



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

VISION:

Our vision for Andrew Carnegie Elementary School is to embody a safe, caring, and compassionate learning environment. We are committed to developing knowledgeable, community-minded, globally successful life-learners who will gain respect and understanding for all cultures, through a collaborative effort among parents, staff, students and the community.

LRE MANDATE: LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

ENROLLMENT: Our current enrollment is 403.

VACANCY: There are no staff vacancies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Carnegie's OST Fall After-School Programs ended on **Thursday, December 14, 2023**. Additional funds were requested from the district. We are awaiting the approval from the district prior to announcing the Winter/Spring After School Programs. More information forthcoming.
- We are hosting a Kindergarten-8th Grade Out of Uniform Fundraiser. The cost of the fundraiser is \$10.00 per student. The sale will begin on Friday, December 15th - Saturday, January 6th. Please make payments on Carnegie's website (carnegie.cps.edu) via EPAY under the "Fundraiser" tab. Students will be allowed to come out of uniform on **Monday, January 8th through Friday, January 12th ONLY**. Students in grades 4th - 8th who participate will receive an Out of Uniform badge that **MUST** be worn all week. Kindergarten through 3rd graders who participate, will be managed by the classroom teacher. All funds raised will be used for student incentives.
- 2nd Report Cards will be sent home with students on **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Currently there 45.4% of parents who have set-up their Parent Portal account. You may sign up, if you have not done so already, for the CPS Parent Portal (Aspen) and check/track your child's grades and assignments 24/7. This is an important way for you to get involved with your child's education. The information on how to sign up and log in to Aspen is here: (<https://www.cps.edu/services-and-supports/parent-and-student-portal/parent-portal/>). For assistance, please email Mrs. Roberson, at segriffin@cps.edu. For additional information and videos on how to access ASPEN Parent Portal, please click <https://cps.edu/Pages/parentresources.aspx>.
- There is No School on **Monday, January 15, 2024**. It is MLK Day.
- During the winter break all Kindergarten-8th grade students received Holiday Homework Assignments via hardcopy or on-line (*Nearpod, Discovery Education, iReady Reading/Math, or Raz-Kids*). The Holiday Homework assignments were due on **Monday, January 8**. Holiday Homework will be graded and input into Gradebook by Friday, January 12.
- Applications to run in the 2024 Local School Council (LSC) elections are now available and are due by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th, 2024. To apply, download the application forms via <https://www.cps.edu/about/local-school-councils/lsc-elections/> or you can obtain the forms from the Main Office, please see Ms. Hampton-Flagg in the main office. You must submit all completed forms and two forms of identification by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 to the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hampton-Flagg our Local School Council Liaison at (773) 535-0530 or via email at fghampton-flagg@cps.edu.

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COMPETENCY A: Champions teacher and staff excellence through continuous improvement to develop and achieve the vision of high expectations for all students. *Principal creates and implements systems to ensure a safe, orderly, and productive environment for student and adult learning toward the achievement of school and district improvement priorities. Principal works with the staff and community to build a shared mission, and vision of high expectations that ensures all students are on the path to college and career readiness, and holds staff accountable for results.*

- Our Attendance Rate for:
 - November – 94.4%
 - December – 92.4%
 - Mondays and Fridays continue to be a concern for the school, as most students do not attend school on these days. Therefore, we will continue to implement Attendance Incentives. Our school-wide attendance goal is: 96%.

COMPETENCY B: Creates powerful professional learning systems that guarantee learning for all students. *The principal works with the school staff and community to utilize the district's framework for effective teaching and learning to improve instruction for all students*

- Mrs. Roberson and Principal Pollard continues to attend Network 9 monthly Administrators Meetings.
- The BHT & CCT Teams continues to meet weekly and attend Network 9 monthly meetings.
- Teachers continue to meet weekly for Principal-directed & Team meetings.

COMPETENCY C: Builds a culture focused on college and career readiness. *Principal works with staff and community to build a culture of high expectations and aspirations for every student by setting clear staff and student expectations for positive learning behaviors and by focusing on students' social-emotional learning.*

- The GoCPS High School Application selection window has closed. 98.4% of 8th grade parents have selected a high school for their child. Many thanks to Mrs. Avery-Jones, School Counselor who assisted parents/students with this process.
- The winter sports season will begin on Saturday, January 13. 5th-8th grades girls and boys will participate in basketball and wrestling. The coaching staff are: Mrs. King, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Kinds, Mr. Turner, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Patterson. Any parent volunteer must complete an online CPS volunteer application.
- GOCPS Sibling Application is due on or before Friday, January 19, 2024. Remember that in order for an applicant to be marked as a valid sibling, they must meet ALL of the following requirements:
 - ✓ The applicant must have a sibling who is currently enrolled and will remain enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year, in the school to which the applicant is applying.
 - ✓ The currently enrolled sibling and the sibling applicant must live in the same household.
 - ✓ The currently enrolled sibling and the sibling applicant must have the same guardian.
 - ✓ The term “sibling” applies only to natural siblings, step-siblings, foster siblings, and adopted siblings.
 - ✓ Parents must submit an online sibling application by logging onto <https://www.cps.edu/gocps> on or before Friday, January 19, 2024.

COMPETENCY D: Empowers and motivates families and the community to become engaged. *Principal creates a collaborative school community where the school staff, families and community interact regularly and share ownership for the success of the school.*

- Classroom Competition Study List were sent home with interested students prior to the winter break. Classroom Spelling Bees will be held on **Thursday, January 11th**. There will be one winner per class that will advance to the school-wide competition on Wednesday, January 17th. The school-wide winner will advance to the City-Wide Scripps Spelling Bee Championship on Thursday, March 14th.
- Parents are highly encouraged to sign-up for REMIND. Go to the school's website www.carnegie.cps.edu, go to the top of the page, click “Parents”, click “REMIND” and then click the REMIND icon for instructions to receive school information.

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COMPETENCY E: Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and action. *Principal works with the school staff and community to create a positive context for learning by ensuring equity, fulfilling professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity, and serving as a model for the professional behavior of others.*

- **Operations, Facilities and Maintenance Updates**

- In compliance with the Illinois School Safety Drill Act and CPS Policy, all schools are required to conduct a minimum of eight (8) drills a year. We have conducted a Fire, Bus Evacuation, Lockdown and Tornado drills. We will continue to conduct Fire drills through the end of the school year.
- The fencing for the playlot has been completed.
- The staff parking lot has been resurfaced and parking spaces (lines) completed.
- The locksmith has changed all classroom door locks and staff have been provided with new keys.
- The school telephone system was replaced on November 29. Telephones has been replaced and installed in designated offices and classrooms. Staff have been trained on the telephone system.
- John Dioguardi, CPS Engineer has been assigned to Carnegie School. He is working to stabilize the heating and air units/conditioners in all classrooms.

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