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CHICAGOLAND SCHOOLS CAN WIN A VISIT FROM THE CHICAGO CUBS ON THE 2012 CUBS CARAVAN

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CHICAGO – For the second straight year, Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana schools can enter an essay contest convincing the Chicago Cubs to visit their school on the annual Cubs Caravan. The *Cubs Caravan Visits My School Contest* will reward one enthusiastic school with a visit from Chicago Cubs players, coaches and front office leadership on the morning of January 12, 2012.

Teachers or principals, in cooperation with their students, can visit www.cubs.com to submit an essay of 400 words or less in support of their school as a Cubs Caravan destination. The entry period is open now and ends Friday, December 16, 2011, at 8 p.m. CST. Schools must be located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake or McHenry counties in Illinois, or Lake or Porter counties in Indiana.

The annual Cubs Caravan is a two-day excursion of Cubs players and coaches to schools, neighborhoods and communities throughout Illinois and Northwest Indiana. The 2011 Cubs Caravan featured two tours of Chicago Cubs players, coaches and front office leadership combining to visit six cities and five elementary schools, two high schools, Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Boys and Girls Club of Rockford, Lincoln Library in Springfield, the USO of Illinois at the Great Lakes Naval Academy and a charity luncheon benefiting Chicago Cubs Charities.

The winner of the inaugural 2011 *Cubs Caravan Visits My School Contest* was Cleveland Elementary School. Cleveland School (3121 W. Byron St., Chicago, IL) was selected from more than 75 contest entries for its enthusiasm and knowledge of the Chicago Cubs. Each year, students at Cleveland School host a rally on Opening Day to support its favorite team in the new baseball season. Teachers host a door decorating contest where classrooms compete for the best Cubs design. On game days, Cleveland School students are encouraged to wear their Cubs jerseys in place of their standard school uniform. Cubs scores are included in the school's morning announcements following each game day.

To enter the 2012 *Cubs Caravan Visits My School Contest* and to review official rules, visit https://secure.mlb.com/chc/community/caravan_contest.jsp.

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