

Arthur E. Canty School

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September 2019 Newsletter

A Note from the Principal

Dear Canty Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! I hope that you all had a fun filled summer and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. At Canty we have been getting ready this summer and are thrilled to have all of the students back with us.

Last year our attendance for the school year was 94.7%. Research shows that students with attendance below 95% are more likely to struggle in school. *Increasing our attendance percentage as a school to be above 96% is a goal for this school year.* For students to have 96% attendance they can miss no more than 7 days during the school year. That includes excused absences and early dismissals. While we do understand that illness and emergencies occur our hope is that all students come to school everyday. **Early dismissals should be rare occasions only.** Please schedule appointments outside of school hours or on non-attendance days. If your child has a doctor or dentist appointment during the school day, please have them return to school afterwards, with a note to continue learning. Early dismissals will count against perfect attendance rewards. **If students have a pattern of absences, tardies or early dismissals the family will be contacted to meet with school staff to create an attendance plan to improve attendance.**

We have attendance initiatives throughout the year to reward classrooms for days with perfect attendance. *Homerooms will receive a "cougar paw" for days their class has perfect attendance.* Those paws will be turned in for rewards for the classroom such as extra recess or a class dance party. *Students will perfect attendance each month will be entered into a raffle for prizes.* **Homerooms will be "competing" each week in K-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grades for "Attendance Cougar" as a mascot for the week.**

The school doors will open at 7:50am on non-inclement weather days. **Please think school starts at 7:50am.** We want all students in their classrooms ready to learn at 8:00am, not walking into school at 8:00am. Also, on days when your child will have early dismissal, please submit it on the Canty absence form on the website.

I hope to see you at Curriculum Night on September 11th and 12th!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rath

Principal

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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 Friday, September 27, 2019.

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

School Fee

The Local School Council has set the School fee of \$90 dollars. If the School Fee is paid before September 14th, the fee is \$85 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! The website to pay online is

<https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/Login/cps22541-arthur-e-canty-es>

(The website link is at www.cantyschool.org under the Quick Start tab)



Medical Forms

***Physical Exam** for students: *PreK, Kindergarten, 6th grade and any student entering CPS for the first time ~ Due by 10/15/19*

***Vision Exam** for students: *Kindergarten and any student entering a State of Illinois school for the first time ~ Due by 10/15/19*

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

**Failure to submit the required documents before October 15, 2019 will result in exclusion*

School Website

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

Friends of Canty

Friends of Canty is a 503b non-for-profit organization that helps support the needs of Canty school through volunteering, fundraising and parent and student socials. The Friends of canty email is friendsofcanty@gmail.com

We will have a table at Curriculum night on September 11th and 12th and look forward to meeting with you. On September 11th and 12th we will have a Mini-Book Fair during Curriculum night only. Our first meeting is Monday, September 16th at 5pm in Room 113.

Grade Level News



Pre-K Welcomes their students, teachers, and paras back to school. Welcome back Ms. Buck, Ms. Cindy, Ms. Daum, Ms. K., Ms. McCraw, Ms. Lia and Ms. Madeyski. We are excited to begin a new school year. We will be studying about ourselves and use all of our senses by studying apples. We look forward to seeing all parents on September 11, 2019 for Curriculum Night. Room 127 will be celebrating Bring Someone Special to School on September 13, 2019.

Welcome to Kindergarten!!! Mrs. Prusfalcon, Mr. Rivera, and Mrs. Todde are very happy to meet our new students and families. This year, we will be focusing on helping students to become independent learners. During the first few weeks, students will be getting to know their new teachers, friends, and surroundings. They will learn about classroom routines, rules, and expectations. We will start exploring classroom libraries, supplies, manipulatives, and all the learning tools in their rooms. We will have plenty of fun projects and activities that will help us to ease into the new roles of being Kindergarteners. Kindergarten teachers look forward to working with new students and families this new and exciting school year!



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! September will be a month of making new friends and building communities. We will be transitioning to First Grade and learning the procedures and routines for a successful year. Learning will be interesting, fun, and exciting. With their homeroom teachers, students will begin Reading Workshop, Amplify Science, Math in Focus, and Social Studies. We are looking forward to meeting all of you on Curriculum Night on September 11th.

Welcome to Second Grade! We are all so excited to get to know each and every one of our new students. The first few weeks of school, there will be a large emphasis on learning routines, procedures, and expectations both in the classroom and around the building. This year is going to consist of a lot of science labs and exploration, challenging math concepts, getting more familiar with communities, and reading a TON of new books! We look forward to a wonderful school year and hope to see you all on Curriculum Night!



