



## Report Cards



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Parents: be on the lookout for Second Quarter grades. CPS Report Card date is Thursday, February 11th. This does not include some of the charter schools that have a different schedule, but most of the schools in our area are included. Parents be prepared, make sure you ask your student for it. Then compare it to the Progress Report they should have received in early January.

The Report Card is only the starting point in helping you understand your child's academic and social growth. You must do "your homework" and make every effort to understand each line.

There have always been stories of parents thinking the child is doing better than what reality was. There are the stories of the kids in the neighborhood who told his parents F meant "fairly good", not failure; and a child who told his Polish immigrant parents his D's meant Dobzia, Polish for good, not below average.

If you have any doubts of any meaning on the Report Card, please talk to the teacher or counselor at school. Be vigilant on attendance and tardies. We all know that if a child doesn't show up to school or is late, there probably is not a good reason.

We, as parents, should realize that the grades themselves are not as significant as the sign of progress and effort are. Think about it. Can you remember what your 4th grade score in Spelling was? The person sitting near you was your grade better or theirs? Do you think if your grade were higher you would now be a millionaire? The trend now is that we look at a C as a bad grade. Yet a C on all Report Cards says average. If we all think all our kids are above average, we have a problem. Because if everyone gets an A, it just means a teacher has low expectations and that is a problem.

## Nominate Students for Admission to U.S. Service Academies



Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3), State Senator Michael Hastings, Blue and Gold Officer Bob McClellan, and USMC Major Vince Bertucci honor the Service Academy Nominees from the Third Congressional District.

Congressman Dan Lipinski has nominated 16 students from the Third Congressional District for admission to the U.S. Service Academies for the graduating class of 2020. The nominees were recognized for their achievement during a ceremony at Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn.

U.S. Air Force Academy: Lilianna Bautista, UIC College Prep; Jeremy Fejedelem, Lemont High School and James Scott, Lemont High School  
U.S. Military Academy (West Point): Zachary Lenihan, St. Laurence High School and George Pina, Chicago Military Academy.  
U.S. Naval Academy:

Alexander Benoit, Marist High School; Pedro Castillo, Jr., UIC College Prep; Brian Conlisk, Brother Rice High School; Michael Gurule, Jr.,

Lockport Township High School; Jorge Heredia, John F. Kennedy High School; Aaron Navarro, UIC College Prep; Daniel Reidy, Brother Rice High

School; James Ryan, Brother Rice High School; Erin Scudder, Fenwick High School; Sydney Torres, Richards High School and John Wheeler,

Providence Catholic High School. The admissions departments of the service academies make the final decision on acceptance.

## Family Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs through April.

Ice Skating presented by PowerShares QQQ will be offered Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 8 p.m., through Feb. 28th. Skaters will whizz past the goats and cows at the rink in Farm-in-the-Zoo. Snacks and winter warming drinks are available for purchase. The cost is \$5 person, \$5 for skate rental.

Learn, Explore and Play for ages 2 to 3 and an adult will be conducted on Wednesdays, through March 9th or Thursdays, through March 10th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will explore the natural world by meeting animals, building, drawing, climbing and making music. The cost is \$126 per child for a nine-class series.

Wine & Wildlife: Building Good Heart Health will be featured on Wednesday, Feb. 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. Discover how the zoo's veterinary experts are consulting with human heart specialists to create cutting edge techniques for caring for chimpanzees and gorillas. The cost is \$17.

Café Brauer will feature a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, March

11th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Guests will play a murder suspect or a detective, discovering clues left at the crime scene and interrogating each other. The reading of the Last Will is followed by additional crimes that eventually unmask the perpetrator. Experienced and trained mystery/comedy actors will assist guests in solving the case with costumes, accessories and physical evidence. The cost is \$65 for ages 16 and over.

An Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The celebration will include pancake breakfast, an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, animal viewing, complimentary rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. For more information, visit [www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar](http://www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar).

Animal Enrichment Workshops are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13th (Valentine's Day themed) or March 19th (St. Patrick's Day themed) or April 9th (Earth Day themed) or May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages can make edible piñatas and other creative enrichment items for the animals. The cost is \$5 person or \$18 for family of 4 to 6.

