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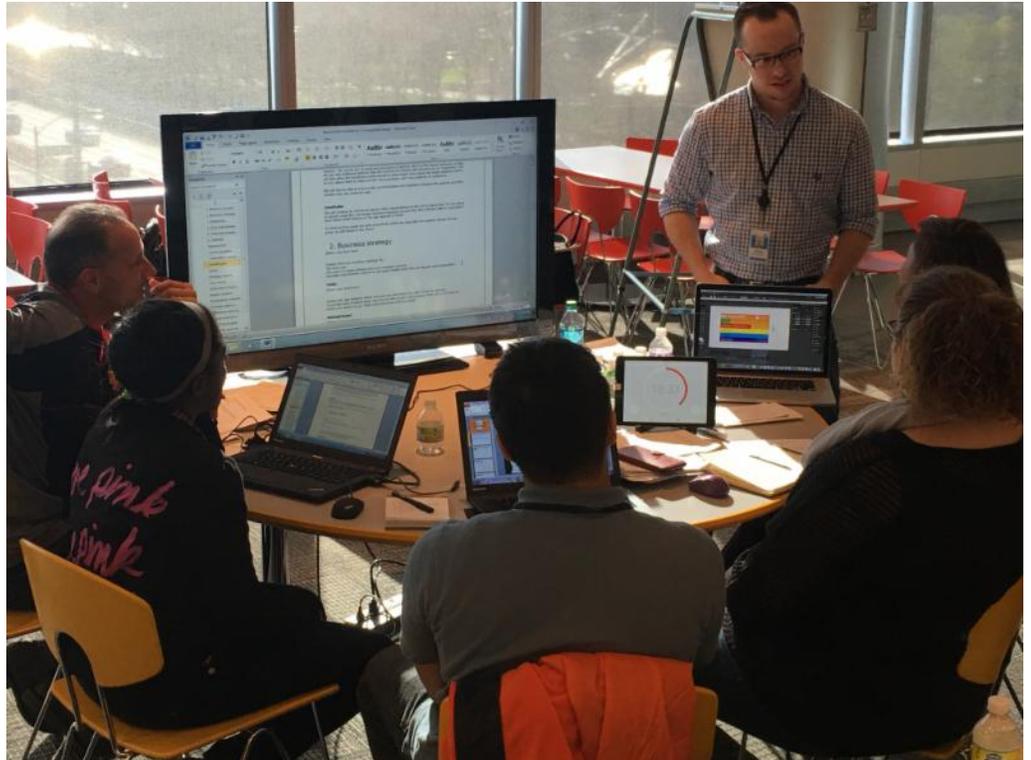
Teacher Spotlight : Zhyldyz Murzaeva



Zhyldyz Murzaeva received her teaching degree from Northeastern Illinois University. She has been teaching at CMSA for 3 years. Originally from, Kyrgyzstan Ms. Muzaeva came to the U.S.A. in 2004. She teaches College Readiness Math to Juniors and Pre-Calculus to Seniors. Her hobbies include cooking and drawing with her daughters. Ms. Murzaeva chose teaching as a career because she wished to give back what she learned from her own teachers and to make a difference in students' lives. We truly appreciate her dedication!

Student Spotlight: CMSA Band

Lumity's Student Based Enterprise (SBE) Program Begins



The **Lumity Student Based Enterprise program (SBE)** is in full session until May 2016. Thirteen students from CMSA and 3 from Lakeview High School are participating in this program. Students will be taught coding, Word Press and how to create websites. The goal is to service local nonprofit businesses in the area who need technological support. Ms. Maldonado is our CMSA liaison and Clarence Morgan is the Lumity SBE Program Manager. We are grateful to Lumity for once again partnering with our students.

Chosen from among 2,000 students, Anthony Howard plays for Illinois Music Education Association Festival; joins UIC Honors Band





We have some of the most talented student musicians in all of Chicago right here at CMSA! . Led by the talented Ms. Shanova Vincent-Friend, our band continues to bring honor, and gold medals, from CPS competitions. In addition, the list of students receiving outstanding recognition for the talents keeps growing. From left to right, front row : Emily Matthews, Lance Velez, Samsondeen Batula, Franceena Walker, Flome Boussoukou, Kahsel Paw Nay, Oluwakemi Oyedokun, Claudine Iradakunda. Back row: Ricardo Enriquez, James Banks, Edgar Delgado, Chidera Madu, Anthony Howard, Joseph Mathews, Jimmy Hernandez, Erik Bucio, Rachael Patterson, Oluwafunmibi Oyedokun.

Congratulations to them all!



