

**SKINNER WEST CLASSICAL, FINE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
March 19, 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: Chicago Children's Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Alvin Ailey Dance, POW! Gym,
- B. Third Grade African American Wax Museum
- C. Gallery 111 Fundraising Event
- D. Chief Education Officer, Dr. Latanya McDade's Visit
- E. 8th Grade NAEP Testing
- F. Forum PTO Bulls Night Out
- G. Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- H. 3rd Grade Invention Convention
- I. Student Principal & Assistant Principal for a Day
- J. Faculty Meetings
- K. School Improvement Committee Meeting
- L. Upper Grade History Fair
- M. ASCD Conference for Teachers
- N. 5th Week Progress Reports
- O. Student Council Spirit Day- Wear Green
- P. Kindergarten Wacky Wednesday

- Q. Friends of Skinner West Meeting
- R. Birthday Name In Lights
- S. Debate Practice & Competitions
- T. Star After School Program
- U. Dance Club
- V. Glee Club
- W. Young Rembrandts Art Program
- X. Music House
- Y. E-Newsletter
- Z. Star Theater
- AA. Basketball Practice

II. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP
Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

- A. African American Wax Museum-** Our third graders showcased African American heroes on March 1 with a biographical speech to hundreds of parents, teachers & Superstars. They helped us to remember the contributions of Jackie Robinson, Mohammed Ali, Josephine Baker, Michael Jackson, Serena Williams, Michael Jordan, Madame Curie, J. Walker, Malcolm X, and so many others. We thank our third grade teachers for preparing our students for this annual event.
- B. Upper Grade History Fair-** This year’s theme was “Chicago: Triumph and Tragedy in History”. Bravo to all our 7th graders who worked so diligently on their research and presentations. Our 10 students who are advancing to the city level are:
1. Chris T.
 2. Kyra C.
 3. Pascale L.
 4. Alana P.
 5. Zyon M.
 6. Gabrielle T.
 7. Mary Y.
 8. Delia R.
 9. Isabella B.
 10. Emily P.
- C. IAR Testing-** Teachers are in the process of preparing our students for the annual PARCC replacement test. Our 3-8 graders will take the test in reading and math in the next 2 weeks.

- D. Achieve 3000** – We are in the middle of March Madness to improve reading comprehension through classroom competitions. The room that completes the most Achieve articles will get a pizza party before spring break.
- E. Third Grade Invention Convention-** Our third graders showcased AMAZING science “inventions” that help to solve a problem or completed reverse engineering projects. Ten projects advanced to the city- wide competitions.

Support Area: Student Centered Learning

- A. Student Council Spirit Day-** Our students participated in St. Patrick- wear green day on Fri. March 15
- B. CPS Filming-** Skinner was selected as the host site for filming for Dr. Janice Jackson’s five - year vision for CPS. About 12 Superstars participated in the filming today. The directors reported that our “actors” were wonderful!
- C. Debate Team-** The Skinner West Debate Team participated in the Chicago Middle School Debate League’s Tournament Four for the 2018-2019 season on Saturday, February 9. The overall topic for the year is: Immigration. The cases being debated at this Tournament were H-1B Visas and Open Borders. The students did a great job and took 1st place in 2 out of 6 categories. Our Superstars won 58% of all possible awards (29 out of 50).
- D. Student Principal for a Day-** We were proud to introduce our two student principals for a day- Principal Samar Mohan, Grade 4 & Assistant Principal Raahil Mohan, Grade 2. The highlights of the day were making announcements on intercom, deciding on recess, and classroom visits. We thank their mom for supporting Gallery 111 with a winning auction bid last year.
- E. DC Fundraising-** Thus far has raised \$2170 from Goodie Store, Name In Lights, & Pizza Day. This will shave off about \$43 for each student.

Support Area: School Leadership

- **Special School Visit** – Our Chief Education Officer, Dr. LaTanya McDade visited Skinner at the special invitation of our third grade teacher, Ms. Jenna Fisher. She came to visit our 3rd graders who were studying a unit on the institutionalization of American slavery, life on the plantation and the individuals who fought against the oppressive system. Dr. McDade was highly impressed with our 3rd graders & also visited a 4th grade classroom

enjoying a class novel, Bud Not Buddy. Dr. McDade was delighted to see student engagement & the academic rigor in both classrooms.

Support Area: Professional Development

J. Westendorf

Attended **National Board Certification Renewal** meetings

J. Carlson

Attended the **CPS Frame-workshop about Assessment, part 2**. They discussed how to create different forms of assessments for every child

J. Fisher

Attended **Chicago State University Race & Equity Conference** Featuring Chief Equity Officer Dr. Maurice Swinney

Faculty

Faculty Meeting

J. Christiansen & Y. Irvin

ASCD Conference, Chicago

Support Area: Parent & Community

- A. Gallery 111-** Many thanks to all of our parents who attended & supported our annual fundraising event on Sat. March 2
- B. PTO Forum Bulls Night-** We had a wonderful school community event at the Bulls Game- we sold over 400 tickets for the event.
- C. City of Chicago Impact Funds-** Many thanks to parent Mrs. Sgariglia for tracking down how we can access the funds for Skinner

III. FACILITIES/ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Working on plumbing issues in washroom
- Repaired some classroom locks

IV. LUNCHROOM

V. BUDGET

VI. HANDOUTS

- Internal Accounts Reports for Feb. 2019
- LSC Advisory Election Ballots

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **IAR Testing March 26-April 11**
- **Spring Break April 13-22**