## FHM CWV Post 500 Invites New Members

Catholic War Veterans Post 500 which was established at Five Holy Martyrs Parish in 1948 is conducting a membership drive for veterans from all conflicts including Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their mission is to foster education about American liberty and Constitutional freedom. Meetings are held in Bishop Alfred Abramowicz Hall, 4327 S. Richmond on the third Wednesday of each month at noon.

For more information, contact Larry Kulik at (773) 927-9747.

Post 500 completed successful activities during 2015 despite the passing of longtime members Casey Kasper and Andy Bizub.

The schedule opened with favorable results for the Poppy Day fundraiser. The Memorial Day observance opened with Mass celebrated by Pastor Fr. Tomasz Sielicki, SCh. Post members were escorted to the war monuments on Richmond street by the color guard of Boy Scout Troop 465 and Cub Pack 3465.

Former 11th Ward Alderman Jim Balcer who served as a U.S. Marine spoke on the topic, "What Happens After the Battles?" which concerned the fallen heroes who never received

a proper burial site and the forgotten MIA's.

Attendees retired to Abramowicz Hall for refreshments and readings of national winners of the VFW essay content on the topic, "What American Means to Me."

Ashley Konecki, a 7th grader at St. Jane de Chantal School earned a first place award. Tina Barrera, an 8th grader from Pope John Paul II School received third place honors. The Post had six winners for the year.

The Veterans Day Observance featured Father Tomasz conducting a prayer service at the monument on Richmond st. for Post members and students. The 3rd and 4th graders were privileged to conduct a question and answer period with the veterans about their service to the United States.

## Book Discussion At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer conducts an adult Book Discussion Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

2016 selections include: Feb. 24th - "Etta and Otto" by Emma Hooper, March 23rd - "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens, April 27th - "The 100-Year Old Man" by Jonas Jonasson, May 25th - "What The Dead Know" by Laura Lippman and June 22nd - "Honorable Phryne Fisher" by Kerry Greenwood.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## B-K Baseball Registers Players

Brighton - Kelly Baseball League will accept registration for the 2016 season at Kelly High School, door 5, 4158 S. California on Saturdays Feb. 13th through March 5th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cubs Care for ages 4-6 is free, Minor League for ages 7-9 is \$180, Major League for ages 10-12 is \$180 and League for ages 13-14 is \$230.

Payment plans will be available.

## Pukala Graduates

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point conferred degrees on more than 700 graduates during winter commencement ceremonies on Dec. 19th.

Christian Pukala received a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Magna Cum Laude.

## AHCA Schedules Candidates Night

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct its general membership meeting and Candidates Night at UNO Veterans Memorial School Cafeteria, 47th & Kildare on Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates for president, senator, congressman, states attorney and clerk of the Circuit Court have been invited to speak.

All Archer Heights residents are welcome to attend, cake and coffee will be served.

## Dean's List At U of Minnesota

Angelica Garcia, senior and Brian M. Hanks, Sophomore have been named to the 2015 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. They are both enrolled in the university's Carlson School of Management. To qualify for the Dean's List, student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attained a 3.66 grade point average.

## Student Art Fair At St. Richard School



St. Richard School, 5025 S. Kenneth Avenue, conducted Open House and Student Art Fair on January 31st. All classes, from three-year-old prekindergarten to eighth grade selected an artist to study. Pictured are first grade students Melissa Montalvo, Ava Poluha, Alexander Ortega, Jolie Leudanski, and Mateo Banuelos holding their inspiration pieces by artist Sonia Delaunay.

## Annual FREEze Day At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will offer winter-themed activities and free admission during its annual FREEze Day on Sunday, Feb. 14th. Events will feature fun for the whole family, including dog-sledding demonstrations from members of the Green Valley Dog Drivers between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the West Mall.

