VISION: The Mark T. Skinner School’s vision is to be the premier elementary School in metropolitan Chicago for educating special children (Special Education, Classical, and Neighborhood/Magnet), and to serve as the outstanding model for all such schools.

LRE MANDATE: LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

I. SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
   A. Field Trips- Whitney Young, Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art
   B. Holiday Concerts
   C. Gardner Pre-School Program at Skinner
   D. Primary Chorus at Our Lady of Angels Mission
   E. Holiday Break
   F. NWEA Winter Testing K-8
   G. Student Council Spirit Days- Weird Day & Pajama Day
   H. Band For Today Piano Recital
   I. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
   J. Communications Committee Meeting
   K. School Improvement Committee Meeting
   L. Instructional Leadership Team Meetings
   M. Gallery 111 Meeting
   N. Forum Meetings
   O. Friends of Skinner West Meeting
   P. Independent Principals Meeting
   Q. Boys Basketball Games
R. Debate Team Competition
S. FOSW- Chromebook & Cart Delivery
T. Star After School Program
U. Glee Classes
V. Skinner Park Program
W. 4K Karate Classes
X. Music House
Y. Mad Science
Z. Bilingual Advisory Committee Meeting
AA. Mandarin Classes for Neighborhood classes
BB. High School Testing for 8th Graders

II. PERSONNEL
We welcome Ms. Jialing Chen, our new Mandarin teacher from LaSalle Language Academy

III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP
Support Area: QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- **A. NWEA Winter Testing** - For the past three weeks our Superstars have been taking the winter reading & math portions of NWEA testing to give teachers data on how our students are progressing towards their end of year growth targets & common core standards
- **B. Chromebooks** - We are so pleased to receive 210 additional chromebooks + 7 carts through Friends of Skinner West and we have finally received notice that our order through CPS for an additional 144 chromebooks + 4 carts have been shipped through CDW and should arrive at Skinner later this week. With these additional chromebooks every 3-8 grade class will have their own chromebook cart and K-2 will have one between two teachers
- **C. Mandarin Program** - We are proud to introduce Mandarin to our neighborhood classes and for Classical 1-3 and continue Mandarin for upper grades 6-8. Introduction letters to parents were sent home from Ms. Chen & Ms. Kong last week
- **D. Instructional Leadership Team** is reviewing data & assisting Mrs. Clark in preparing prescriptive plans for students who are considerably below the 50th percentile in reading & math.
Support Area: STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING

A. **Basketball** - Skinner is hosting play off games at Skinner next week. Our 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th boys teams are #1 in the Network.

B. **Debate Team** - Still competing and winning lots of awards!

C. **Student Council** has been busy organizing spirit days including “Weird Clothing” Day and Pajama Day.

D. **Washington, D. C. Trip** - We appreciate all the families who have supported “Name in Lights” Birthday announcements. The funds will defray the cost for our 8th grade trip to Washington, D. C.

Support Area: SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

A. Principal Clark & Mrs. Bush attended Independent School Principals meeting at Juarez High School on the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) for 2016-2018

B. Principal Clark & Ms. Bush attended a professional learning team meeting on data at Disney Magnet School on January 14th

Support Area: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Instructional Leadership Team**

*Review NWEA Data for priority groups-African Americans, Review and Select Target Students, Complete NWEA Student Goal Setting Sheets, Review Learning Continuum for Instruction, Align student deficits with IXL and iReady Skills, Write prescriptive plans for targeted students, Schedule for Intervention*

  - Library Time
  - Motivation/Incentives
  - Additional Time: A.M., P.M.
  - Growth Incentives
  - Keeping Track-monitoring

*Monitoring Technology Program Usage: Achieve 3000, IXL, iReady Reading, iReady Math, Coding Through Google, New CIWP 2016 – 2018, NWEA Test dates*

**Achieve 3000**

Consultant, Debbie Shouba, provided individual & small group refresher & updates on Achieve 3000 to teachers throughout the day on Jan. 8th
Support Area: PARENT & COMMUNITY

- **Basketball Games & Bowling Fundraiser**- Many thanks to all of our parents who support our basketball games & supported the bowling fundraiser.
- **Holiday Clothing Drive**- A word of thanks to every parent who provided brand new clothing to our Superstars during the holiday season. Special thanks to Friends of Skinner West for organizing.
- **CNA**- Many thanks to the generosity of CNA for another fabulous donation of $15,000 to Skinner West School. The check was presented to the school during our Primary Chorus performance on December 10th.

IV. ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Refrigerator repaired in Kitchen area
- Sink drain in Kitchen cleaned & routed out

V. LUNCHROOM

VI. BUDGET- See attached sheet

VII. HANDOUTS

- Internal accounts for Dec. 2015
- Budget Proposal SBB Funds

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5th No School/ School Improvement Day