmentalized and seeing three teachers. We have been working on procedures and reinforcing the students' responsibilities at school. In October, as we continue working on responsibility and independence, students will be working on The Daily 5 centers in ELA; studying how images and text work together in fiction. In Science and Social Studies, students will be using Social Studies Weekly to learn about Columbus Day and our nation's flag. In Science, students are learning about what scientists do and about science tools and safety. In Math, students will begin working with number bonds followed by adding numbers 1-10. On Fridays, students work on social emotional curriculum called Second Step which helps them acquire skills to be successful in school.

What a busy first couple of weeks! Second grade has been hard at work in all their subjects, and are doing a great job getting used to their new teachers and schedules. In Science and Social Studies, Mrs. Pierzchala is using many different magazines in her curriculum to teach about current events. This month she will be focusing on Columbus Day, communities, and the weather. In ELA, Mrs. Laduzinsky will be taking students on an adventure through The Magic Tree House chapter books.

In Math class, Ms. Richards will be reinforcing place value and names for numbers, and will be introducing addition and subtraction, both with and without regrouping. Students will be assigned IXL concepts throughout the month of October.





In Reading, we are learning about context clues and text evidence! Next week, we will start our first novel unit; Donovan's Word Jar! In Writing, we are working on topic sentences and details. This will help us write a complete paragraph! In Social Studies, we are learning about the traits of a good citizen and how people and events shape our community. In Science, we have been experimenting with tools scientists use. We are getting ready to begin a fun unit on the effects of forces and motion. In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction with regrouping. Students will also begin having IXL as part of their homework on a biweekly basis. Please keep in mind students should be practicing their addition and subtraction flashcards regularly.

Important information and reminders can always be found on Mrs. Placko's website. Let's have a Spooktaucular month.

In ELA, the students are taking *A Walk In The Desert* and will create a Desert Survival Guide. In Math, the 4th graders are reviewing multiplication and division flashcards. In Science, please send in your \$5.00 Science Fee to Mr. Johnson.



In ELA, the students have approved their independent September book choices, started our Vocabulary Power Plus workbook program, and received our September issue of Storyworks.

In Math, Google Classroom is up and running. Please check for assignments. IXL accounts are activated, please finish the diagnostic test. In Science and Social Studies, if you haven't paid your Science Fee, please send it with your child to give to Mr. Mavridis. We're starting a novel for Hispanic Heritage Month, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

In Science, students have set up their Science Notebooks and are working on mastering the Scientific Method using a candy debate! Does eating sugar cause kids to be hyperactive?? We are moving forward with our first experiment, where we hope to apply all the new scientific vocabulary we've learned.

In Reading, students have worked on goal setting and are beginning to talk about the plot of a story. In Math, we are focusing a lot on review skills like multiplication, division, exponents and order of operations. However, we have also been doing some challenging work inside the classroom involving variables, coefficients and substituting numbers for variables in algebraic expressions. In Social studies, we have done some assignments together that will serve as examples for the rest of the year. NewsBeat involves students summarizing a current event story and presenting it to the class. Using Junior Scholastic, we are also debating a civics related topic to enhance our argumentative writing.



All classrooms have set up Google Classroom for at-home and in-class online access to assignments.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Seventh GRADE

In Science we have started using Mosa Mack as our base Science curriculum and are currently talking about atoms and molecules. Please remember to turn in your Science Fee of \$10 to Mrs. Eckhorn! In ELA we are reading and annotating short passages in order to deepen our understanding as to what do it mean to annotate and analyze a text. We have also started our unit on Poetry which will run through the 1st quarter. Additionally, we have started our new Vocabulary series. Students will also be taking the Achieve Lexile pretest - which is a fantastic program used to increase a student's ability to comprehend nonfiction information. In Writing/Grammar we are reviewing adjectives, adverbs, and the use of dialogue in writing. This will lead to our first Writing Unit which is Narrative/Informational. In Math we have begun the 7th grade Math in Focus curriculum after reviewing 6th grade skills that are a foundation of 7th grade Math. The first unit up is The Real Number System, which deals with rational numbers, an introduction to irrational numbers, and significant digits. The Real Number System is one of the four components of the NWEA Math Assessment, so we're starting the year off with an important unit. In Social Studies we have started our Constitution Unit. The Constitution Unit includes both federal and state constitutions. Students will learn about their rights as US citizens, the three branches of government, the qualifications that candidates for office must have in order to be elected, and much more throughout the unit. In accordance to state law, all students must pass the Constitution Test to be eligible to graduate.

In ELA we have been reading and annotating articles in order to deepen students' understanding and engage the text. We focused on interacting with the text in which students can make connections between the text and the "real world." An annotated text is not just highlighting, but often marked with underlines, highlights, questions, and definitions. This process will not only be essential in ELA but other classes as well. We also started a new series in Vocabulary this year! In mid-October, will also begin to read, *Night*.

In Math and Algebra 1 we spent the first two weeks reviewing basic skills such as multiplication, division, fractions, and decimals. We will focus on these skills once a week for 10 minutes, as they are essential to math success. Please stress this at home for practice on and off. In the following weeks, we will be learning about number system more specifically about rational and irrational numbers. In Science if you haven't paid your Science Fee, please send it with your child to give to Mr. Callaghan.

8TH GRADE Rocks!



English Language Learners are bilingual students who got into the bilingual program as a result of their Screener Test scores.

Students will remain in the bilingual program until their ACCESS test scores are 4.8 or below. Many of our current ELLs are very close to obtaining the 4.8 score. Some just need a little improvement in English language reading, others in writing or speaking. These students receive additional assistance in small groups with an ESL teacher (pull-out) or inside their regular classroom (push-in).

There are many different languages our students speak. This multiculturalism enriches our school's environment. We should be proud of our heritage, culture, language. Let's all celebrate our diversity together.

Canty Student Council is getting ready for another exciting year!

The orientation meeting was held on Tuesday, September 18th.

Ms. Handzic and Ms. Estremadoyro were excited to see all the students who showed up for our first meeting! For information on Student Council events and activities, as well as permission slips, please see the

Student Council web site which can be found on the

Canty School website: www.cantyschool.org ~ then go to 'After school'.

We will also be communicating with Student Council members through Google Classroom.

STUDENT COUNCIL



Red Ribbon week is October 22-26, flyers will be distributed with our daily theme soon.

For information on Student Council events and activities go to

www.cantyschool.org ~ then go to "Afterschool" ~ then "Student Council"

Halloween Information

School Spirit Day: To show school spirit, students in Prek to 5th grade may come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and 6th to 8th grade may wear Black and Orange.

Parade: The annual Halloween parade will begin at 8:30am for students in Prek to 5th grade. Students will walk out Door #7 and then North on Paris then around the outside of building until they reach the main doors to enter the building. Note: PreK 3 PM will walk inside the building at 1pm.

Class Parties: Classroom parties will take place for PreK to 3rd grade in the afternoon. The grade level will send more information closer to Halloween. Please remember, only Healthy snacks can be distributed to other students. The Healthy snack policy can be found at www.cantyschool.org then under "school" ~ then under "Wellness Program". Please contact the teacher before sending any treats and/or snacks.