Guests can also learn about some of the animals that don't seem to mind the colder temperatures during special zoo chats. At 11 a.m. on the West Mall, zoogoers can get up close with a bird of prey that can be found throughout the Chicagoland area. Afterwards, hike over to Great Bear Wilderness at 11:30 a.m. to find out about the polar bear. At noon, a chat about the Mexican gray wolves will take place at Regenstein Wolf Woods. The final chat will take place at 2 p.m. and highlight snow leopards.

At Hamill Family Play Zoo, youngsters and their families can meet Nature Cat, a costumed character from WTTW's new animated series that encourages children ages 3-8 to develop connections with the natural world. Nature Cat airs three times daily on WTTW11 and at [pbskids.org/naturecat](http://pbskids.org/naturecat), where users will also find games and educational "do-it-yourself" projects. Representatives from WTTW also will be on hand at the event to engage kids in a variety of hands-on activities,

including making bird feeders and playing tracking games. Other fun activities will feature mud play and creating Valentine's Day cards for the animals.

For more information, visit [www.CZS.org/events](http://www.CZS.org/events) or call (708) 688-8000.

## In Study Tour To Hong Kong

Apolonia Carreon participated in a J-Term study tour to Hong Kong with Carthage College of Kenosha, Wisconsin to focus on international finance, economics and business law.

They learned about the unique governmental structure within China's One Country, Two Systems framework; visited the judiciary, legislature and stock exchange as well as local landmarks including Ladies Market, the Bird Market, Buddhist and Taoist temples, Big Buddha on Lantau Island, monasteries and nunneries.

## Program Honors 7th-8th Graders

Congressman Dan Lipinski is accepting applications from 7th and 8th grade students in the 3rd Congressional District for his All-American Boy & Girl Program.

This annual event is designed to honor young men and women who are involved in their community, excel in the classroom, and participate in extracurricular activities.

The competition begins with an initial application due by Monday, February 22nd, 2016. After the finalists are chosen, they will be interviewed by a panel of judges, comprised of local community leaders, teachers, and other dignitaries on Wednesday, March 2nd.

All finalists will receive Congressional

Recognition for their participation. The top three finalists in each category will receive a plaque and a prize at a ceremony scheduled for mid-March.

For an application or more information, contact Frank Salerno at (773) 948-6223, or [Frank.Salerno@mail.house.gov](mailto:Frank.Salerno@mail.house.gov).

## Program Explains College Interview

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct a program titled, "Nail the College Interview" on Wednesday, Feb. 17th from 5 to 6 p.m.

College and career coach Lushanda Johnson will explain the process. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

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## Estrada Honored

Wichita State University has named Reyna Estrada to the WSU dean's honor roll for fall 2015. Honorees must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

## BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

## ICA To Present Free Family Concert



The International Chamber Artists invite everyone to a Family Concert at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5545 N. Paulina on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10 a.m. The *Intergalactic Brass Blast!* will provide an educational concert led by a delightful musical script designed to engage and inspire students of all ages.

### Seek Elected School Board

State Rep. Silvana Tabares is leading an effort on elected representatives school board in Chicago by meeting with local school and community groups and launching a petition drive to give families a voice in their children's education. She is walking door-

to-door to gather signatures in support of House Bill 4268, which creates an elected Chicago school board comprised of 13 members elected from four regions for four-year terms. To sign her online petition, visit [www.bit.ly/electedschoolboardtabares](http://www.bit.ly/electedschoolboardtabares). For information, call (773) 522-1315.

## Art Contest At Brookfield Zoo

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is inviting all students in Illinois to participate in the "In Honor of Cesar Chavez" art contest reflecting the spirit of Chavez and the United Farm Workers and their commitment to improving the standard of living, wages, and working conditions of farm workers through nonviolent social action. Prizes will be awarded in several age categories ranging from Pre-K through grade 12.

Accepted mediums for artwork are one or a combination of the following: watercolors, acrylics, pastels, colored pencils, crayons, collages, ink, graphic design, and original video or audio recordings (one entry per person). All entries must be received by the Society on or before March 7th. Entries will be judged based on their creativity, originality, and overall reflection of the subject. Original entries will not be returned.

Students are encouraged to create art that reflects their own positive actions and the actions of others, such as in community service and their connection with wildlife and nature.