3rd Grade

Welcome to Third grade! This year we will do many fun things in **Reading and Writing!** In September, we will learn the routines of small group instruction and how to use the centers in class. We will also begin checking out books from my classroom library. Students can return and check out a new book daily! Academically, we will work on how to answer and respond to questions in a text, as well as review the components of writing a complete paragraph! Finally, we will begin our first novel of the year: *Donovan's Word Jar!* We hope you had a wonderful summer! In **Math** this year, there are many skills we will be learning. A big focus will be on making sure we learn our multiplication facts. In September, we will learn the routines of the class and how to use the Chromebooks during class time. We will also be reviewing skills from second grade, including our addition and subtraction facts. Finally, students will be receiving their IXL usernames and passwords within the first week. Looking forward to a great year:) Welcome to a fun year of learning and discovering in **Science and Social Studies!** In September we will be working on team building, setting up our Interactive notebooks, and learning about citizenship. We have a whole new hands-on Science curriculum, and can't wait to get started! Our first unit will be on Forces and Balances. Hope to see you on Curriculum Night to learn more!

The 4th grade team would like to welcome you to an exciting school year. We are establishing routines and getting to know each other. This month we will administer Fall NWEA tests to get baseline data and establish growth targets. Curriculum Night will be Wednesday, September 11th from 6pm to 7:30pm. We look forward to meeting with you. The 4th grade team members are Mrs. Crockett-McLean (ELA & Social Science) Room 208. Mrs. Carrie Meyer (Math & Science) Room 209 and Mr. Johnson Room 215 (ELA & Social Science). We will continue to utilize Achieve and IXL computer based instruction programs in both ELA and Math. New passwords will be provided.



5th Grade

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Mrs. JoAnne Collins. I will be the Language Arts and Social Studies teacher for 5th grade students in homerooms 216 and 238. I am so excited for this school year, and I look forward to all the learning adventures/ challenges we have planned. Please attend Curriculum Night on Thursday, Sept 12th.

In **Math and Science with Mr. Mavridis-** Happy New School Year! My name is Mr. Michael Mavridis. I will be the Math/ Science Teacher for Room 239. I am very excited to be working with all of my students this year. I look forward to this school year and meeting all parents and students. Please plan on attending Curriculum Night Thursday, Sept 12th. I look forward to meeting all of you! Please visit my class website daily for updates. <https://mrmavridis239.weebly.com> In **Math and Science with Mrs. Handzic-** Welcome back all students! I hope you have had a great summer, I can't wait to hear all your stories. This year we will continue with our Math in Focus Curriculum and our new science curriculum called Amplify.

Mrs. Houle (Room 224, Science/Social Science), Mr. Werrbach (Room 226, English Language Arts [ELA]), and Mrs. Wicks (Room 230, Math) are excited to welcome our 2019-2020 sixth graders to middle school! We will be spending most of the first two weeks of school working on routines and procedures to acclimate everyone to the varying school environments at Canty, and then will dive into our curricula towards mid/late September. For details about middle school and each content area, please attend Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 12th at 6pm.



seventh GRADE

Welcome to 7th Grade! We look forward to getting to know you and your child this school year. During the month of September the focus will be on acclimating students to the expectations and procedures within a middle school setting. We will cover specific curriculum material during Curriculum Night, which for 7th graders will be held on Thursday, September 12th (6:00pm-7:30pm). We hope to see you there!

Welcome to 8th Grade! It is going to be an exciting year! We look forward to getting to know you and your child this school year. During the month of September the focus will be on acclimating students to the expectations and procedures within a middle school setting. We will cover specific curriculum material during Curriculum Night, which for 8th graders will be held on Thursday, September 12th (6:00pm-7:30pm). We hope to see you there!



English Language Learners, Welcome back! Hope you had a wonderful Summer break. I wish all my ELLs success in the English Language learning. We have received the Access Test results that we took back in January 2019. The scores will be sent home with students.

Diverse Learner Information

Welcome back to school students and parents!! Below is a list of sensory friendly, adaptive, and clinical services located in the area to help you get back to school hassle free.

Pediatric Dentistry: www.sproutChicago.com

Therapeutic Services: www.urbanwellnesscounseling.com

Programming: <https://www.Chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships/special-recreation-locations-contacts>

At Norwood Park contact jennifer.holcek@chicagoparkdistrict.com

At Shabbona Park contact lori.michalski@chicagoparkdistrict.com

September is.....

National Learning and Development Month

September 16-23 is Balance Awareness Week

September 14 is International Stuttering Awareness Day



Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to all Canty students and families! My name is Justin Beach and I am the School Counselor here at Canty. This year, I am so excited that I'll be spending much more time in classrooms school-wide delivering core competency SEL (social-emotional learning) lessons, as well as post-secondary and career exploration lessons for upper grade students. I am so excited to see all of our returning students, as well as those students new to our Canty community. If you have any counseling concerns, please never hesitate to contact me. It is easiest to contact me via my email: jbeach@cps.edu

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