School After the PARCC

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Now that the Partnership for Assessing Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test and Illinois Science Assessments (ISA) is completed, teachers have shifted their attention to end of the year projects and research papers. Based upon the responses from students and teachers our children are projected to make significant gains this year. This was the last year for the PARCC. Next year our students will be administered a new state’s test. More information will be forthcoming.

Makers Space

Elementary teachers have begun utilizing the Makers Space. This has been a long time coming.

Special thanks to the Technology department – headed by Ms. Lolkema.
Legos Project
Students working on legos project. Ms. Staley added seven students to the after-school program. She is using the students who went through the project during the first semester to train the seventh-grade students.

Summer STEAM
Our school district is preparing for a ‘Summer of Steam’. This summer enrichment program is scheduled to launch on June 4. For more information contact the main office or visit our district website.

National Walk-Out
Many students participated in the alternative writing assignment to the ‘National School Walk-out day on March 14. Students were encouraged to address their letters to President of Cook County, Toni Prekwrinkle, South Holland, Mayor Don DeGraff, and State Representative, Senator Napolean Harris, and Thornton Township President, Frank Zuccarelli. Well, President Prekwrinkle responded and she has invited McKinley students to attend one of the board meetings this month to read some of the letters our school sent to her. Way to go Emily and Amaya!

Math Talks
Students working on math assignment together in Mrs. Vinson’s class.

Third Quarter Honor Roll Assembly
Daniel Hammoc was one of the students honored during the third quarter honor roll assembly on April 11. The symphonic band hyped up the student body during the third quarter honor roll assembly on April 11.

Thornwood’s HS Band performs at McKinley
Former student Donte McFarland returns to McKinley playing for Thornwood’s marching band performance.
### March V.I.Ps

- Amani Harrington
- Amir Parker
- Amirah Harrington
- Angel Hampton
- Autumn Harmon
- Benjamen Bradley
- Cameron Stokes
- Camille Jones
- Criston Day
- Dawson Coleman
- Donovan Hopkins
- Gabriella Weems
- Gina Beck
- Jaelen Stewart
- Jakai Kiles
- Jakya Dixon
- Jaliyah Scott
- Jeremiah Taylor
- Jorie Simmons
- Kaliah Jones
- Kayden Jackson
- Kayla O’Neil
- Kaylen Hines
- Kenneth James
- Laurence Nnabuo
- Madison Shegog
- Madison Sommerville
- Nia James
- Olakunme Kolawole
- Robert Rangel
- Skye Watson
- Tariq Kabir
- Taylor Podgorny
- Taylor Thrasher
- Triston Day
- Whitley Fair
- Xotchil Rangel

### April V.I.Ps

- Patrail McInnis
- Shamia Pittman
- Angel Price
- Angelina Long
- Dallas Miles
- Tariq Kabir
- Gabriel Jones
- Jasmine Huerta
- Makayla McGee
- Cristal Ruiz
- Deven West
- Chenniya Robinson
- Jewel Lopez
- Ismael Juarez
- Stanley Freeman
- Damiano Jenkins
- Damarion Christopher
- Eria Owens
- Catherine Carter
- Sarai Johnson
- Kiara Belcher
- Asani Taylor
- Armoni Prentiss
- Elijah Bowen
- Alejandro Cuevas
- Dierra Wright
- Jutaya Woodson
- Jessica Harvey