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November 2018 Newsletter

A Note from the Administrator in Charge

Dear Canty School Families,

Please take a few minutes and read the important news about the school on the first two pages of this newsletter. Also, each grade level has provided an update of what is going on at the grade level so you can stay informed. The Canty School Calendar is a great resource to hang on the refrigerator to make sure you are in the know of what is going on at school.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra Carlson

Administrator in Charge

Improved Safety Measures for Afterschool Pick-up

Daily **street closures during student dismissal** have been implemented to improve the efficiency and safety of all students during dismissal. These street closures eliminate motor vehicles in areas around the school congested with pedestrians. Please be attentive and follow the guidance of our Staff members and Student Crossing Guards. You will see them directing traffic, ensuring the safety of our students.

~ Do not pull into, or park, in Staff Parking lots

~ Do not park in crosswalks.

As per the ***City of Chicago Parking signs*** that are posted around the school: ***Parking is prohibited*** on the school side of Panama, Grace, Paris, and Waveland Avenues on school days ***between the hours of 7am to 4:30pm***. We are working collaboratively with The Chicago Police Department and Alderman Sposato to ensure the safety of all students, parents, staff, and community members around Canty school. Please be advised that all State and Chicago laws will be enforced.



Water Department Construction ~ ***Paris will be closed*** during the month of November



Paris Street will be closed to all traffic for approximately ***one month*** while the Chicago Water Department does work. Due to safety concerns, the following changes will be implemented while construction is taking place. The work is set to begin on Monday, November 5, 2018.

Morning Drop Off

Drop-off Location #1 ~ Auditorium doors

PreK, Room 128, Room 129, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade.

PreK, Room 128 and Room 129, 1st grade and 2nd grade students will come into the auditorium and wait for teacher pick-up

Drop-off Location #2 ~ Gym Doors

Room 101, 3rd grade and 6th grade

Afterschool Dismissal

Door 8 (Annex Doors by Auditorium): PreK, Room 128, Room 129, 1st grade and 2nd grade students

Door 9 (Auditorium Doors): 7th and 8th students

Door 2 (Gym Doors): Room 101, 3rd grade and 6th grade students

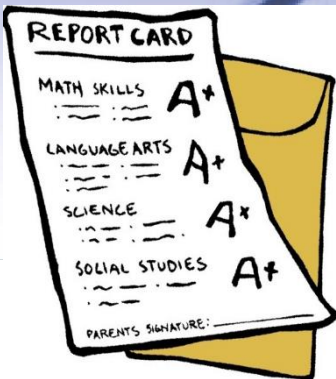
Door 1 (Main Office Doors): 4th students and 5th students

* ***Due to the Election, the gym doors will not be used on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.****

****Room 101, 3rd grade and 6th grade will use Door # 1 (Main door) on Election Day for arrival and dismissal!****

Student and Science 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. Also 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.



Report Card Pick-up

On Wednesday, November 14th is the First Quarter Report Card Pick-up day. You will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss the progress of your child/ren. Do not miss this great opportunity! The hours are 12pm to 3:15pm and 4pm to 7pm. The Book Fair will also be open during the same hours near the lunchroom. There will be a Lost and Found table near the Main Office. Please take a look if your lost item is there. All items not claimed by the end of the night, will be donated.

Attendance ~ Absent Call In

If your child will be absent, parents/guardians are required to call the attendance office each day. Please call the Attendance line at (773) 534-1238 and press option 3. Calls should be made between the hours of 6:30am to 8:30 am. CPS will still send an automated message when your child is absent.



Parent Portal

If you forgot your password or your account is pending please email Ms. Laurencell so she can assist you in getting access. Remember, you can't create an account without the student ID and the student personal pin number (school will provide).

Friends of Canty

November is going to be a very busy month for the Friends of Canty! The Friends of Canty meeting will take place on November 5th at 6pm in the Multipurpose (Lunchroom) room, please enter through Door 7. All are welcome!

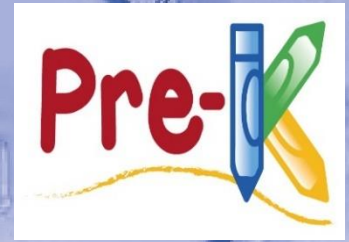
We're kicking the month off with our Fall Fundraiser, "World's Finest Chocolate"! Parent letters and order forms will be going home with the kids on November 5th. All orders and payments will be due on November 27th. All orders will arrive in time for Christmas!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back the week of November 13th. Students will visit with their classrooms on 11/13, 11/15 and 11/16. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Parent/Teacher conferences 11/14 from 12pm to 3pm and 4pm to 7pm. This year's theme is Enchanted Forest. The kids are encouraged to participate in our themed dress up days the week of November 13th.

Enchanted Tuesday (November 13) ~ Wear a shirt with a fantasy or fairytale theme
Harry Potter Thursday (November 15) ~ Wear Harry Potter clothes or Hogwarts House Colors
Fantastic Beasts Friday (November 16) ~ Wear a t-shirt featuring any animal (mythical or real)

Grade Level News

October was a busy month in the Pre-K. We studied fire safety and farms. Room 127 went on a trip to Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm. Students rode on a hayride, played in the corn box and came home with pumpkins, Indian corn and a gourd. Room 126 engaged in food experiences with apple tasting and created healthy treats. All students had a great time during the Halloween Parade and celebration.



November brings changing seasons and the Winter harvest to the Pre-K. The children will begin a study that includes trees and Thanksgiving. All classes will welcome a visit from a firefighter on November 7, 2018. The children will also be honoring our Veterans by sending art to the Hines Veterans Hospital. All classrooms will be having a Thanksgiving celebration near the end of the month.



The first quarter of school is over. Watch for information regarding Report card Pick-up. The teachers are very excited to meet with parents to discuss their child's first quarter progress! During the month of November we will focus on learning about our families. We will also learn about the first Thanksgiving and compare and contrast life today to life of the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

We will enjoy our annual "Kid friendly food" Thanksgiving Feast by getting together with our friends from all three Kindergarten classes to celebrate Thanksgiving. We continue to work with our letter people to work on phonics skills. We are working on how to sound spelling words as we begin to write. In Math we are continuing to work on number recognition to 10 and identifying more and fewer.

The students have adjusted well to their new roles as first graders. In Reading, students were all tested in TRC and have their appropriate reading level. They will continue to use Raz-Kids to practice at home and at school. We are also focusing on our fiction unit and learning the different characteristics of fiction. We are also discussing the details by using illustrations as clues. The students are also working on sentence structure, graphic organizers on compare and contrast, and ABC order with Ms. Lialios. In Math, students have started learning to add numbers 1 to 10 using different strategies. The next section, students will focus on subtracting numbers 1 to 10. In Science, we will continue to work on our Earth Science in our Science Weekly. The lessons will consist of Earth, Space, Water, Weather, and the Sun. In Social Studies, we will continue to work on Location and Direction, Rules and Responsibilities, Good Citizens, Time, History, Past, Present and Future in our Social Studies Weekly. We will also work on a mini-unit about Veteran's Day.



October was a busy month and we are looking forward to what November will bring! In Math, students are working hard on addition and will begin subtraction this month. IXL has been a great tool and our students really seem to enjoy practicing every Friday on the iPads, as well as at home. We are in Unit Two of our Second Step program, which focuses on empathy, building confidence, and respecting differences.

In Reading, we have finished testing and every student has their reading levels. We have begun using Raz-Kids which is done at home and at school. This is such a valuable tool that helps students improve their reading fluency and comprehension. We have begun our novel study and will be studying the adventures of Jack and Annie while reading books from the Magic Tree House series. In Social Studies, students are learning about our government. In Science, after finishing the Animal and Plants unit, students will be working on a Balance and Motion Unit.

In Math, we have been working on subtracting with regrouping and using bar models to help us solve word problems. Everyone should continue to practice their flashcards! We will begin studying multiplication by reviewing our 0, 1, 2, 5, and 10 facts from last year. In Science, we are experimenting with different types of balanced and unbalanced forces and testing out the effects of gravity. We will also be checking out what types of materials reduce and increase friction. In Social Studies, we are learning about landforms and Geography. In Reading, we will be starting to utilize a fun addition to our curriculum; the Storyworks Junior magazine! It features highly engaging content for students to read, including narrative nonfiction, original fiction, nonfiction paired-text features, read alouds plays, poetry and debates.



First Quarter Report Card Conferences are Wednesday, November 14, 2018 and we are looking forward to meeting with you briefly to discuss the progress of your child. In ELA, the students will be learning about character traits and a river ecosystem. They will also make a raft using popsicle sticks.

In Math, please continue to review multiplication and division flashcards. The students are now learning to multiply and divide larger numbers. They will learn and utilize various strategies to multiply. In Social Studies, we are studying the History and economy of the Southwest. In Science, will continue to work on Chapter 4, Organisms and Where They Live. In Grammar, we will continue our review of complete subjects and predicates, the four types of sentences and common and proper nouns.

Fifth grade will be going on a field trip to the Chicago Public Library Dunning Branch on Friday, November 16th. We will be learning about Albert Einstein and Light. In Science, we are continuing with our unit on Energy. The students received kits that were generously donated by ComEd. Our focus is all about the different types of energy, and how we can conserve it in our homes. In Social Studies, we are continuing our reading and discussion of Esperanza Rising. We are looking at the novel historically, and relating the events of the past to current times. We have also been focusing on geography skills tied into the novel. In Math, the students should be using IXL to practice. Google Classroom is updated daily for notes, homework, assignments, and general announcements. In Reading, if you are curious about your child's fifth grade language arts experience with Mrs. Collins, please be reviewing your child's three-subject spiral notebook. This is your child's brain on paper; it should tell you the progress your child is making thus far.





