



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Teacher Spotlight : Heather Peagler



Heather Peagler has been our school counselor since 2011. She recently received her certificate as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). This past year she taught Character Education. In addition, Ms. Peagler has brought many special programs to our students to help them understand complicated issues. These program resources have included Between Friends, The Response Center, Peer Health Exchange and NAMI.

She attended the University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign with a Bachelors in Psychology and a Masters in Social work from the University of Illinois Chicago. Ms.

Peagler's mission has always been to be of service for the youth and community. In her role as counselor at CMSA she advocates for the students, teachers and parents with integrity and respect of each individual's situation. Encouraging and promoting social and emotional awareness through positive self-regard and for others is one of the fundamental goals as counselor at CMSA.

In order to practice what she teaches, she enjoys the simple

Presenting the Class of 2016!



Seventy seniors celebrated their graduation on June 8 as parents, friends, teachers and mentors proudly witnessed this important milestone. **We congratulate the class of 2016 and wish them good luck in their future endeavors.** We look forward to having visit us to keep us posted on their successes.

Middle School Graduation Ceremony



things in life to promote her own well-being. She challenges herself by cultivating creativity and imagination through her interests of culinary and photography.. Remembering, how to be kind to ourselves and compassionate towards others is the daily goal if we want to see peace and growth within our community. "I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures."-Lao Tzu

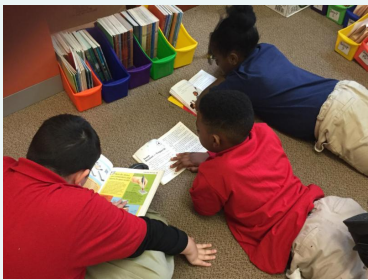
Student Spotlight:
All the students at CMSA for all of their hard work during this school year! Go Titans!!

Seniors Raise over \$6 Million



in college scholarships!

Concept School's Parent Blog



We invite you to read the latest entry in the Concept Blog. It gives a recap of our awesome STEM City event this past May 27th. Check it out and see all the STEM FUN!

<http://www.conceptschools.org/s-t-e-m-festival-organized-by-chicagos-own-children/>

CMSA Ranks as Level 1+



Middle school students took an important step towards their future as they graduated from 8th grade on June 8. The reality of high school life has begun to set in and they are ready to take the challenge the years ahead will bring.

Congratulations to all!

4th Annual International Festival Celebrates Diversity




The 4th Annual International Festival is one of the most popular events at CMSA. We are proud to say that we have over 40 countries represented at our school. This annual celebrations brings together parents, students, friends, and staff who learn about different cultures while enjoying great food and performances. Congratulations to Ms.Veller and all the students who make this a great CMSA tradition.



The CMSA middle school track and field team had a historic season this year! The team qualified two relay teams and six individuals for the City Championship meet on June 4th. **Ahmed Rahmaan** won 6th place in the 5th/6th grade boys shot put. **Tre Nicholson** won 3rd place in the 5th/6th grade 100 meter dash, and **Celestine Chukwudi** won 2nd place in the 5th/6th grade 200 meter dash and is the City Champion in the 5th/6th grade 400 meter dash. With their stellar performances, the 5th/6th grade boys team earned 2nd place out of 33 teams with a score of points. *CMSA has been able to continue its winning tradition by qualifying at least one athlete and/or relay team for the City Championship meet.*

Congratulations to their Coaches Mr. Ratliff , Mrs. Deutsch, Ms. Turner and to ALL the athletes!



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

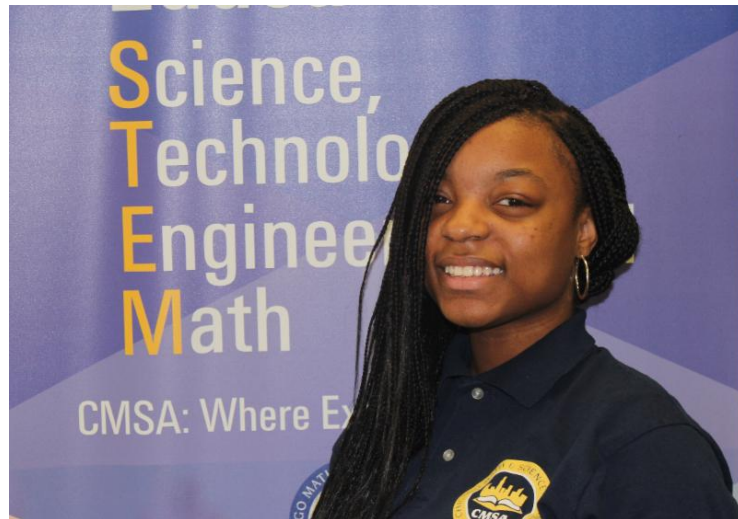
- Reading growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) ← Better than **85%** of schools nationally
- Math growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) ← Better than **94%** of schools nationally
- Growth of EPAS assessment series (grades 11) ← Better than **90%** nationally
- College Persistence rate (class of 2013) ← **84.6%** 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 SQRP 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



Chicago Math and Science Academy:
changing the trajectory of our students' lives with STEM-focused education that successfully prepares students for tomorrow!

CMSA Honored as One of the "Best High Schools"



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. 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.



The staff at Chicago Math and Science Academy wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

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.



Be safe and see you in the fall!



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