

An IB World School

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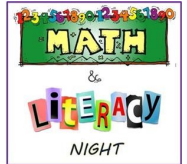
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CORETTA SCOTT KING MAGNET SCHOOL



CSK Eagle Families,

As promised, February proved to be another outstanding month at Coretta Scott King Magnet School. We began our month by recognizing and honoring nearly forty students at our monthly Learner Profile Student of the Month Breakfast. CSK continued to go above and beyond both district and state protocols in the area of safety drills. Our students and staff held another 'Safety Day' where we conducted drills and practiced appropriate responses for a variety of safety related scenarios that are not normally practiced throughout the state. Our staff and students did a remarkable job! How do you spell fun? Some would say it is spelled C-S-K! During the month of February, our students had a great deal of fun during our classroom Valentine's Day Parties, at our Family Skate Party at Lynwood Roller Rink on February 23, and during our Grow and Glow Family Literacy Night on February 29. It was so nice to see so many of our CSK families come together!



Looking ahead, we will begin the month by recognizing the wonderful accomplishments of our students during our Silent Dance Party during the day on Friday, March 1. Tuesday, March 5 marks the official beginning of our third and final trimester of the school year. We will have a PTO meeting in the staff lounge at CSK on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Lifetouch Spring Pictures will be taken on Thursday, March 14. Information about spring pictures will be sent home. Student Led Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 21 between 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. You should be contacted by your child's teacher soon to set up an appointment. Please remember that we will have early release days on March 1 and March 15.

There is no school on Monday, March 4, Friday, March 22, and Friday, March 29. Spring break will run from March 29 through April 5. We will return to school on Monday, April 8.

Finally, standardized testing will begin next month for all 3rd through 5th grade students. Students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. The IAR testing window will run from April 8–April 15. A specific testing schedule for your student's grade level will be sent home to you as we get closer to April. I would like to encourage you to set some time aside to talk with your student about the importance of these tests. It is essential that you help your student to understand the necessity to take the tests seriously and perform their best; however, it is equally important that your student does not become overstressed. I always recommend that you ensure your student's success by helping them to maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating a nutritious breakfast each day, getting adequate rest each evening, and helping them to exercise regularly. These tips are not only applicable to testing season, but more importantly, to life itself.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, I invite you to contact me directly. I will always make time for you!

Go EAGLES!!!

Mr. Bryon Mane





The IB News:

PYP Exhibition

During the month of March, fifth grade students are meeting with adult mentors to determine a plan of action to make a difference in their communities based upon their learning. They are using their key concept questions to research their topic and share this learning with an assigned buddy class in our kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms. Students will present this learning with the school on the Wednesday and Thursday before spring break!



CSK in ACTION

Winter Action Plan

The Power of Books!



Our Winter Action Plan takes our Fall "Power of Books" and extends it to "Open Books, Open Minds, Open Hearts" as we begin a book drive to bring books to our closest Ronald McDonald House located in Oak Lawn, Illinois near Advocate Christ Hospital. The Ronald McDonald Houses aim to help families physically, economically, and emotionally during their health care journey, by attempting to reduce the stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child.

Students have been involved in a letter-writing campaign to local businesses to seek book donations for our cause, and families were encouraged to pick up a book to bring and donate at The CSK Math and Literacy Night on Thursday, February 29th. We will be collecting books through the middle of March to donate to the Oak Lawn House. Stay tuned for photos of our action plan as it unfolds.



"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

~ President Jimmy Carter, 1980

CSK'S PROGRAM OF INQUIRY (POI):



Each month in our newsletter, we will share each grade level's unit of inquiry. This allows you to see how the six IB Transdisciplinary Themes are addressed at each grade level.

Grade levels are learning through these units of inquiry during the month of March:

Grade Level	IB Transdisciplinary Theme	Unit Title	Central Idea <i>(big idea that is assessed)</i>
Kindergarten	Who We Are	Small Differences	We take action to make a difference in our world.
First	How We Express Ourselves	Don't Cry Wolf	Author's use stories to teach life lessons.
Second	How We Express Ourselves	It's Raining Books!	Authors and illustrators use a variety of ways to express themselves.
Third	Where We Are in Place and Time	On the Move	Significant historical journeys have impacted the way we live today.
Fourth	How We Organize Ourselves	Mind Your Own Business	A business must have adequate supply, demand, and public awareness in order to be successful.
Fifth	How We Express Ourselves	Power of the Pen	We express ourselves for different purposes, different audiences, and through different mediums.

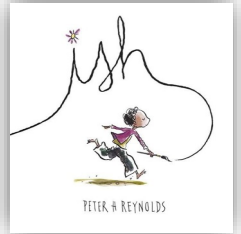
Important School Information

PBIS Cool Tool

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support



During the month of March, we will be focusing on the Learner Profile trait of Knowledgeable, along with the IB attitudes of Creativity, Curiosity, and Enthusiasm. This month's Cool Tool lesson focus will be Creativity and Enthusiasm. Students will listen to the story *Ish* by Peter Reynolds. Using a restorative circle, the students will discuss the importance of showing creativity and enthusiasm. They will then use their creativity to create a unique drawing from a squiggle.



Band Festival

Our 5th Grade Band's first performance will be our annual Crete-Monee District Band Festival! It is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at 3:00 PM. Students will be sent home with more detailed information regarding the performance, and will also be posted on the Beginning Band Google Classroom. We are excited to hear our students hard work pay off at this first performance!

March Dates to Remember

- ☘ March 1: BLUE & GOLD/School Spirit Day *and* 12:15 pm Dismissal/School Improvement Day
- ☘ March 4: NO School ~ Casimir Pulaski Day
- ☘ March 5: Learner Profile Breakfast (9:25 am)
- ☘ March 6: PTO Meeting, CSK Staff Lounge (6:00 pm)
- ☘ March 14: Spring Picture Day
- ☘ March 15: 12:15 pm Dismissal/School Improvement Day
- ☘ March 16: District Band Festival at CMHS (3:00 pm)
- ☘ March 18—21: Scholastic Book Fair!
- ☘ March 21: In-Person Student Led Parent-Teacher Conference (5:00—8:00 pm)
- ☘ March 22: NO School
- ☘ March 29: NO School

