



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report to PAC

Tuesday, November 14, 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.

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 397.

VACANCY: There are no staff vacancies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

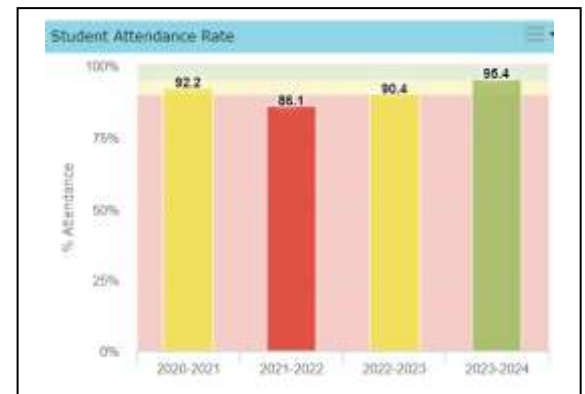
- Carnegie's OST After-School Programs began on **Monday, October 2, 2023** through **Thursday, December 14, 2023**. We will focus on providing our Tier 2 and Tier 3 students with intentional, targeted instruction. You should have been notified of enrollment by the teacher or staff member via permission slip. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Boateng, fnimpson@cps.edu or at (773) 535-0661.
- Thank you everyone who supported our Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser. We raised \$13,728 for the IB-MYP Class Trip to Puerto Rico! Thanks again to all of you for helping to make our fundraiser a success!
- We raised over \$1,200 from our Taffy Apple fundraiser in October. All funds raised will support the IB-MYP class trip to Puerto Rico.
- Over 89% of parents attended the 1st Quarter Parent Conference Day on October 26, 2023. Our school was one of ten Network 9 schools to win a whole school pizza party courtesy of our friends at Bright Star. The pizza party will be held on Monday, November 27 or December 1.
- We hosted our Annual Halloween Parade on October 31. The halls of Carnegie were filled with lots of ghost and goblins.
- 2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home with students on Friday, November 17, 2023. Currently there 46.6% 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>.
- In partnership with the Chicago Muslim Foundation, who have again this year will donate over 500 Turkeys to our school. We will distribute turkeys on Friday, November 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. from the North Dorchester door. Turkeys will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.
- There will be a school-wide field trip on Friday, November 17 for most classrooms to the Marcus Theater. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more information.
- There will be an (**in-person**) Winter Holiday Assembly for Kindergarten-4th grades on Tuesday, **December 19 at 9:30 a.m.** All parents are invited to attend. However, space is limited.
- Teachers may host a classroom Holiday Party on **Wednesday, December 20 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** **This is an OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY for all students.**
- There is No School on **Friday, December 22**. It is a School Improvement Day for teachers.

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- Winter Break begins on **Monday, December 25, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024**. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024**.
- During the winter break all Kindergarten-8th grade students will receive Holiday Homework Assignments via hardcopy or on-line (*Nearpod, Discovery Education, iReady Reading/Math, or Raz-Kids*). The Holiday Homework assignments must be completed by **Monday, January 8**. Holiday Homework will be graded and input into Gradebook by Friday, January 12.
- At Home COVID-19 Testing Kits will be sent home with each student on **Thursday, December 21**. Parents are encouraged to administer the test to your child on Sunday, January 7, 2024. If your child test positive for COVID, please reach out to us at www.cps.edu/covidresults to self-report. Your help is the key to keeping our communities safe.
- 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 ghampton-flagg@cps.edu.

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:
 - September – 95.4%
 - October – 95.06%
 - Currently for November is 94.6%
 - 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%.
 - Students with perfect attendance for the month of October were celebrated with a field trip to Lucky Strikes or a Pizza Party and Open Gym on November 1. We will continue to celebrate students with perfect attendance each month.
- Network 9 Deputy Chief Reynolds and her team conducted an Instructional Rigor Walk on October 19. The Instructional Walk focused 15 key instructional practices. We visited 9 classrooms and the finding were:
 - 8/9 classrooms had standards aligned learning targets posted
 - 1/9 partial standards aligned to standards
 - 8/9 classrooms had learning targets at comprehension or above
 - Taxonomy of student task aligned to learning target or was higher than taxonomy than the learning target
 - 9/9 classrooms had full alignment of student learning and learning target
 - 8/8 ELA classrooms the lesson learning tasks are focused on reading, writing, or speaking about content-specific, grade-level text
 - 5/9 classrooms had students interacting with partners or groups



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- 6/9 classrooms had evidence of student experiencing productive struggle when working in pairs/groups.
- In most classrooms, ELA curriculum was utilized.
- Positive climate and culture throughout the school.
- Students were engaged in the learning in all classrooms observed.

