



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



April 2017

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Jennifer Nelson



Jennifer Nelson has been teaching at CMSA for 10 years! Mrs. Nelson received her Masters in Teaching from National-Louis University and teaches 7th and 8th grade science. She chose to teach because science was always her favorite subject while growing up. She decided she wanted to inspire young minds to explore science, see that it can be fun, and that it can be a lifelong interest. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her husband and two daughters. We are happy to celebrate her 10th anniversary of teaching at CMSA!

CLASS OF 2017 BREAKS DOWN THE WALLS TO IVY LEAGUE COLLEGES, AGAIN!



Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) proudly announces that the Class of 2017 has again made it to the **Ivy League schools!** This year's seniors have acceptances to **Cornell** and **Brown** Universities, full rides to Northwestern and the University of Chicago, as well as scholarships to Loyola. In addition, one young lady is on the wait list at Stanford. These amazing achievements are capped by **merit scholarships** totaling over **\$13 million** among **86** seniors.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Students Experience a Civics Lesson as they Meet the Mayor!



For 3 consecutive years, CMSA has been selected as one of the best high schools in the nation by US News. 2017 Rankings were announced on April 25, 2017 and we received a "SILVER" ranking".

NEW! - Highlights from the 2017 US News list regarding CMSA

- **CMSA is the highest ranked charter school** in the state of Illinois;
 - **CMSA is the one and only Silver medal recipient among charter schools.** No charter school in the state of Illinois received a Gold ranking.
- Here is a link to see more!
<http://bit.ly/2oNpG37>



Mr. Bolthouse's civic action students had the opportunity to witness democracy in action with their Alderman Joe Moore at a City Council meeting. All students received an "A" on their class project of a community campaign to change something negative in their neighborhood. This Civic Action Plan is the capstone project for the Senior Civics class. Students drew off of a variety of political and civic concepts taught throughout the course and implement them in an authentic real life application.

Student Spotlight:
Safa Abdullah

Safa Abdulla is in the 7th Grade. She recently won second place in this year's Concept Schools' Writing Contest. The theme was "Wear Your Imagination Inside Out," and Safa submitted her own adaptation of a Cinderella story. She credits her teacher, Mrs. Bramley, for encouraging her to take on this project. "It was amazing to win a prize in this contest. I plan to buy a chromebook so that I can continue writing stories," states Safa. We look forward to reading her next stories! Well done, Safa.

Students Perform Original Rap Song as History Comes Alive at "Hamilton" Performance

Concept School's Parent Blog in Spanish!



Le invitamos a leer la última entrada en el Concept Blog en Español.

WWW.CONCEPTSCHOOLS.ORG/blog/

CMSA Ranks as Level 1+

PASSION 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 5-8) — Better than 82% of schools nationally
- Math growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) — Better than 94% of schools nationally
- Growth of EPSS assessment scores (grades 11) — Better than 96% nationally
- College Persistence rate (class of 2013) — 84.8% of graduates persisting in college
- My School, My Voice Survey — Well-regarded school
- Attendance Rate — 97.2%

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 5-8) — in the



6-8) - is in the
top 15% of schools nationally

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

□ **Growth of EPAS assessment series**
(grades 11 PLAN to ACT) = i
s 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.

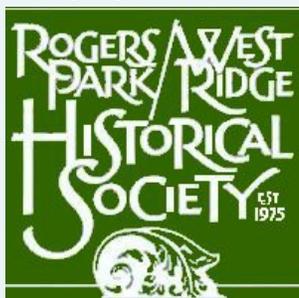
Comparison

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is looking for a few good recipes!

You and Your Family Can Have a Place in
Community History!

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical
Society is collecting recipes for a community
cookbook to be published in October 2017.
The cookbook will collect and preserve the
recipes that are important to local residents,
past and present. They are seeking YOUR
favorite dishes for this collection.

Submitting recipes is easy. Simply visit their
website to download the Recipe Collection
Sheet and proceed to write the recipes for
your favorite dishes. Need help measuring
your ingredients? No problem - Donna
Vitale will help you get the done!



**The World In One Neighborhood: The
Varied Cuisines of Chicago's Far North Side, a
project of the Rogers Park/West Ridge
Historical Society, will be published in October
2017.**

Please visit to www.rpwrhs.org/cookbook
to submit your favorite recipes and be a
part of Rogers Park history!

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.



Ruth Goneh and Jordyn Glantonn were selected as winners for the **Hamilton** presentation piece for their original rap "**Hamilton vs. Jefferson**" on stage in front of what has been estimated as millions of viewers. These ladies were part of the 85 lucky History and Social Studies high schools students who got the experience of a life time as they attended a performance of "Hamilton" on April 26, 2017. This performance was made possible through a grant from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. As part of The Hamilton Education Program teachers were required to implement a 3-5-day student project for all students attending. In addition, each student created and submitted an original performance piece that is a maximum of 2 minutes in length based on what they have learned about the Founding Era.

CMSA Band Fundraiser for "Stand Up for Kids Chicago"



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.



STAND UP FOR KIDS
www.standupforkidschicago.org

5TH ANNUAL CMSA SPRING
CONCERT FOR A CAUSE
ENDING CHILDHOOD HOMELESSNESS ONE NOTE AT A TIME.

\$5.00 to ENTER
MAY 4, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.
7212 N. Clark

Save the Date: May 4, 2017 @ 5:00pm! Our CMSA Concert Band will hold their annual "Concert for a

Cause" to benefit homeless children in Chicago in our gym at 7212 North Clark Street. Stand Up for Kids' mission is to end the cycle of youth homelessness throughout the United States. Here's their blog entry for this event: <http://www.standupforkids.org/blog/article/chicago-math-and-science-academy-stands-up-for-kids>

Students Raise Funds for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



During the month of March, **CMSA's National Honor Society** coordinated a fundraiser with **Pasta for Pennies** benefiting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Our middle and high school students donated and raised over \$750 dollars during the course of three weeks. Mrs. Turner's homeroom won an Olive Garden lunch by collecting the most money out of the entire school! Her students raised \$231.33! Ms. Crook's class came in a close second, raising \$168.38. Congratulations and great work ladies! Ms. Juarbe, Mrs. Walton, and the entire National Honor Society want to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who raised money and participated in the fundraiser.

Way to give back, CMSA!

Students Join Earth Day Clean Up Efforts



Students rolled up their sleeves and dug into the dirt as they helped plant beautiful flowers at Touhy Park on Earth Day. The students were happy to help beautify their favorite park!

Way to go back, CMSA!



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**"Changing the trajectory of our students' lives with STEM-focused education
that successfully prepares students for tomorrow!"**

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