Weekly Update

“Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together...”
It is so hard to believe that it is already November! There are several days of nonattendance for students this month, so please be sure to mark your calendars.

As parents and educators, we have the same goals for our students: to get a quality education, in a safe and comfortable school, with dedicated, inspiring, and caring teachers.

Our school strives towards reaching those goals every day – and even in the face of significant challenges, we’ve made great progress towards them. In fact, Lenart has received a Level 1+ rating from CPS. This is the highest rating possible. I’m writing you today, because this progress is now in jeopardy.

Our school district, Chicago Public Schools (CPS), is facing a $480 million dollar budget shortfall that will have consequences on our staff and class size beginning next year if no action is taken.

We need your help - this problem can’t be solved without you.
Our elected leaders in Springfield are the ones who will decide whether or not funding will come through. For years, Springfield has cut education funding - asking you as a taxpayer to do more and giving your kids less. Now they must decide if they’ll provide CPS with needed relief in the form of $200 million in pension costs and increased education funding across the state -- or whether they'll continue to treat Chicago’s students unfairly.

As parents and educators, we cannot fully focus on the needs of our students with continued financial instability that upends our schools. It’s time we let Governor Rauner and our elected representatives know that this era of one-off budget tricks is over, and that we need them to treat Chicago students fairly, by funding Chicago schools and teacher pensions as they do for the rest of the state.

Your voice – as a taxpayer, a voter, and a parent – is so critical for our leaders to hear. Attached is a flyer with more information. Please take a minute to visit cps.edu/takeaction, where you’ll find resources to help you speak up for our community. And if you’d like to get more involved, please reach out to me.

I’m confident we can solve this if we work together to let Springfield know that shared values around education means shared responsibility – and it’s high time they step up.

~Principal Sims

Upcoming Events

**November 4**
LPCG Meeting
3:00 p.m.

**November 11**
No Classes in observance of Veteran’s Day

**November 12**
End of 1st Quarter

LSC Meeting
4:00 p.m.
Lenart Library

**November 13**
No Classes
Staff Development Day

Support the Lion Store

We are currently seeking donations for the Lion store. The Lion Store is one way that we are able to reward students who demonstrate the Lion Values (Leadership, Initiative, Obliging, Noble, and Scholarly). School supplies, books, trinkets, games, art supplies, sports paraphernalia, and stickers are just some of the items that have been used in the past. We would appreciate any donations that you can provide.