

**SKINNER WEST CLASSICAL, FINE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL  
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
February 26, 2019**



**VISION:** The Mark T. Skinner School's vision is to be the premier elementary School in metropolitan Chicago for educating special children (Special Education, Classical, and Neighborhood), and to serve as the outstanding model for all such schools.

**LRE MANDATE:** LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

**I. SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

- A. Field Trips: United Center, Providence St. Mel, Shedd Aquarium, Facets Theater
- B. Drop off Patrol Training- Officer Wenta
- C. Classroom Moves to the Annex
- D. Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- E. Friends of Skinner West Meeting
- F. After School Hot Meal Program
- G. Severe Weather- No School (2 days)
- H. School Improvement Day- No School
- I. Valentine's Day Dance- Student Council
- J. No School Presidents Day
- K. Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Picture Day
- L. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Annex
- M. African American History Month Activities
- N. Birthday Name In Lights
- O. Student Council Meetings
- P. Debate Practice & Competitions

- Q. Star After School Program
- R. Dance Club
- S. Glee Club
- T. Young Rembrandts Art Program
- U. Music House
- V. E-Newsletter
- W. Star Theater
- X. Basketball Practice
- Y. NWEA Winter Testing
- Z. Report Card Distribution
- AA. African American Hero Morning Announcements
- BB. 4K Karate
- CC. Ghana Dance and Drum Day Cancelled
- DD. Gallery 111 Art Show Grades K-2 “My City, My Neighborhood, My Home”
- EE. Fire Drill/System Glitch

## II. PERSONNEL

- A. We welcome, Ms. Lillian Morales, our new 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish teacher.

## III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP

### Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

- A. NWEA- Winter testing
- B. **African American History Month Activities-** Teachers have planned a variety of activities including:
  - **Grade 5** -Mrs. Rosenzweig’s class did a novel and biography study of Brown Girl Dreaming, and the biography of Ella Fitzgerald. They also completed a Gallery 111 project of African Americans who influenced our city/neighborhood
  - **Grade 6-** Ms. Dalal’s class did a study of the poetry of Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou in which they discussed, analyzed and explored historical context and identified common themes
  - **Grade 3-** Mrs. Daigle’s class studied the underground railroad and the civil rights movement learning about particular African American people that influenced our country. They created a class timeline adding events and information about people as they learned about them. **All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will participate in the African American Hero Wax Museum Project-** on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

- **Kindergarten-** Mrs. Priola’s class studied African American Inventors throughout history and completed a “We Can Dream like Dr. King” project
- **Glee (Grades 5-8)** Participated in the Vocal Music Workshop at Providence St. Mel celebrating African American Music and Musicians featuring Dr. Rollo A Dilworth- Award winning composer, conductor, and music educator and Cameo Humes, professional tenor vocalist. After rehearsing with Dr. Dilworth the participating schools performed his songs together.

**C. Annex Moves-** The following teachers & programs now have classrooms:

- **Ms. Luna-** Primary Special Ed Resource
- **Ms. Haddad-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- **Mr. Werner-** Middle & Upper Special Ed Resource
- **Ms. Sanders-** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- **Ms. Fisher-** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- **Ms. Chen-** Mandarin
- **Ms. Thorne-** Science Lab
- **Ms. Morales-** Spanish 5-8
- **Ms. Hernandez-** Spanish K-4
- **Mr. Baron-** English Language Learners
- **Mr. Lewandowski-** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Mrs. Fredrickson-** Social Emotional Learning

**D. Illinois Assessment of Readiness-** replaces PARCC starting in March. The testing window is March 11-April 12 for our 3-8 graders in reading & math. Major change- shorter test sessions.

