

COOPER Middle School

November

- 11/3 - District 21 Orchestra Festival (BGHS 7:30 PM)
- 11/5 - Girls Bball River Trails @ Cooper
- 11/5 - Boys Bball Cooper @ River Trails
- 11/10 - Boys Bball Mac @ Cooper
- 11/10 - Girls Bball Cooper @ Mac
- 11/11 - Dress Rehearsal Fall Choral Concert 3:30-5:30
- 11/12 - Family Learning Program Dinner 6:00-8:00
- 11/13 - Boys Bball Cooper @ London
- 11/13 - Girls Bball London @ Cooper
- 11/14 - Bilingual/ESL Family Fair @ Holmes 1:30-3:30
- 11/16 - Fall Choral Concert 7:00
- 11/17 - Girls Bball Cooper @ Lincoln
- 11/17 - Boys Bball Lincoln @ Cooper
- 11/19 - Variety Show Informational Meeting 3:30
- 11/19 - Girls Bball Cooper @ River Trails
- 11/19 - Boys Bball River Trails @ Cooper
- 11/20 - Lighted School House 7:00-9:00
- 11/25 - **No School**
- 11/26 - **No School, Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 11/27 - **No School**
- 11/30 - PAC meeting 9:30
- 11/30 - Girls Bball St Peter @ Cooper
- 11/30 - Boys Bball Cooper @ St Peter
- 11/30 - PAC meeting 6:15
- 11/30 - PTO meeting 7:00

December

- 12/1 - Girls Bball Cooper @ Holmes
- 12/1 - Boys Bball Holmes @ Cooper
- 12/2 - Boys Bball @ Thomas
- 12/2 - Variety Show auditions
- 12/3 - Variety Show auditions
- 12/4 - Girls Bball Mac @ Cooper
- 12/4 - Boys Bball Cooper @ Mac
- 12/8 - Band Concert 7:00
- 12/9 - Colt Classic 8th gr boys bball Barrington HS
- 12/10 - Colt Classic 7th gr boys bball Prairie MS or Station MS Barrington
- 12/10 - Orchestra Concert 7:00
- 12/11 - Colt Classic 7th gr boys bball Prairie MS Barrington
- 12/12 - Colt Classic 8th gr boys bball Barrington HS
- 12/14 - Girls Bball Lincoln @ Cooper
- 12/14 - Boys Bball Cooper @ Lincoln
- 12/17 - Boys Bball London @ Cooper
- 12/17 - Girls Bball Cooper @ London

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Dear Cooper Parents and Guardians,

The students and staff at Cooper Middle School have been very busy over the last month. It has been an exciting school year so far and we are looking forward to the rest of the trimester.

On a personal note, I have really enjoyed getting the opportunity to serve you and your families. It has been a great experience getting the chance to reconnect with families that I have known since 2004 while also meeting new families for the first time. Thank you for this opportunity.

As questions arise throughout the year on any topic please feel free to contact us here at Cooper. We will always embrace the opportunity to work collaboratively to come up with the best possible solution to help each individual student.

BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

BALANCED BUDGET PASSED

The Board of Education unanimously adopted a balanced budget at its September meeting for the current fiscal year. The budget reflects the District's commitment to offering a challenging curriculum, an authentic learning environment, and a strong network of support services, while being responsible stewards of public finances.

DISTRICT 214 HOSTS JOINT BOARD MEETING

High School District 214 hosted a meeting in September with representatives from each of its feeder school districts. The meeting covered three topics: state and federal updates, partnerships with Harper College, and beginning conversations around potential changes to the school calendar.

DISTRICT ENERGY SAVINGS

Ten years ago, the Board implemented Energy Conservation Guidelines. Since then, CCSD21 has saved more than \$3.4 million on energy expenses. The environmental impact of these savings translates into 3,703 cars not being driven for a year, or having 455,734 seedlings grow for 10 years! Additionally, each CCSD21 building is Energy Star certified by the federal government.

NEXT MEETING

November 12, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our parent teacher conferences were met with anticipation and enthusiasm. Parents, students, and teachers collaborated on what has gone well so far in the school year along with possible next steps. If for any reason you missed your conference it's not too late. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions you have about his or her progress.

During conferences we helped some parents sign up for the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a place where parents can see their child's current grades. If you haven't gotten a chance to sign up for the portal it's not too late. Please reach out to the main office and they can get you a username and password. If you're having trouble we can walk you through the steps to get signed up.

Attendance Line

If you know your child will not be in attendance at school for any reason please leave a message on our attendance line at **847-520-2752**.

Student Accident Insurance

Please be advised that School District 21 provides the School-Time Only Plan. If you would like more information on plans for additional coverage please contact the school office at 847-520-2745.

PTO NEWS...**NEXT PTO MEETING**

On Monday
NOVEMBER 30
7PM

Meetings are held at the LMC

Start your day right with the Cooper Breakfast Program!

Cooper's Breakfast Program provides time for students to socialize, study, and get a healthy start to their day before the official school day begins. Breakfast will be available five days a week to students from **7:30 am - 8:23 am** in the cafeteria for **\$1.30**. Students will have access to purchase breakfast between 7:30 am and 8:23 am.

You can put money in your account for breakfast as well as lunch by dropping it off in the front office.

Students that are eligible for free lunches are also eligible for free breakfast

Parent Involvement Opportunities

Our PTO is comprised of a fantastic group of parents who help make Cooper Middle School the place it is. The PTO runs the school store, our Lighted Schoolhouse events, and the 8th grade reception after the Promotion Ceremony. They also raise money to provide for the students at Cooper. They have helped teachers with classroom supplies and provided buses for student field trips.

We are still looking for more parents who are interested in being an integral part of the PTO. We are looking for volunteers or even people to chair a committee. Please contact me or one of our PTO board members with any questions related to being involved. Our next meeting is November 30th at 7:00 PM.

We also have a Principal's Advisory Council (PAC). This group has met with the principal historically throughout the year to discuss Cooper Middle School. Our next meeting is November 30th at 9:30 AM. We also have an additional PAC meeting at 6:15 PM on November 30th if the evening time works better with your schedule.

8th Grade Families

During parent teacher conferences we also helped our 8th grade families sign up for the high school. District 214 recently sent each 8th grade family a letter detailing the steps to take to sign up for next year. If you have any questions about this sign up please let us know.

Student Council

Our first annual Boo Bash was a big success! With over 170 students participating we had an amazing time dancing the night away. For those students who had other interests we also had the gymnasiums open for soccer and basketball.

This was all made possible by our Student Council. Led by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Slesnick our Student Council representatives prepared the cafeteria for a fun Friday night. The 60 bats were fun to see flying around but the real treat was the enormous spider that was hanging in the cafeteria that night.

CALENDAR

**November 20th
Lighted School House
7:00-9:00**

11/25 - No School

11/26 - No School, *Happy Thanksgiving!*

11/27 - No School

Safety Procedures

Over the course of the last six weeks we have participated in safety drills as classrooms, teams, and as a whole school. These safety drills are utilized to practice the procedures that we have in place to ensure that each student at Cooper is safe in the case that there is an actual emergency. Before, during, and after these drills we work with students to help them understand the procedures that we will follow if there was ever a threat to anyone's safety.

Our lockdown procedures are put into place when there is a threat to student safety from inside or outside of the building. Teachers and students are asked to stay in their classrooms if we ever go into a lockdown. If the threat was a fire our students and staff would exit the building in an orderly fashion through the closest possible exit. They would reconvene outside and would be kept away from the building until the fire department has cleared the building.