

MSA News and Updates: Week of May 11th, 2026

Thank you to all who contributed to Teacher and Staff Appreciation



Week. You made it possible for us to express to our staff how meaningful their contributions are to Mark Sheridan Academy.

Multicultural Night was a huge success. Big THANKS to all who attended and, even more appreciation for our planning committee who knocked it out of the park!



Thank you to all the families who made AMAZING piñatas for our Multicultural Festival. We hope you had a great time working together on this meaningful & festive project that brought so much joy to our school community!



Congratulations to all of our 7th and 8th-grade students who were finalists for the **Do the Write Thing** ceremony, which was held last night at UIC. Students wrote powerful essays about non-violence. Jasper Cen was recognized as a top ten winner. It was a beautiful celebration!

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Some of our Chinese Dance students had an opportunity to perform at the CPS Reverberate Festival. We are so proud of the following students and their talents!

Haily Ong, Haylynn Kwan, Melissa Wu, Jessalyn Chen, Giselle Huang, Amira Wang, Ashley Liang, Paisley Liang, Claire Wei, Joyce Situ, Anna Chen, Ariel Wu, and Jessica Moy. A special thanks to Ms. Sunny Li and Ms. Ocean Wang for coordinating this cultural event.

Congratulations to one of our current graduates, Livia Trifan, who received 2nd Place in the 11th Ward Boy & Girl of the Year ceremony. We are so proud!

Please note that there is iReady and Star 360 happening over the next two weeks. It is critical that students arrive at school on time each day. School begins at 7:30 AM. Attendance Matters!

A Summer of Discovery & Fun! Apollo will be offering Summer Camp to our MSA families. We encourage you to check out their many offerings. The Apollo Summer Camp is designed to be a comprehensive program that benefits students, parents, and the school itself. For over a decade, they have been a trusted partner to schools, delivering exceptional enrichment programs that children love. Their daily schedule is a balanced blend of structured, theme-based activities and free-choice enrichment, ensuring that every child is engaged and excited throughout the day. The link to register is on our dedicated landing page.

<https://apolloafterschool.com/marksheridan/>

Project Vision is also offering a summer school program that goes through Grade 8. To register, this is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/PV-MS-Summer-2026>

Attendance: We're heading into the toughest part of the year. Everyone's exhausted, the weather is warming up, and showing up gets harder right when it matters most. We want to partner with you to help your student finish strong. Your children matter to us. We notice when



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they're here. We notice when they're not. Let's finish this year strong together.

Dates to Remember: Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, 5/13	Flower Delivery
Thursday, 5/21	All-School Picnic
Monday, 5/25	Memorial Day- No School for Students

Traffic Safety & Dismissal: To keep traffic moving and our children safe, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- **No Double Parking:** This is a major safety hazard and is strictly prohibited on **27th Street** and **Wallace Street**.
- **Keep Moving:** If your child is not ready when you reach the front of the line, you must circle the block. Do not idle or wait in the flow of traffic.
- **Follow the Plan:** Our traffic plan was created with expert input to maximize safety. Please avoid U-turns and always follow the designated flow of traffic.
- **CPD Presence:** Due to frequent complaints regarding double parking and illegal U-turns, the **Chicago Police Department** will be conducting frequent patrols. They will issue tickets to vehicles violating traffic laws. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

