



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report to the LSC

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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.

Mid-Year Update:

- Enrollment - 645 (including Pre-K)
- Attendance - September-97.7%, October-95.8%, November-96.2% & December-92.6%.
- Year-to-Date Attendance Average- 95.6%
- On Track % - 57.1% (students receiving a "C" or better) - **GOAL 75% or higher**
- Misconducts - 4.47%
- Staff Vacancy - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congratulations to Ms. Fuller, Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Blanchard, IB-MYP Science Teacher and Mrs. Roberson, 4th/5th Grade Math Teacher who were nominated for the 2017 Golden Apple Award. Congratulations on your nomination and good luck!
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Pollard, who was nominated for the 2017 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award. Congratulations on your nomination and good luck!
 - Thank you ACS students & staff for donating can goods for the Bulls Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The top three classes who donated the most can goods are:
 - 3rd place with 377 can goods - Ms. Milsap Room 114-2nd
 - 2nd place with 379 can goods- Ms. Johnson Room 112-1st
 - And with 388 can goods & 1st place goes to Ms. Halverson, Room 106-1st
 - Each class received a Pizza party. Congratulations & Thank you ACS Cougars!
 - Congratulations to ACS 4th-6th grade Ballroom Dancers who placed "Best in Technique" at this year's Ballroom Dancing Competition on December 15th at the Chicago Cultural Center.
 - 2nd quarter Progress Reports were sent home on Monday, January 9th.
 - The 2nd Quarter ends on Friday, February 3rd. Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, February 10th.
 - The After School Program began will end on Thursday, January 26th.
 - Check out our school's new website.
- ***Competency A: Champions Teacher and Staff Excellence through a Focus on Continuous Improvement to Develop and Achieve the Vision of High Expectations for All Students***
 - Coding at Carnegie continues with 19 classes fully through Donor Chooses. Students are learning how to code and program a number of robotic devices and drones. Spring Goals
 - The CPS 5Essentials (MVMS) Survey opens on January 31, 2017. More information forthcoming.
 - The Winter NWEA Reading & Mathematics Assessments will be administered to all students during the weeks of Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th. The EOY TRC Reading Assessment will be administered to all Kindergarten through 2nd grade students by Friday, January 27th. Results will be sent home with the 2nd quarter Report Card.
 - The school has had four fire drills, a bus evacuation drill and a tornado drill. The Chicago Police Department will conduct an unannounced Lockdown Drill in January.
 - ***Competency B: Creates Powerful Professional Learning Systems to Guarantee Learning for All Students***

- Teachers attended Principal-directed meetings on December 13th where we discuss difficulty versus complexity, RIT Reading & Math Learning Progressions and reviewed the Spring NWEA targets (**see enclosed**).
- REACH Observation Schedule Observation cycle continues for teachers.
- All SECAs received their Mid-Year evaluation on December 14th & December 15th.
- Mrs. Pollard conducted a school visit to Burnham School our ISP partner on December 8th. I visited classrooms to observe how the school is incorporating technology into the curriculum.
- Mrs. Pollard attended the Illinois IB Meeting on December 16th at Loyola University.
- Mrs. Pollard attended a SSC Training Session on January 10th to learn about the district's Budget policy for the 2017-18 school year.
- Mrs. Adams, School Counselor attended Counseling PD and PARCC Training.
- Teachers and staff attended the following workshops:
 - Ms. Slaughter, SECA attended SECA training November 29th
 - Teachers & staff attended an After School Asthma PD on November 22nd.
- **Competency C: Builds a Culture Focused on College and Career Readiness**
 - The Laynie Foundation continues to conduct in-school Group Therapy for designated students.
 - The School Psychologists and Social Workers continues to conduct weekly Second Step lesson in the 6th grade. The Second Step program nurture the social and emotional awareness and skills for learning. The program integrate social-emotional learning into the classroom, which decreases problem behaviors and increases whole-school success by promoting self-regulation, safety, and support.
 - We continue to focus on teaching and learning expected behaviors, prevention of inappropriate behavior, restorative practices (peace circle and restorative conversations).
 - As of January 9th, we currently have 27 misconduct reports, 12- Group 1, 5-Group 2, 3-Group 3, 1-Group 4, and 6-Group 5.
- **Competency D: Empowers and Motivates Families and the Community to Become Engaged**
 - The Raising Highly Capable Kids Parent Workshop will end on Thursday, January 12th. Congratulations to all the parents who participated in the 13 week program. A huge thank you to Mrs. Angling, our parent facilitator, who conducted the weekly meetings, sent out parent email reminders and ensured that the program ran effectively. You are truly appreciated. A Graduation for all parent participants will be held on Saturday, January 21st at Fiske School at 11:00 a.m.
 - Dental exams were provided to over 300 students with a signed parental consent during the week of December 5th-9th.
 - I am working with ACS Parent to bring a Girl Scout Troop for 5th grade to Carnegie School. A Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 4 p.m. in Room 118. Invitations has been sent home.
- **Competency E: Relentlessly Pursues Self-Disciplined Thinking and Action**
 - Thank you to Mr. Filus, Art teacher, who painted a Sports Mural on the gym walls.
 - To cover the old lunch tables in the gym, custom Walls Pads with Carnegie Logo has been installed in the gym.
 - 20 International Flags and IB Banners has been installed on the 2nd floor IB area.
 - I have requested new flooring for the 1st floor hallways. I am awaiting approval from CPS Facility Management.