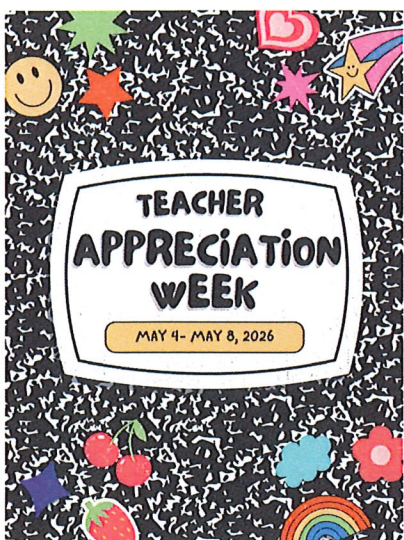


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Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:

Every day, teachers transform ordinary moments into extraordinary discoveries. They turn curiosity into confidence, challenges into triumphs, and classrooms into launchpads for dreams. This Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2026, we're celebrating the magic that happens when dedicated educators pour their hearts into helping our children grow. We would love your help to acknowledge what the teachers and staff at Sheridan do every single day. Please see the attached flyer for more information on

how you can contribute to this special week.

A note from our Yearbook Club: Our [online yearbook order forms](#) are now open and will remain available through April 30th! Each yearbook is \$28! Order now before the price increases! This year's yearbook is filled with special memories, big milestones, and so many snapshots of the amazing moments that made this school year unforgettable. Please remember that all yearbook orders must be placed [online](#) this year. We will not be accepting cash or check payments at school. Ordering online helps us keep the process simple, secure, and efficient for everyone. **Be sure to place your order before April 30th so your child doesn't miss out on capturing this incredible year!** We can't wait for our students to flip through the pages and relive all the fun. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We're so excited to celebrate a fantastic year together! Please reach out to Ms. Xu (axu10@cps.edu) or Mrs. Fisler (afisler@cps.edu) if you have any questions!

April is Stress Awareness Month, providing a vital opportunity for students to learn to manage academic and personal pressure through mindfulness, physical activity, and creative expression. Top activities include guided breathing exercises (like balloon breathing), yoga, journaling, and outdoor, nature-based events to promote mental well-being and resilience.

What parents can do:

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Help kids feel safe, loved, and cared for. This is the best way to offset stress. Feeling close to you and knowing you love and accept them is more important than ever. Provide routines, like the same bedtime, eating a meal together, or being there after school. Routines provide a rhythm and let kids know there are things they can count on.

Teach coping skills. Kids feel better when they know there are things they can do for themselves to offset their stress. Kids of all ages can learn and practice calm breathing and meditation. There are many other skills to learn, too.

Help them take a break from stress. Make time to play, draw or paint, spend time in nature, read a book, play an instrument, be with friends and family. These activities are more than just fun. They help kids and teens feel positive emotions that offset stress.

Reach out to your child's doctor or a [therapist](#). Chronic stress sometimes requires more support than a parent can provide alone.



Advocate for your child. Sometimes, chronic stressors are outside of your child's control. In these cases, it can be helpful for parents to engage with the stressor directly (for example, contacting school staff about bullying).

Creative Writing in Kindergarten: Great writers are blossoming in our Kindergarten classrooms as students wrote about what they would do if they had \$100 to spend. From buying lambourginis to toys to technology, they had all the bases covered. While all the responses were creative, the students who decided their money would go to those who need it most got the biggest round of applause from their classmates.

A Summer of Discovery & Fun! Apollo will be offering Summer Camp to our MSA

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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.

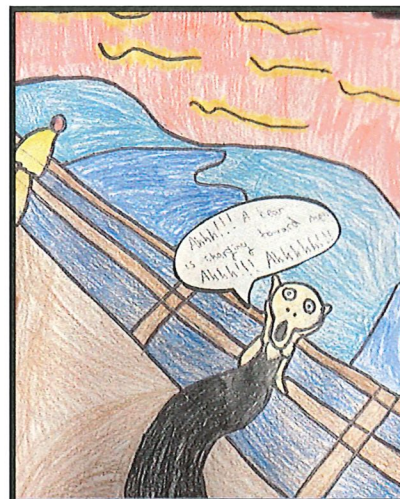
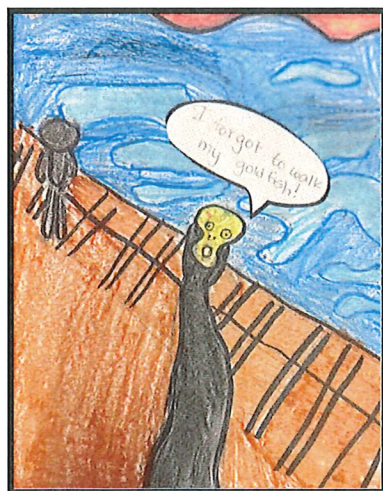
<https://apolloafterschool.com/marksheridan/>

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



Fifth Grade reinterpreted the famous artwork, The Scream by Edvard Munch.



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Dates to Remember: Mark Your Calendars

Friday, 5/1	Day of Attendance for all CPS Students
Wednesday, 5/6	Multicultural Night
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.

Third Quarter Awards were distributed to students recognized by their teachers in the areas of academics, creativity, kindness, and school spirit!





Staff Appreciation Week

May 4 - 8, 2026

We Need Your Help!

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up, and we're excited to celebrate the incredible teachers and staff at Mark Sheridan Academy who give so much to our children every day.

To help make this week special, we are kindly requesting monetary donations to support meals, treats, and small tokens of appreciation throughout the week.

Suggested donation: \$10 per child

We completely understand that not every family is able to contribute at this time. We also recognize that some families may be able to give more.

Every contribution—large or small—helps make this week meaningful for our staff. We could not do this without your support, and we are grateful for whatever you are able to give.

Thank you for helping us show our MSA staff just how valued they are!

[CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE](#)

****Cash donations can be sent to the front office in a sealed envelope. Please write "SAW donation" on envelope****





员工感谢周

2026年5月4日-8日

我们需要您的帮助!



员工感谢周即将到来，我们很高兴能够庆祝MSA学校那些每天为孩子们付出如此之多的优秀教师和员工们。

为了让本周更加特别，我们恳请大家捐款，用于本周为员工们提供餐食，点心和礼物以表达我们的谢意。



建议捐款：每位儿童10美金

我们完全理解并非每个家庭此时都能捐款。我们也明白，有些家庭或许能够捐更多。

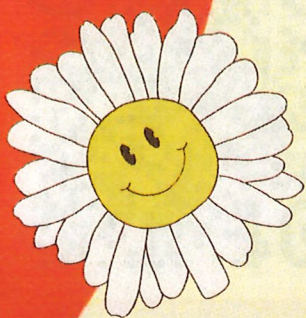
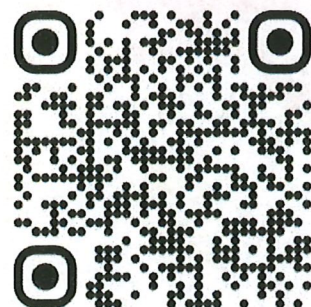
每一份贡献--大或小--都会帮助成就本感谢周，这对我们的员工来说意义重大。我们不能没有您的支持，对于您的付出，我们将万分感谢!

感谢您帮助我们向MSA员工们表达他们的价值!



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现金捐款可装入密封信封送至办公室，请在信封上写上“SAW donation”及孩子姓名班级即可



Yearbook Order Forms!

- Online purchases only!! No cash or check payments!!!
- Purchase by: April 30th 2026
- Costs \$28 per book! Price will increase after deadline.