Junior, Anthony Howard was chosen to represent CMSA at this year's **Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Festival Competition on November 12, 2015 at Elmhurst College**. Anthony is one only 60 from the 2,000 students who auditioned for this honor to perform in this prestigious festival. Anthony's instrument the tuba, is technically demanding. It is considered a scholarship instrument due to its technical difficulty. By playing the tuba so well Anthony will have access to scholarships for his college education. Playing in the Festival offers these students, who normally would not play together, the chance to experience a professional level of collaboration they will always remember. The concert also gives them a chance to shine before college music directors in the audience interested in recruiting talent. In addition, after his performance at University of Illinois at Chicago Band Festival he was accepted to the prestigious UIC Honors Band. He was also given the **first chair position (This means Anthony is a premier musician and will be seated closest to the audience leading the other instruments, plus he will be playing any solos!)** and received compliments from world renowned composer Brian Balmages. *Well done, Anthony!*

Morningstar + Harvard = Student Success



Hanna Stotlan is a well-known figure in the admissions world whose honesty in advising seniors on college is well known. Hanna also offers great strategies on how to get students' applications noticed by the admissions office. Hanna has spoken at CMSA for the past 3 years. Her presentation is possible through our partnership with Morningstar. Their mentors joined their students to discuss how their college applications are progressing and Hanna's useful tips.

CMSA Ranks as Level 1+

S&C Electric Challenges Future Engineers



Students in Project Lead The Way engineering classes had the chance to be inspired by a group of professionals from S&C Electric. The S&C team, lead by Paul Rozier, explained the history of S&C and how their work impacts our daily lives. The students also learned about the many rewarding

careers available to them if they choose engineering as their career. Thank you, S&C, for visiting us!

Students Win Challenge at Loyola's PLTW Open House



Students in **Project Lead The Way** engineering classes were among 72 students invited to attend Loyola University's Open House for Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Pre-Engineering program. Juniors and seniors rotated through various sessions during the morning, allowing them to experience a college engineering class and get hands on experience in small group settings. The Learning Activity for the Students involved designing and constructing a bridge. The CMSA students won this design contest---hands down!.

PASSION 1 MISSION
We couldn't have done it **LEVEL 1+** without YOU!

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RATES CMSA AS LEVEL 1+ SCHOOL
Students made significant gains in key areas:

- Reading growth on NWEA MAP (grades 2-8) — Better than **85%** of schools nationally
- Math growth on NWEA MAP (grades 2-8) — Better than **94%** of schools nationally
- Growth of EPAS assessment series (grades 11) — Better than **90%** nationally
- College Persistence rate (class of 2013) — **84.6%** of graduates persisting in college
- My School, My Voice Survey — Well organized school
- Attendance Rate — **97.3%**

27% of District schools are Level 1+ and 17% of Charter schools are Level 1+

Chicago Math & Science Academy is ranked Level 1+ by Chicago Public Schools. According to their SQRQ report, CMSA students made significant gains in key areas:

Reading growth on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) = is in the **top 15% of schools nationally**

Math growth on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) = is in the **top 6% of schools nationally**

Growth of EPAS assessment series (grades 11 PLAN to ACT) = is in the **top 4% nationally**

College Persistence Rate (class of 2013) = **84.6%**

Attendance Rate = 97.3%
**NWEA = Northwest Evaluation Association & (MAP) = Measures of Academic Progress are nationally recognized norm-referenced assessments used as one metric in the school quality equation. Comparison

CMSA Honored as One of the "Best High Schools"

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS
& WORLD REPORT
U.S. News
BRONZE 2015

Chicago Math & Science Academy was awarded a Bronze Medal in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 Best High Schools ranking. Only 4 charter schools in Illinois and 9 in Indiana made the list

The Sounds of Christmas

My Favorite Things
Featuring: The CMSA Cadet, Intermediate, and award winning *Concert Band*
At: 7059 N. Greenview Ave.
On: December 3rd, 2015
Time: 5:30 PM

Come and enjoy a lovely concert featuring our outstanding music students. This annual event is one of the most popular of the year. The cost is \$5.00 - your enjoyment is guaranteed! Bring your family and friends to kick off your Holiday.

Alumni Corner



In Illinois and 9 in Indiana made the list. Considering there are around 30,000 public high schools in the United States, this is truly a great honor and testament to the hard work and dedication of the CMSA students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members. We are very proud of this recognition.

You Can Help CMSA!

Please consider making a difference in the education of Rogers Park youth with a tax-deductible donation. We will gladly accept a check, credit card or you can use PayPal through the CMSA website.

Your donation will directly help our students succeed by providing such things as STEM-related textbooks, incentives for academic achievement, equipment for science labs, robotics kits, etc.

Remember that every donation received by CMSA gives inner-city youths the opportunity to fulfill their educational dreams.

Join us as our philanthropic partner in continuing our excellence in education. You can click the Donate button below. Every dollar makes a difference! We thank you for your support and generosity.



CMSA's graduates come together throughout the year to catch up with one another. The latest reunion was for Thanksgiving this past week. Our Alumni Coordinator makes sure to stay in touch with all of graduates and keeps us posted on their many achievements.

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