Only original, unpublished artwork created by the entrant will be accepted with a completed entry form. To download an entry form and for further information, go to [www.CZS.org/CesarChavez](http://www.CZS.org/CesarChavez).

Winning entries, along with other select entries, will be on display in the Discovery Center through April 15th.

Art contest winners will be recognized during a celebration at Brookfield Zoo on Sunday, March 13th, from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be live musical entertainment by Malafacha Ska, dancing and interactive activities for all ages. In addition, there will be up-close encounters with some of the zoo's ambassador animals, a theatrical presentation by Youth Crossroads, hands-on activities with students from the Society's King Science Conservation Scholars program, the Society of

Hispanic Professional Engineers-UIC, and National Museum of Mexican Art. In addition, guests can visit Hamill Family Play Zoo for special activities.

### Science Program At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host a new program on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. titled, "Exploratorium".

Grades K-6 are invited to explore various STEAM concepts with materials provided by the library. Students will create and engage in science, technology, engineering, art, and math experiments and challenges from popsicle stick catapults to sensory water bottles.

### PNA Sponsors Annual Concert

The Polish National Alliance will sponsor its Annual Song and Dance Concert 2016 at Lane Tech High School Auditorium, 2501 W. Addison st. on Sunday, March 6th at 1 p.m.

Over 400 children and young adult students will perform folk dances originated from various regions in Poland.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors 65+.

For more information, visit [www.pna-znp.org](http://www.pna-znp.org) or call (773) 286-0500, ext. 312.

### Dean's List At Kent State U.

Leticia Saucedo (60609), Bryan Kwitkowski (60609) and Nicole Muffitt (60632) were named to the fall 2015 Dean's List at Kent State University.

Undergraduate students who obtain a 3.40 gpa or higher while maintaining 12 or more credit hours during the fall qualify for the honor.

## History Project For Recorder of Deeds



Recently former Recorder of Deeds (and current Secretary of State) Jesse White, along with family members of past recorders, joined Recorder Karen A. Yarbrough to dedicate an installation that charts the history of the office. When Yarbrough took office in late 2012, she was surprised that photos of those who has previously held the office were not displayed. After a great deal of research, the photos of 20 out of 32 recorders were obtained.

## City Promotes Home Ownership

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the Home Buyer Assistance Program will help make homeownership possible for families and individuals by providing support for down payment and closing costs.

Qualified buyers may receive a grant for up to 5 percent of the loan amount based on income. Depending on whether they select an FHA-insured loan or a loan insured by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, home buyers can have annual incomes of up to 160 percent of the area median income - approximately \$121,000.

The typical home in Chicago is sold for \$250,000, meaning a family could receive a grant of more than \$12,000 to help cover down payment and closing costs.

The program is open to families or individuals who are buying a home; and first-time buyers must complete a home-buyer education course. The program can be used for the purchase of single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and owner-occupied properties containing up to four units. It may also be used to refinance an existing mortgage.

The city will provide an initial \$1 million to launch program, which will become self-sustaining over time. The program will be administered by the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, which will work in conjunction with authorized lending institutions responsible for accepting

and processing applications.

The city will work with aldermen and not-for-profit partners to conduct workshops to provide interested residents with information about the program.

The city also offers the Choose To Own program through the Chicago Housing Authority. The program provides eligible public housing and housing choice voucher recipients the option of homeownership by using their rental voucher to pay a portion of their monthly mortgage for up to 15 years (up to 30 years for the elderly or people with disabilities). For more information visit [www.thecha.org/cto](http://www.thecha.org/cto).

### Davila Honored

Jacqueline Davila has been named to the President's List at Western New England University of Springfield, Massachusetts for the fall semester of 2015. She is working towards a degree in Forensic Chemistry.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

### Singles Salon At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will present a Singles Salon for age over 40 on the first Saturday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning Feb. 6th.

Participants will mingle while discussing books, movies and music. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

### Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. offers ice skating through February.

Admission is \$4 for adults (\$8 with skate rental), \$2 for senior citizens and military, free for ages 17 and younger.

