

## Lenart Regional Gifted Center

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### Principal's Corner

We are in our final stretch as we approach the end of the school year. Please remind students that now is not the time to slow down the pace. It is now time to turn on the final sprint. In just a few short weeks summer will be upon us. Next week we will begin our Spring NWEA testing. As a parent or guardian, you can play an important role in the testing process by encouraging your child to do his/her best. Here are some suggestions for things you can do at home.

- \* Make sure that your child gets enough rest at night.
- \* Make sure your child eats breakfast.
- \* Make sure your child has enough time in the morning to get ready for school without having to rush.
- \* Share encouraging words with your child and tell him/her how proud you are of them for trying their best.

Just a reminder with the warmer weather upon us, students will be outdoors during the mornings and for afternoon recess. Please dress your child appropriately. Flip flops are not allowed because they can be a safety hazard when students are running and shorts and shirts need to always properly cover both boys and girls.

As always, I thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing all our families soon at many upcoming events!

Happy Spring,  
Angela Sims, Principal

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### Important Dates

#### May 22, 2014

Family Fitness Fun Night  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

#### May 23, 2014

Principal's Chat  
6:00 p.m.

#### May 26, 2014

Memorial Day  
No School

#### June 5, 2014

Awards Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 9:00 a.m.  
Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade –  
1:00 p.m.

#### June 6, 2014

All School Picnic  
9:00 a.m.

#### June 13, 2014

Last Full Day of School!

## Class of 2014

Congratulation to the graduating Class of 2014! Special congratulations to Valedictorian Madelyn Moy and Salutatorian Daija Moorehead. Lenart is very proud of the Class of 2014. Keep up the hard work in pursuing your dreams!



### Dates to Remember:

- May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Washington D.C. Trip
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Algebra Exit Exam
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Awards and Ribbon Pinning Ceremony (9:30 a.m.)
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Mystic Blue Luncheon (12:00 - 5:30p.m.)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Graduation (9:30 a.m.)
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – All School Picnic (9:00 a.m.)



## Students of the Month

April - Leadership

This month Lenart students focused on demonstrating Leadership! Special recognition to the following students for being nominated as Student of the Month:

Preschool: **Gavin Newbern**  
**Douglas DesGroseilliers**

Kindergarten: **Amina Gorman**  
**Ruby Cornell**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: **McKenzie Young**  
**Neveah Eloi**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: **Lola Burris**  
**Anna Yang**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: **Samuel Cipriani**  
**Elizabeth Baker**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Arrington Mims**  
**Autumn Blackburn**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Stephen Lynch**  
**Kaylen Hartley**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Yashua Kemet**  
**Julia Rademacher-Wedd**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Justin Powell**  
**Hannah Herrera**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Jelani Nicol**  
**Tyler Dickens**

**Character Trait for the Month of May: Kindness**

## Check Out All of the Things Happening at Lenart!



Congratulations to the Chicago Junior Math League for having an amazing year! Special congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade team, Meg Li, Cindy Mei, Taft Hammond, Grace Pooley, Kathy Luan, Sean Chen, Luke Peng, Julia Rademacher-Wedd, Benjamin Liu, Justin Chen, Caleb Young, and Mr. Barend for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition.

We are proud to announce that many 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lenart students recently dedicated a Saturday morning to volunteer at a senior citizen home. The students cooked and served breakfast, decorated the activity space, made crafts, and played games with the seniors. The students fulfilled their volunteer tasks enthusiastically and responsibly, and the seniors greatly enjoyed spending the morning with Lenart students. This experience allowed students to exercise leadership skills, give back to the community, and learn a great deal about many interesting and fun Chicago senior citizens!



A student led initiative at Lenart Regional Gifted Center will explore the controversial subject of marine mammals in captivity. The students will also research Seaworld's response to the movie Blackfish and participate in a debate on marine mammals in captivity. Former SeaWorld Trainer and Blackfish Movie star John Hargrove will be speaking via Skype at Lenart Regional Gifted Center a Chicago Public Elementary School on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Lenart Elementary National Junior Honor Society students showed the movie Blackfish to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on April 30, 2014 to honor April Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. Special thanks to Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Edgin for organizing this special event.

## ... More Things Happening at Lenart! (cont.)

The Class of 2014 wants to thank everyone that supported them for the Talent Show. Lenart students definitely possess a variety of gifts and talents!



The Garden Committee had their meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> with parents! We are very excited to have the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Pre-Kindergartners start the process of planting herbs. If you are interested in being a part of the Garden Committee or have resources or know of grants opportunities please contact Ms. Sims.