

Healy Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb 29-March 10 - Free Dental Exams at Healy School
- ◆ March 11th -Progress Report Distribution Day
- ◆ March 11th - Student of the Month Breakfast
- ◆ March 13th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ◆ March 16th - PAC Meeting at 8:15 AM
- ◆ March 23rd - Spring Pictures (PreK-3rd Grade)
- ◆ March 24th - Spring Pictures (4th-8th Grade)
- ◆ March 24th - LSC Meeting
- ◆ March 25th - No Uniform Day (with \$1 Contribution)

Free Dental Exams for Healy Students

Between February 29th and March 10th, dental services will be provided to interested Healy students here at Healy School. If you are interested in having your child see a dentist at Healy, please pick up, complete, and return a consent form in the main or annex office.

February Celebrations: Chinese New Year and Black History Month

February was filled with student, staff, and community celebrations as well as performances by our talented Healy students honoring the Chinese New Year and Black History Month. Please visit the Healy website for pictures and videos of students and staff bringing in the Chinese New Year and honoring the music of African American musicians of the Soul Train-era! <http://healy.cps.edu/>

Attendance

Congratulations to Room 113 (7th grade) for having the best attendance in February. This classroom ended the month with 99.8% attendance. They were followed closely by room 208 (5th grade) with 99.7%. Third place was room 115 (8th grade) with 99.5%. **The overall school attendance for the month of February was 96.7%.** Please continue to support our school and your student's learning by making attendance a high priority each and every day.

7th Graders Begin Preparing for High School Selection Process

In late January, Dr. Joe Powers, principal of Jones College Prep, spent the morning at Healy meeting with all Healy 7th grade students. Our 7th graders also visited Whitney Young on February 29th and met with Dr. Kenner (principal of Whitney Young) to talk about the HS selective enrollment process. We are coordinating a visit from Tim Devine (principal of Walter Payton) to ensure our students hear directly from these three principals about the selective enrollment process.

Impact of CPS Budget Cuts on Healy

On February 9th, Chicago Public Schools informed principals that they would need to cut 4.8% of their budgets by February 16th. Due to Healy's healthy existing budget, Mr. Carmona was able to ensure that the budget cuts had a minimal impact on teaching and learning at Healy School. There were no teaching or staff positions that were lost, and we will be able to continue the year maintaining the operations and programming that are reflective of our priorities at Healy School.

Inclement Weather

We ask that you listen to media sources for information during emergencies and school closings. During even small events like snow, callers often jam the lines seeking information that is readily available on our website, the radio, and television. An overflow of calls takes staff members away from other critical tasks during an emergency. Healy is part of the Chicago Public School (CPS) system, so when Chicago Public Schools are delayed, closed, or dismissing early, Healy is as well. Please remember that our school's website (healy.cps.edu), the CPS information hotline (773-553-1000), and the CPS website (cps.edu), are excellent sources of information about school closings and unusual events.

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.