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.
- Mrs. Ude, Mrs. Thompson & Ms. Bevely attended the Innovative Schools Summit in Chicago on November 2-4. The workshops focused on students at risk, diverse learner and students with trauma.
- Mrs. Roberson & Mrs. Boateng conducted a Math Workshop on October 27, 2023 for all teachers of math.
- Principal Pollard conducted several Literacy PD for all Kindergarten-5th grade teachers on November 7, 2023.
- All Kindergarten-8th grade teachers were invited to attend Envision Math After School Workshop on November 8, 2023.
- All teachers are invited to attend Doug Fisher Gradual Release of Responsibility Virtual Workshop on November 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.*

- We were so happy to welcome Carnegie parent and owner of Klever Kreations by KK to visit our 6th-8th grade students. She showed students how to create a personalized tumbler and spoke about fueling their passions to become entrepreneurs.
- Carnegie School High School Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the gym. All 6th through 8th grade students were invited to attend.
- **Network 9 High School Fair** was held on **Friday, October 13, 2023** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Dyett High School. Mrs. Avery-Jones facilitated a field trip for all 8th graders.
- The High School Admission Test was administered to all 8th grade students in October. Final make-up testing is Wednesday, November 15. Scores will be released prior to the GoCPS re-rank deadline of December 1.
- The GoCPS High School Application Window for high school applications is now open and closes on **November 9, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.
- ACS IB-MYP students learned about the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) celebrated in Mexico and other parts of the world. Students learned about family traditions and ways they honor people who have passed away. Many thanks to Mr. Ramírez & Mx. Jay IB-MYP teachers.
- Many thanks to Ms. Johnson & Ms. Kinds who escorted the 5th/6th grade girls and boys' basketball players to the University of Chicago Midway Classic Basketball game. The students had the opportunity to visit the campus, attend a basketball game and meet the players. What an awesome opportunity for our student athletes.

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.*

- We welcomed six parent volunteers from our Parent Mentoring Program to our school in October. Our parent mentors work alongside the teachers and students within the classroom for two hours per day and attend training on Fridays.

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- Picture Day for all students was held on **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Proofs were sent home with students during on November 3. All pictures must be purchased online at Life Touch website.
- Congratulations to our newly elected PAC Officers and thank you for volunteering for the 23-24 PAC. FY23-24 PAC Monthly Meeting Dates are posted on the school's website. The PAC held its first meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. All parents and community members are invited to attend.
- We are excited to announce the details for the IB-MYP Class Trip to Puerto Rico. Our school has partnered with Explorica for all the arrangements. The IB-MYP Class Trip is scheduled for April 22-26, 2024. All 6th-8th grade students are invited to attend. If you would like for your child to attend the Class Trip, you must register your child. See below registration information. If you are interested in chaperoning or required to chaperone with your child, you must complete the volunteer online application via <https://chicagopublicschools.civicore.com/index.php?action=english>. All volunteers must apply for Level 1 status. Please check the school's website for more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ramirez at eramirez262@cps.edu.
- We welcome 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 recess. The district has revised its vaccination requirement. If you would like to volunteer, you must complete the volunteer application for Level 1 or Level 2 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 two to 5 weeks.
- 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.

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 and Lockdown drills. We will conduct a Tornado drill prior to the winter break.
 - The fencing for the playlot is expected to be installed in November. The fencing is on backorder.
 - The staff parking lot will be resurfaced and parking spaces (lines) designated in the coming weeks.
 - The locksmith is in the process of changing all classroom door locks.
 - The school telephone system will be replaced on November 29. Telephones will be replaced and/or installed in designated office and classrooms.

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