Skate rental is \$6 for all ages. For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

## Internships For College Students

The 12th Ward is offering internships for college students who are interested in public policy and service.

Opportunities will be available at City Hall and Ward Office to gain hands-on experience in municipal government and working with the community in local issues. Interns assist with answering phones, taking notes during meetings, coordinating mailings and email blasts and general constituent services. Candidates should have strong oral and written communication skills, an ability to multitask, sense of humor, be motivated and a self-starter.

Requirements include:

### Quiet Study At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., offers quiet study night on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Laptops and beverages are allowed, no cell phones. Registration is required at the front desk.

current enrollment in an accredited college or university; flexible schedule with a minimum of 15 hours per week; excellent writing and editing skills; willingness to do administrative work; fluency in Spanish and/or Chinese is preferred but not required.

Submit a resume and cover letter to [a.abarca@city-of-chicago.org](mailto:a.abarca@city-of-chicago.org) with "2016 Internship" in the subject line.

### Easter Egg Decorating Class

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will conduct a traditional Easter Egg decorating workshop on Saturday, March 5th at 10 a.m.

The fee of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12 includes instruction sheet, pattern sheet, etching knife and admission to the museum. Light refreshments will be served.

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After School Matters is accepting teen applications for its Spring program session. More than 300 programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Feb. 22 at more than 70 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations throughout the city, and downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts.

In total, more than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportuni-

ties will be available to Chicago high school teens this spring through After School Matters. Spring programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 12 weeks. Participating teens will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn \$10.00 per hour.

Teens can search and apply for Spring 2016 programs at afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and are currently enrolled in high school. As part of the application process, teens interview with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. New application features include an interactive map to help teens search for programs, and a responsive mobile functionality. For questions about programs and applications, call (312) 742-4182. For more information, visit [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www.afterschoolmatters.org).

## MWRD Forum At City Club of Chgo.



Jay Doherty, president of the City Club of Chicago with MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

The City Club of Chicago recently hosted a forum for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos stated "We have an obligation to serve our residents and taxpayers and tell our story of how we strive to protect our water environment and serve as global leaders in improving our planets. Over the last year, we have made excellent strides in improving district finances, upgrading water treatment, addressing storm-water management and

initiating resource recovery projects."

Her speech touched on MWRD's history, beginning with the reversal of the Chicago River, followed by a century of growth and engineering feats, including the latest marvel-the Thornton Composite Reservoir, the largest of its kind in the world.

Spyropoulos invited all participants and the public to tour the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the world. Contact (312) 751-6633 to schedule a tour.

## City College For Health Sciences

The new Malcolm X College & School of Health Sciences, the home of City Colleges' College to Careers center for excellence in health care education held its grand opening on Jan. 7th. The \$251 million, 1 million square feet facility will prepare Chicagoans for health care jobs.

Designed with input from health care employers, the new campus reflects the latest tools in health care education, including a virtual hospital complete with operating and emergency rooms with observation areas; nursing, radiography, respiratory care, and science labs; and an ambulance cab for EMT simulations. A dental hygiene clinic will serve community clients for free starting summer 2016. An exercise and sports science area includes a 900-seat gymnasium, lap pool, and two therapy pools.

Simulated environments allow students to engage in "real life" patient scenarios where they test, diagnose and develop a treatment plan. The new college can accommodate up to 20,000 students and includes an eight-story health science tower, a four-story academic building, and 1,500-space parking garage.

Degrees and certificate programs are offered in: nursing, radiography, phlebotomy, surgical technology, mortuary sci-

ence, respiratory care, and paramedic and EMT, health information management, dental hygiene, and fire science. Occupational therapy assistant and physical therapy assistant programs will launch in 2017. The college continues to offer general education and adult education (GED & ESL) programs.

Clustered student services will ease the registration process, and a new fitness center, library, bookstore and cafeteria serve as gathering spaces. An outdoor garden provides space for study, reflection and celebrations. A conference center, including 450-seat auditorium and 750-person multi-purpose room, is available for community rental. A child care center is open for student, staff and community use.

