

Healy Highlights & Reminders

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb 10 - Report Card Report Distribution Day
- ◆ Feb 16 - NO SCHOOL President's Day
- ◆ Feb 17 - Student of the Month Breakfast
- ◆ Feb 20 - Chinese New Year Assemblies (9:00 am & 1:00 pm)
- ◆ Feb 22 - Chinese New Year Parade (Chinatown)
- ◆ Feb 24 - BAC Meeting 8:15 am Annex Building
- ◆ Feb 26 - LSC Meeting 5:00 pm Main Building
- ◆ Feb 27 - No Uniform Day (\$1 Donation - 8th Grade Graduation)
- ◆ March 2 - PreK Application Window Opens

Principal's News

ABSENCES

I would like to clarify to parents our policy regarding absences. When your child is absent, you should notify the school by phone on the day of the absence. You must also submit a written note identifying the cause of the absence. If you don't submit a note with your child, the day will be marked as an unexcused absence. There seems to be some confusion about this. The phone call is just a verbal communication to let us know that your child will not be in school. However, by law, we still need a written note describing the cause of the absence. Please keep this in mind the next time your child is absent from school. I would also like to clarify that not all the notes you send to our school qualify under the excused absence policy authorized by the Board of Education. Excused absences will be granted only under the following situations:

- Student's illness
- Observance of a religious holiday (absence note must be provided prior to absence)
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency
- Circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent for their child's safety or health (approved by the principal)
- Other situations beyond the control of the student (as determined by the principal)

Reminders:

Parking

This is a reminder that the Chicago Police Department will be issuing tickets to any vehicles parked in the alleys, double parked, and/or abandoned around our school.

Building Hours

The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. with breakfast in the classroom until 8:00 a.m. The school day ends at 2:45 p.m. **The school building will not be open until 7:30 a.m.; therefore, please do not bring your child to school prior to this time. We**

All other causes/reasons for absences are considered unexcused based on the Chicago Public School Attendance Code.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

This year the Chinese New Year is on February 19, 2015. As always, our school is planning our main celebration on Friday, February 20th. On this day, we are having two performances (9:00 am and 1:00 pm) for our parents and community members. Everyone is encouraged to wear traditional Chinese outfits or dress in the colors red and/or gold.

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE

Every year, our school sends the largest group to the Chinatown New Year's Parade. This year, we would like to count on you for your participation in this event. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd at 1:00 pm. Our group will meet on the corner of Wentworth and 24th Place. We hope to see you there!

PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Ready To Learn (RTL) application process will be starting soon. The Early Childhood Education Department will be accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year between March 2nd and May 1st. Please visit the following websites for information about dates, times, and locations; cpsoe.org or cps.edu/readytolearn.

don't have any staff available to supervise your child if you send him/her to school before 7:30 a.m.

Winter Weather

We remind parents/guardians to please dress your children appropriately for the weather with boots, mittens, hats and scarves. We have had some very cold weather and I'm sure it is going to get even worse as we get deeper into the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation.