

# Healy Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb 5 - NO SCHOOL School Improvement Day
- ◆ Feb 8 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures (Retakes Only)
- ◆ Feb 11 - Chinese New Year Assemblies (9:30 am and 1:15 pm)
- ◆ Feb 11 - Report Card Distribution Day
- ◆ Feb 12 - Valentine's Day Dance (eligible 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders only)
- ◆ Feb 15 - NO SCHOOL President's Day
- ◆ Feb 18 - LSC Meeting
- ◆ Feb 23 - BAC & PAC Meetings at 8:15 am

## Chinese New Year Celebration

This year the Chinese New Year is on February 8, 2016. As always, our school is planning to celebrate, and our main celebration is on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. On this day, we are having two performances (9:30 am and 1:15 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Our group will meet on the corner of Wentworth and 24<sup>th</sup> Place. We hope to see you there!

## National Title I Distinguished School Celebration

At the end of January, representatives from Healy were invited to Houston, TX to accept a Nationally Distinguished School award. Once again at the end of February, Healy staff members will participate in a state conference to accept another award on behalf of Healy for our high achievement.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Room 114 (6th grade) for having the best attendance in January. This classroom ended the month with 99.7% attendance. They were followed closely by room 115 (8th grade) with a 99.62%. Third place was room 113 (7th grade) with a 99.58%. **The overall school attendance for the month of January was 96%.** Please continue to support our school and your student's learning by making attendance a high priority each and every day.

## Free GED Classes at Healy School: NEW Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Registration Date!

Healy School has partnered with Daley College of Chicago Community Colleges to offer ESL and GED classes here at Healy school for parents and community members *for free*, as long as there are enough people interested. While we have already held two registration dates, we still need more parents and community members to enroll for Daley to agree to hold classes at Healy. If we can get a few more adult students to register, afternoon GED classes will begin in mid-February. *Although classes will be held at Healy, all interested students must take a placement test at Arturo Velasquez Institute located at 2800 S. Western on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.* If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Julie Singler, at [jkotter@cps.edu](mailto:jkotter@cps.edu) or [773-534-9190](tel:773-534-9190).

## Updating Contact Information

As you are aware, on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, we had to evacuate both Healy buildings due to a gas leak outside of the school. Students, staff, and our neighboring schools did an excellent job of keeping everyone safe and warm, and we were able to contact over 85% of parents within moments of evacuation via text messages, emails, and/or phone calls. We have since ensured that we have updated contact information for every parent/guardian at Healy, but it is imperative that parents/guardians inform the office with updated contact information immediately when phone numbers change. Thank you for your help in ensuring we can contact you in case of emergency.

## Parking

This is an additional reminder that the Chicago Police Department (CPD) will be issuing tickets to any vehicles parked in the allies, double parked, and/or abandoned around our school. Please follow CPD regulations to avoid being ticketed dropping off or picking up your child.