Sixth grade will go on a field trip to the Music Box Theatre on November 8th for a screening of a few films from the Chicago International Children's Film Festival to supplement our Social Emotional Learning lessons on inclusivity and respect. In Science, we are communicating the results of an experiment we designed using the scientific method by presenting a PowerPoint or poster. We will then move on to learning about the structure and function of cells. In Social Studies, we are working on citing text evidence and the difference between central ideas and details with an article on ancient Mayan civilizations. Additionally, we are continuing to work on our map skills and debating whether kids should see ads at school.

We are working hard and persevering in Sixth Grade Math! We have been focusing on Greatest Common Factor, Least Common Multiple, Prime Factorization in Exponential Form, Square Roots and Cubed Roots. We are about to take our first large Summative Test that will include multiple concepts. After that, we are heading into Negative Numbers. In Reading, we will be building our vocabulary along with learning how to write a character analysis essay. We will be focusing on more short stories along with our first novel The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis. Some of the focal points will be in relation to character development, author's purpose, setting in nonfiction, chronological order, and historical fiction.

We are planning on going on field trips and are in need of parent volunteers who have been approved through the CPS volunteer process. Without approved parents we will not be able to go on the field trips we have planned. Please visit www.cpsparentu.org to complete the volunteer application. In Math, we have been working on operations with positive and negative integers. We went on a shopping spree to find sales tax, discounts and tips. Going forward, we are heading into algebraic expressions, which is the basis for solving algebraic equalities and inequalities. In Science, we have finished up our unit on Atoms and Molecules where students learned how everything is made up of atoms. Students also learned how atoms combine to make molecules or compounds. The 7th graders will continue to learn about certain elements found on the periodic table as we continue with different units, as the information is plentiful. Finally, we have moved on to learning about the states of matter. Students have created their own experiments to see how different materials affect the rate at which ice melts, which is helping our students build their inquiry skills. Also, if you have not already done so, please turn in your science fees to Mrs. Eckhorn, ASAP! In ELA, one of the things I've noticed is that students are great at rote memorization, however their ability to think critically and analytically needs to become a priority. These skills will not only help them in Reading, but across all subject areas as well. We are continuing our focus on Poetry/Close Reads in order to increase their student ability to think critically and analytically. Individually, students have annotated poems, and then as groups, have met and analyzed poems in order to deepen their understanding. Students have also read and annotated more intense passages such as "Washington's Resignation Speech" and participated in an activity called "Discussion Without Speaking" in order to reach those students that may be more comfortable communicating in Writing. We are well on our way to beginning our studies of Shakespeare. Students have begun the new Vocabulary series, and are working on incorporating some on their new words into their writing. In Writing/Grammar, we are continuing our review of adjectives, adverbs, and the use of dialogue in writing. Students will begin typing their rough drafts next week, then work on peer editing, revising, and submitting their final draft in mid-November. In Social Studies, we are about halfway through the Constitution unit. The next test date is November 15th. You should see your child studying for this! This test will cover the lawmaking process up to the executive branch.

Seventh
GRADE

8TH GRADE Rocks!

In Math, we began the year with learning about rational and irrational numbers. We will be learning how to find the square root of all types of numbers. From there, we will begin exploring scientific notation. We will look at how to write numbers in scientific notation, and operations with scientific notation as well. Please encourage your children to complete homework, study the concepts, and practice their basic math facts. In Reading, we will continue to build vocabulary and dissect sentences. We also started the novel, *Night*, which gives a chilling first-hand account of the horrors that the Jewish people faced at the hand of the Nazis. The personal thoughts of Wiesel give insight to how the Jewish people reacted to the situation of the concentration camps and how some lost their faith because of it. This novel assists students in coming to understand and appreciate a portion of history better than most textbooks. In Science, we are currently growing our Fall crop of Kale, Asian greens, and beans in the Canty school garden. Once we harvest in the upcoming weeks we will be transitioning to a Winter crop of garlic and peas. The Canty garden team is always looking for parent and community volunteers to assist with caring and water the garden in the Summer months- e-mail Mr. Callaghan at smCallaghan@cps.edu

Isabella D. and Eliska H. are officially published authors!

Their poems have been selected for publication in the
Autumn 2018 ~ Young American Poetry Digest
Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment!



English Language Learners will focus on improving writing and reading skills using non-fiction articles. Seventh graders will continue working on the US Constitution. All parents who have children in the Bilingual Program are invited to attend the Bilingual Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for November 29th in room 114 at 3:10pm.

Canty Student Council wants to send a **big thank you** to all the students and parents for their cooperation as we work to finalize the Student Council meeting schedule! All Student Council members will participate Tuesday mornings, from 7:30am to 8am. In addition to the Tuesday meetings, Student Council Officers will also meet on Wednesday mornings from 7:30am to 8am. Student Council organized **Red Ribbon Week**, a time to celebrate the choice to be drug free! Thank you to everyone that participated in dressing up for Red Ribbon Week. Potential officers have been working hard on their campaign posters and speeches!