**Support Area: Student Centered Learning**

- A. Valentine’s Day Dance- February 14-** Sponsored by Student Council for 6-8 graders, great fun & well attended. Many thanks to teacher sponsors R. Johnson & C. FitzSimmons for coordinating
- B. Morning Announcements-** 7<sup>th</sup> graders sharing the lives and bios of famous African Americans via the intercom each morning. Some famous African Americans featured: **Kiko Davis, Reginald F. Lewis, Bessie Coleman, Alvin Ailey, Marian Anderson, James Weldon Johnson, Gabrielle Douglas, Carter G. Woodson, Claudette Colvin, Dr. Gladys West and Shirley Chisolm.**

- C. Ribbon- Cutting Ceremony-** Many thanks to Glee and our second graders for their wonderful performances during the ceremony. We are also proud of our student speakers, Chasen C, Jake L, and Ariel M.
- D. Student Art Show-** Students in grades K, 1 & 2 created art pieces centered around the theme: “My City, My Neighborhood, My Home”. We sold approximately 200-framed art pieces at \$40 each. The school gets half the profit. Many thanks to our art teacher, Ms. Bovit, for coordinating.
- E. Basketball Games-** 8th Grade- 13 wins, 2 losses  
7th Grade- 11 wins, 2 losses  
K-2 played McDade Classical on Saturday 2/23 and won by 2 points!
- F. Young Rembrandts-** Approximately 100 students signed up for our new afterschool art program that started in January.
- G. Honor Roll -** 228 Superstars in grades 4-8 made honor roll for second marking period.

### **Support Area: School Leadership**

- **Principal Clark** met with Ms. Blackmon from CPS Office of Students in Temporary Living Situations to discuss compliance procedures
- **Principal Clark** met with Tom Arey, CPS construction project manager to coordinate final classroom moves to the annex.
- **Principal Clark & AP Robinson** met with City Hall officials to discuss the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- **Principal Clark** met with Sodexo Manager David Kirk, Engineer Cox to discuss facilities repairs for main building and branch.

### **Support Area: Professional Development**

**K. Ranftl** Attended **CPL Best of the Best**, where she learned about the best books for kids published in 2018

**J. Fisher** Attended **Culturally Responsive Literature Instruction – 2 Week Course**  
**American Revolution Race and Equity Conference** with the CPS Office of Social Sciences

## **CPS Vision Focus Session**

**M. Maatouk**

Attended **Illinois Music Education Conference: 2 Day** conference participating in several sessions including, **Banter, Beach Balls and Books, Improvisation in the Elementary Music Room, and Introduction to the Kodaly Approach**

**J. Carlson**

Attended **CPS Workshop assessment Framework Assessments Part 1** where they discussed the different types of assessing student learning/best practices.

**Security Team**

Attended all day **CPS Safety and Security Training at Garfield Office**

**All Staff**

Completed CPS mandated **Chronic Conditions** training- included asthma, diabetes, and allergies

**T. Canty-Robinson**

Attended a **Title IX PD** at the Garfield Park Office

## **Support Area: Parent & Community**

- A. Art Show-** Wonderful turnout of parents on a cold, January Friday evening. Our parents purchased over 200 pieces of Superstar artwork
- B. Annex Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-** What a fabulous day- Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Walter Burnett & our CEO, Dr. Janice Jackson were our guests. Many thanks to all of our Superstar parents who attended the grand event on Sunday, February 24.
- C. CPD Beat Officer Alan Roberts-** Many thanks for assisting us with morning drop-off. He will help us out as often as he can in the morning.

#### **IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Updated gym lights to LED
- New LED stairway lights on stair #2 north
- Updated LED lighting on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor boys and girls north toilets
- New outside LED lighting
- Sodexo & CPS added 2.5 custodians to our Skinner team

#### **V. LUNCHROOM**

We are now serving supper meals during the afterschool program to both Star and Skinner Park kids

#### **VI. BUDGET**

- A. Approve possible 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising for trip to D.C. "Skinner School Car Magnets"
- B. SGSA Rollover Funds- \$35,781.44

#### **VII. HANDOUTS**

- Internal Accounts Reports for Jan. 2019
- Budget Proposal SGSA Funds

#### **VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Sat. March 2-** Annual Gallery 111 Art Event at the National Museum of Mexican Art
- **Fri. March 8-** Forum PTO Family Night outing Chicago Bulls Game at United Center 7:00pm
- **March 11-April 12** – Illinois Assessment Readiness