Registration for the first spring session credit classes is closed. Call (773) COLLEGE for more information.

## Circuit Court Offers Tours

The Circuit Court of Cook County will mark Black History Month in February with five days devoted to public tours of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. from Wednesday, Feb. 17th through Friday, Feb. 19th and Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22nd and 23rd.

Tour highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Participants will receive a guide which offers information about how Circuit Court is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county services.

Reservations are recommended at (312) 603-1927 or (312) 603-3587 by Wednesday, Feb. 10th. The tour is aimed at persons' age 10 and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

## Dowling K of C Plan Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Daniel Dowling Council will sponsor a fish fry at The Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Maurice) location in the basement of Diederich Hall, 3619 S. Hoyne on Friday, Feb. 12th from 5 to 7 p.m.

An adult and kid menu and carry outs will be available. All proceeds will go to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

## Obituaries

**KENNETH M. CRAIG**, husband of Irene (nee Koza); father of Kenneth and Carolyn Craig; grandfather of Kaitlin Craig, Courtney (J.P.) Martinez, Juliana Craig, Kiley King and Ryan Craig; great grandfather of Piper and Willow Martinez. Funeral services were held Feb. 1st from Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer to St. Alexander Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**JAN CUDZICH** of Garfield Ridge passed away on Jan. 28th at the age of 74. He was the husband of Zofia (nee Danko); father of Stanislaw (Stanislaw) Cudzich, Janina (Tadeusz) Gal, Krystyna (Keith) Hejna, Andrzej Cudzich and Jan (Barbara) Cudzich; grandfather of 9; great-grandfather of late Stanislaw (Helena) Cudzich. Funeral services were held Jan. 30th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels to St. Jane de Chantal Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**REV. ROBERT I. GRIB, S.J.** passed away in Clarkston, Michigan on Jan. 25th at the age of 75. The son of Philip & Helen (nee Zak) Grib was born in Chicago on March 31st, 1940. Baptized and raised in Five Holy Martyrs Parish, he graduated from FHM School in 1954 and St. Ignatius High School in 1958. His bachelors and Masters degree were received from Loyola University.

Father Grib was ordained a priest for the Society of Jesus with his brother Rev. Philip Grib on March 19th, 1972.

A Jesuit priest for 58 years, Fr. Grib served much of his ministry in India and as an Associate Pastor for St. Juliana, St. Francis Borgia and St. Eugene Parishes.

The Grib brothers and other Five Holy Martyrs alumni had their own band - The Brighton Park Connection. Father Bob played drums and accordion and was proficient on other instruments.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at Colombiere Center Chapel in Charleston, Michigan on Jan. 30th. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene Parish, 7958 W. Foster ave., Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10 a.m.

**REGINA R. GRONEK** (nee Pokrzywa) of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 29th at the age of 92. She was the wife of late Harry M.; mother of Sharon (Colby) Swagerty and Thomas; grandmother of Scott (Megal) Swagerty and great-grandmother of Issac and Nicholas. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 4th at 9:45 a.m. from Wolniak Funeral Home, 5700 S. Pulaski to Five Holy Martyrs Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

## Adult Book Club At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will conduct discussions for its adult book club on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Topics are Feb. 24th "Etta and Otto" by Emma Hooper; March 23rd "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens; April 27th "The 100 Year Old Man" by Jonas Jonasson; May 25th "What the Dead Know" by Laura Lippman and June 22nd "Honorable Phryne Fisher" by Kerry Greenwood.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## N. Davis LSC Seeks Members

The Local School Council of Nathan S. Davis Elementary School, 3014 W. 39th place, is accepting candidate applications for the 2016-18 terms. Deadline for filing original LSC candidate forms in person in schools where the candidate will run is March 4th, 2016 at 3 p.m.

