

Arthur E. Canty School

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September 2018 Newsletter

A Note from the Principal

Dear Canty School Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you all had a great vacation with many opportunities to relax, get rested, and spend time with family and friends. I am sure students are eager to come back to school, meet their new teachers and classmates. We are very excited for the new school year.

It is with a heavy heart that I would like to let you know that I will be retiring from CPS and from Canty as of September 15, 2018. I have spent over 11 great years working with the school community and serving our wonderful students and their families.

Permit me to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the efforts the teachers, staff, students, and parents have made. We have continued to put emphasis on the quality of academic programs available to Canty students. We have demonstrated that our students are learning well, and they rank high on all measures of academic achievement. Canty is one of the highest performing schools in Chicago. I am very proud of our students for their hard work and all of their accomplishments. I am so happy that during my tenure at Canty we were able to acquire a beautiful, and very functional addition (complete with a lunchroom and a kitchen that our school never had). It gives our students a positive and comfortable environment to enjoy their lunch breaks.

I want to assure you that Canty School and its community has been my second (or maybe even first!) family and always will be. I wish all of you a wonderful school year and all the best in all future educational and personal endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lucja Mirowska-Kopec
Principal



*A Note about the Transition

Since I will be retiring in the middle of September, I have reached out to the Network One Chief, Mrs. Julie McGlade and Mr. Luis Garcia-Juarez from the Office of Local School Council who joined us on Tuesday, August 27th for the LSC meeting.

Mr. Garcia-Juarez will be working closely with our LSC in order to train them and prepare them for the principal selection process. Meanwhile, Mrs. McGlade will assign an administrator-in-charge who will work closely with Ms. Laurencell, LSC, teachers, staff, and parents to ensure that Canty School has a smooth transition and a successful school year.

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 by Thursday, September 27, 2018.

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.

School Fee

The Local School Council has set the School fee of \$80 dollars. If the School Fee is paid before September 14th, the fee is \$75 dollars. The School Fee helps Canty School buy additional curriculum materials like novels, magazines and online educational materials. Please submit the School Fee by September 14th, in order to receive the discount!



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*

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

School Website

* Please check out www.cantyschool.org for more information and useful links about Canty School!

New this Year ~ Canty Newsletter, Calendar and Diversity Celebration

This newsletter will feature school news, grade level information (starts in October), and a calendar of events. This will be emailed to parents who have signed a CPS Message Consent form for Email communications. Also, this year, each month we will be celebrating a different heritage or culture. Students are encouraged to dress up on those days, each month, for that culture or heritage.