



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report to PAC

Tuesday, November 8, 2023

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.

Important Dates:

- There will be no school on Friday, November 10. It is Veteran's Day.
- There will be an LSC Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
- The Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Turkeys will be distributed from the North Dorchester door.
- Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, November 17, 2023.
- There will be no school on Monday, November 20-24, 2023. It is Thanksgiving Break.
- All students who are present at school for the entire day for the month of November will receive an Attendance Incentive on Friday, December 1, 2023.

Highlights:

- 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.
- **Single-Subject & Whole-Grade Acceleration** Eligibility Notification Letters on October 4th the District sent an email notification to parents/guardians of all students currently in 4th-6th grade who may be eligible for single-subject or whole-grade acceleration based on the results of their Spring 2023 IAR. Families can apply for acceleration for their child(ren) through November 9, 2023 at 5pm. If families have any questions or would like more information about Accelerated Placement, they can contact gocps@cps.edu or (773) 553-2060.
- **GoCPS Kindergarten Application** Pre-K students who attend a school other than their neighborhood school will need to reapply to stay for kindergarten. On October 20, families of CPS Pre-K students who do not have an automatic continuing seat at their current school and who have not yet submitted a GoCPS application were notified via email that they must participate in the GoCPS application process if they are interested in having their child attend the same school for kindergarten. The GoCPS application will close on November 9 at 5pm. Families can apply online or via phone at (773) 553-2060.
- **GoCPS High School Application** Because of the adjusted timeline for High School Admission Testing, the GoCPS re-ranking deadline is being extended until December 1st, 2023 at 5 pm. The application deadline remains November 9th, 2023 at 5 pm. Families must submit an initial application with their choices by the November 9th deadline, but will be able to re-rank their choices until December 1st. For questions about the GoCPS application, please contact gocps@cps.edu.

School Updates:

- Enrollment: 398
- There are no school vacancies.

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- Currently we have not enrolled any migrants, but we anticipate receiving newcomers for this school year. Newcomers will be enrolled into the school based on the available vacant seats in a grade. Currently, we have available seats in the 4th and 5th grades only.

School Goals:

- Attendance Rates: September 95.4% and October 95.06%. 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%.
- There are 46.6% of parents who have set-up an ASPEN Parent Portal account. Please 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-studentportal/parent-portal/>). For assistance, please email Mrs. Roberson, at segriffin@cps.edu.
- As we return to a more traditional school year, we are welcoming the return of parent volunteers to assist in the classroom, coach a sports team or club, chaperone field trips, and help in the cafeteria and during recess. The district has revised its vaccination requirement. If you would like to volunteer, you must complete the volunteer application for Level 1 via www.cps.volunteers.org Once completed, the volunteer must provide the main office with a photo ID for school level approval. Please Note: If you were an approved parent volunteer last year, you will need to reapply. All parent volunteers must complete this process each year! The application process can take up to 2 to 5 weeks.

Building Updates:

- Classroom lockers are being changes
- The playlot fence will be completed in the coming weeks.
- The staff parking lot will be sealed and parking space lines will be drawn in the coming weeks.
- Reserved parking lot signs will be ordered and installed once the concrete bumpers are installed.
- The boy's bathroom in the old building is out of order, as there are some ceiling concerns. There are two bathrooms students may continue to use.
- The exterminator continues to visit the school biweekly.
- The custodians continue to check mouse traps daily.

Sports Program:

- The 5/6 Girls Basketball Tryouts was held on Tuesday, November 7th at 8:00am and 5/6 Boys Tryouts was held on Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00am. Basketball practice will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00am. The coaches are: Ms. Johnson & Ms. Kinds.
 - Start Date: February 24, 2024
 - End Date: March 21
 - Regular Competition Dates: Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 9
 - Playoffs: March 16, March 19, March 21
- We will have a 7th/8th grades Boys/Girls Basketball Teams. Tryout dates forthcoming. The Coach is Mrs. King. The game schedule is:
 - Start Date: December 4th
 - End Date: February 22, 2024
 - Competition Dates: Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 3, Feb 10
 - Playoffs: Feb 17, Feb 20, Feb 22
- The school received \$1,949.00 from the district for our sports program. Funds are allocated for uniforms, equipment, supplies, transportation and other needs to support sports programs

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