To apply, see Mrs. Maria Lobato in the Annex Building. The LSC elections will be on Report Card Pick-Up day Wednesday, April 13th 2016 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**WILLIAM G. KLEINHANS** of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 14th at the age of 100. He was the father of William and Cynthia. Funeral services were held Jan. 21st from Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart to Immaculate Conception Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

**HENRY J. LESNIAK**, U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, passed away on Feb. 1st at the age of 87. He was the brother of Gertrude K. (Michael) Bialobok, late Walter (late Gertrude), Helen (late John) Krol, Antoinette (late Joseph) Wojcik, Edward (late Bernice) and Lorraine (late Stanley) Pasciak. He was the long-time member of Central Park American Legion Post #1028. Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 5th from 3 to 9 p.m. at Parkside Chapels, 5948 S. Archer. Prayer service will be held Saturday, Feb. 6th from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. followed by 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jane de Chantal Church, 53rd & McVicker. Interment will be at St. Casimir Cemetery.

**MARY COLLEEN MIROUS** (nee Sullivan) of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 30th at the age of 65. She was the mother of Jason Mirous and Brian Mirous; grandmother of Anastasia, Shania, Janay, Jason Jr., Elijah, Anthony, and Lynneleigh; daughter of late Thomas & Delphine Harper Sullivan; sister of Thomas (Darlene) Sullivan, Theresa (Wayne) Kusta and Timothy Sullivan. Visitation will be held at Central Chapel, 6158 S. Central ave., on Thursday, Feb. 4th from 3 to 9 p.m. with funeral service at 6 p.m.

## Lenten Program At St. Richard

Fr. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., will present a spiritual reflection on "LENT: 40 Days of Misery or 40 Days of Opportunities to Encounter Jesus?" Which will you choose?" at St. Richard Church, 5000 S. Kostner on Sunday, March 13th at 1:30 p.m.

An Augustinian friar, he currently serves as Director of Augustinian Vocations for the Midwest and Eastern Provinces. For more information, contact the parish office at (773) 585-1221. This event is sponsored by the St. Richard Council of Catholic Women.

## Kids Month At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive, is offering free museum entry to kids ages 3-11 through Feb. 29th. (Two free kids' tickets permitted per voucher with the purchase of one paying adult.)

This is a perfect time to escape the house, beat the winter blues and experiment in fun at MSI with the whole family. Here are some of the top things to do at MSI with your kids during this special deal:

Take a turn running on the human-sized hamster wheel to test your body's reaction to exercise in YOU! The Experience. Find your way out of the seemingly endless mirror maze in Numbers in Nature.

Take a tour of the historic Pioneer Zephyr train, and meet Zeph, the train's resident donkey.

Send a secret message to a friend in the Whispering Gallery.

Climb aboard the Empire 999 steam engine, which broke the land speed record in 1893.

Peek in the rooms of Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle, one of the most amazing doll houses ever created, filled with tiny treasures.

Look for hidden scenes in The Great Train Story. Can you find a bear chasing boy scouts? A superhero on the streets of Chicago? Sunbathers on the beach? A presidential motorcade?

Set off the great geyser and learn about simple machines in The Idea Factory - a special space from our smallest guests.

Release a hot air balloon and make your own rainbows in Science Storms.

Add on a film in our Omnimax® Theater and take a journey into the nation's awe-inspiring great outdoors and untamed

wilderness in National Parks Adventure, opening February 12.

To claim this special offer and receive your voucher, visit [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org). Vouchers for Free Kids Museum Entry must be printed in advance and redeemed on-site at the Museum ticket counter; they cannot be used for online ticketing.

Additional experiences, including the WOW! Tour, Omnimax films, U-505 Submarine on-board tour, Future Energy Chicago, Coal Mine and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets.

Offer not valid for groups taking advantage of group pricing or those using any other discount or offer. No refunds will be given for tickets already purchased for February dates. Parking is not included.

The Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day in February.

## Applications For Benefit Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer has certified representatives to assist with application for the medical card or Illinois Link Card.

Required documents are Social Security cards; proof of income (last 30 days); State ID or drivers license; permanent resident card, certificate of naturalization, birth certificate or passport.

Gross monthly income guideline for one person is \$1,619 with \$572 month for each additional family member.

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## Maker Lab At Library Center

The Maker Lab at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st., offers free introductory workshops and open shop for ages 14 and up.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Children 10-14 may attend with an adult, but no more than two children per adult may register. For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

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