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), 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. STAR Summer Camp
   B. Police Academy Summer Program for High School Students
   C. Teacher Candidate Interviews & Demo Lessons
   D. LSC Organizational Meeting
   E. CPS Administrators Institute
   F. Communications Committee Meetings
   G. Summer Registration & Orientation for New Students K-8
   H. Summer Meet and Greet New Parents
   I. Kindergarten Parent Orientation
   J. Forum Welcome Continental Breakfast First Day of School
   K. 4K Karate Summer Classes
   L. Star Registration for Fall
   M. Star After School Program
   N. Glee Tryouts
   O. Debate Team Information Meetings
   P. Dance Club Try-outs
   Q. Forum/PTO Catalogue Sale
   R. Music House Recruitment
S. FOSW Walkathon Meetings
T. Park District After School Program
U. Professional Development
V. First grade move to main building
W. E Newsletter
X. Star Theater Try-outs

II. PERSONNEL
A. We say goodbye to:
   - Lauren McKenna, 2nd Grade Teacher
   - Alex Hill, School Psychologist

B. We welcome:
   - Chase Sheaff, 2nd Grade Teacher
   - Anna McGowan, 6th Grade Teacher
   - Anya Zamiar, 8th Grade Teacher
   - Stephanie Battaglia, Special Ed Resource
   - Jessica Schultz, 2nd Grade Teacher
   - Rhonda Florence, School Nurse
   - Teresa Blag, School Psychologist
   - David Rodriguez, New Sodexo custodian
   - Edith Chacon, New Sodexo custodian
   - Yumara Villanueva, New Sodexo custodian
   - Ms. Nadia, New Branch custodian

C. We welcome back:
   - Ashley Oluewu, From maternity leave

D. Position Changes
   - Stephanie Travis- Brown – 4th Grade N to Resource/SEL
   - Ashley Wyper - 2nd Grade N to 1st Grade N
   - Jeff Merkin - Kindergarten N to 1st Grade N
   - Sharon Rosenzweig - 5th Grade C to 5th Grade N
   - Jenna Fisher - 3rd Grade C to 2nd Grade N
   - Amanda Shaff – 1st Grade N to 3rd Grade N
   - Julie Carlson - 5th Grade N to 4th Grade N
   - Sarah DeJulio - 3rd Grade N to 3rd Grade C
   - Jacqueline Bovit - Family Leave

E. Teacher, Halyna Sendoun, 8th grade science teacher, is on maternity leave
III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP
Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

CONGRATULATIONS- SKINNER WEST ranks #8 as a top elementary school in Chicago by Chicago Magazine

A. Common Core Textbooks Reading & Math- Textbooks delivered to classrooms
B. Foreign Language Offerings for Neighborhood classes:
   o Spanish Grades 1,3,4,5,6,7 & 8
   o Mandarin 2nd Grade
C. Neighborhood Students to Classical Program- Congratulations to 16 of our neighborhood students were accepted into the Classical Program
D. Walking Math Groups- Most grade levels have started the walking math program.
E. Science Lab- Converted the art room in the annex to a science lab for our 6th graders.
F. Congratulations to our Superstars who moved on to the Academic Centers:
   • Kenwood 14
   • Lane Tech 4
   • Whitney Young 19
   • Lindblom 1
   • Taft 1

Support Area: Student Centered Learning
A. We hosted the Star Summer Camp Program. Approximately 170 students signed up for the 8 week program.
B. Our enrollment is 1189 students and counting.
C. Star After School Program- 325 Students are enrolled
D. Glee tryouts are underway
E. Debate Team informational meetings have started.
F. Skinner Dance Team Grades 5-8 has started.
G. 8th Grade Student Safety Patrol- Plans underway to have our 8th graders assist with morning drop-off on Adams St.

Support Area: School Leadership
A. Principal Clark & Mrs. Robinson attended the CPS Law Conference in July at Taft High School.

Support Area: Parent & Community
A. Forum PTO- Many thanks to our Forum/PTO for providing refreshments for our Parent Meet & Greet Orientation and the first day welcome.
B. Kindergarten & New Student Orientation- Many thanks to all of our new families for attending our summer orientation sessions.
C. Parent Volunteers- Many thanks to all the Skinner Parents who completed the CPS online volunteer application.
D. FOSW- Many thanks to FOSW for organizing the Walkathon which is on Thursday, September 26.

Support Area: Professional Development
Lisa Matouk Attended the following throughout the summer:
- GAMA Teaching Guitar Workshop
- IMES Workshop (3)
- Education Through Music 2019 Colloquium
- Summer Framework Fest 2019 (2)

Stacey Thorne
- ENTICE (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) class
- NGSS Teaching Strategies Class

Yasmin Dalal
- K-12 Shifting to Inquiry Workshop

Joseph Linke
- Trauma Informed Instruction 10 week Course

All Skinner Teachers and Staff
- CPS Protecting Chicago’s Children-Training Update
- Reach Orientation
- STLS Training
- MTSS Training
- Sexual Harassment Training
- Chronic Conditions Training
DCFS Mandated Reporter Training
Impact of Trauma on Students

11 Skinner Teachers and Staff The National Conference for Differentiated Instruction

IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER’S REPORT
A. Gym floors done over the summer- new vendor.
B. Many thanks to our custodial staff for getting the building ready for the start of the school year.
C. New lights installed throughout the building.
D. Skinner Branch- Playlot renovations by CPS completed
E. Chiller repairs over the summer
F. New thermostats at Branch
G. New cushion bumpers for stage area

V. LUNCHROOM
We are continuing to serve a light supper for any students in our after school programs.

VI. BUDGET - Request for approval:
   o AM Supervision
   o Monroe St. Patrol
   o Sub Coverage for Ms. Wyper, Maternity Leave

VII. HANDOUTS
   • Internal Accounts Reports for August 2019
   • Chicago Magazine- School Rankings
   • Budget Expenditure Requests

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS
Open House Dates
   • Grades 1-2: Thursday, September 19  5:00-6:00pm
   • Grades 6-8: Tuesday, September 24 5:30-7:00pm
   • Grades 3-5: Wednesday, September 25 5:00-6:00pm
Walkathon- Thursday, September 26