



# WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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## **Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement**

- This year, we expanded our use of the personalized learning platform IXL. We piloted its use in 8th grade Language Arts last year and based on our MAP data in the spring, decided to expand its use to all grade levels. Students continue to be highly engaged in this resource and we have found it to be extremely effective in helping teachers identify and close gaps in student foundational reading skills.
- We continue to collaborate with our colleagues at West Chicago Community High School. Right now, we are focused on our science programming and ensuring that our students are prepared for the rigor of freshman Biology and Honors Biology. This spring, our teachers will meet with the science department to review our curriculum, assessment, and lab practices and discuss the ways that we prepare our students to read and analyze data in their Science classrooms.

## **Goal #2: Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement, and Agency**

- We invite you to join us as we PACK THE HOUSE tomorrow, 3/21, as our Unified Basketball team takes on Glen Crest Middle School. Our team has celebrated many wins this season, and our annual Pack the House event always draws a great crowd. Tip-off is at 4:00 and we hope to see you there!
- Our Scholastic Bowl team is having a great season, earning wins against Geneva Middle School and Barrington Middle School. There are not a lot of schools in the area that offer Scholastic Bowl, but we are ready for more competition as soon as we can find it!
- The Honor Roll Field Trip is back this year, with students who have been on the high honor roll at least once this year earning the opportunity to go to Medieval Times at the end of the school year in celebration of their academic accomplishments.

## **Goal #4: Family Engagement and Community Involvement**

- To increase our parent engagement this year, we have invited them to join us as chaperones on field trips with their students. This has not been a practice at LMS in many, many years. Parent engagement in our special learning opportunities has been a positive experience for everyone, including the children who have told us that they “really don’t mind that we let their parents come with.”
- In January, we sent several mothers and their daughters to the Dare to Dream Conference for Latina women at the College of Dupage. Along with their mothers, our students heard speakers who encouraged them to dream big. A particularly powerful moment at the conference was when mothers wrote encouraging letters and read them aloud to their daughters.
- This year’s Spring Musical, High School Musical, will be presented on April 25th at 6 PM, as well as April 26th at 2 PM and 6 PM. This is a family-friendly performance and we hope you will join us for one of our shows!