



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report to the LSC

Tuesday, April 4, 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.

School-wide Update:

- Enrollment - 623 (including Pre-K)
- Attendance – January 96.10%, February 94.41% and March 94.07%
- Staff Vacancy - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Carnegie School will receive an unrestricted \$1,000 grants from the Target Hyde Park location.
- The district announced that after the freeze was announced, they heard strong concerns from members of both the African American and Hispanic communities. While they cannot make this freeze equal in all schools, they wanted to be responsive to those concerns and mitigate the most disproportionate impacts. Therefore, for schools that receive Title I funds, CPS has released funds back to schools. *What does this mean for ACS?* Funds originally taken from our school budget, has been restored. Those funds have been placed back into teacher & ESP extended day buckets for after school ILT, IB, Saturday School, etc...and several other budget lines.
- Due to budget cuts, Chicago Public Schools has announced that the school year may end on June 1st and the district will not provide summer school. In the event the school year ends on June 1st, Carnegie School has revised the school event calendar for April and May. The revised school calendar will be shared with the school community, if the school year ends on June 1st.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Pollard, who received the 2017 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Finalist Award on March 4th.
- Congratulations to ACS 5th-6th Boys Basketball Team Undeclared in the CPS Score Division! Job Well Done!
- The 3rd Quarter Progress Reports were sent home on Friday, March 10th.
- Congratulations to Mr. Kelly & Mr. Murphy Know Your Heritage Coaches & the 7th grade students who competed in the Know Your Heritage Bowl at Till School. They did an awesome job & we are proud! A huge thank you to all of the ACS staff who came out to support our scholars!
- Thank you to the 4th-8th grade teachers and students who showcased their talents and knowledge of famous African American in this year's Black History Assembly on February 28th.
- It's that time of year again. Auditions for ACS fifth Annual Talent/Fashion Show. *"Superbad Soul" 2017!* If interested, students may see Ms. Willis to obtain an audition consent form. Consent forms will be available as of Monday, April 3, 2017. For additional information, you may contact Ms. Willis at (773) 673-0407 or via email dmwillis2@cps.edu.

- Congratulations to the Class of 2017 who have been accepted in the following high schools for the Fall 2017. Bronzeville Scholastic Academy, Dyett High School for the Arts, Kenwood Academy
- King College Prep, Lindblom Math & Science Academy, South Shore International College Prep, Urban Prep Academy and Whitney Young Magnet High School
- ***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***
 - All 4th & 8th grade students completed the National Assessment of Educational Progress in Reading & Math. The 4th grade students will take the test on Wednesday, March 1st and the 8th grade students will take the test on Thursday, March 2nd.
 - We have completed the 2017 PARCC Reading and Math Assessments. .
 - The 5Essentials (My Voice, My School) closed on March 24th. 99% of all 6th-8th grade students and 88% of all teachers/staff have completed the survey. The parent survey will be made available on April 19th, 3rd Quarter Report Card Pick-Up Day.
 - Carnegie School has partnered with the University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program to place Residents (student teachers) with teachers for the Fall 2017. The number of residents has yet to be determined.
 - Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Blanchard enrolled over 15 6th/7th grade girls in the **Expanding Your Horizons** (EYH) program at the University of Chicago on Saturday, March 25th. EYH is a one-day conference to encourage young girls to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers. At the conference, the girls picked from a series of hands-on workshops they wanted to attend on topics such as food science, biomedical engineering, and particle physics.
 - All 6th-8th grade students are invited to participate in The Chicago Police Department 2017 Spelling Bee on April 28th at Till School. If you have any students interested, please complete the application and place in my mailbox by **Friday, March 24th**. Once your student has agreed to participate in the Spelling Bee, please print & distribute the Spelling Bee list to the student (emailed on March 16th). There will be a cash prize awarded to the winner.
- ***Competency B: Creates Powerful Professional Learning Systems to Guarantee Learning for All Students***
 - The University of Chicago nurses conducted a Hygiene Workshop on January 24th & January 27th with all 4th-8th grade students. Upon completion of the workshop, students received a hygiene kit.
 - Teachers attended Principal-directed meetings on January 17th & March 7th. The focus of meetings Service Anywhere (SAW) system and PARCC Testing Policies
 - One-on-One Spring Goal Setting Meetings were held with each teacher January 31st, February 1st, 2nd & 6th.
 - Fiske School IB teachers visited Carnegie School on February 8th to observe instruction and collaborate IB teachers.
 - Mrs. Pollard attended IB Data Meeting on March 7th at Garfield Park Offices.
 - Mrs. Pollard will attend a Budget Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th.
 - Carnegie teachers & staff have been invited to attend Discovery Education "Day of Discovery" on April 29th from 9 am to 3 pm at Arlington Height District Offices.
 - Sheri Roedel, Residency Advisor and Instructor from the University of Chicago, Urban Teacher Education Program will visit classrooms to observe instruction for those teachers who signed up to be a Clinical Instructor for the Fall of 2017. Ms. Roedel along with another U of C advisor will visit on Tuesday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m.

- **Competency C: Builds a Culture Focused on College and Career Readiness**
 - 2017 Career Day was held on Wednesday, **March 29th, and Thursday, March 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We had an array of professionals to visit classrooms. Thank you to Ms. Hegwood and the Career Day committee for organizing Career Day 2017. A range of professionals took the time to share their career expertise with our students.
- **Competency D: Empowers and Motivates Families and the Community to Become Engaged**
 - Carnegie School will host “Raising Highly Capable Kids” 201 Parent Workshop. It is a 13-week course created to help build stronger families by giving parents the confidence, tools, and skills needed to raise healthy, caring, and responsible children. There will be weekly meeting beginning on Tuesday, March 21st through Tuesday, June 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The facilitators will be ACS parents Ms. Anglin, Mrs. Sanders and Ms. Willis. Parents will participate in an end of the program celebration and receive a free Family Camp Vacation at the completion of the course. If you are interested, you may contact: Mrs. Anglin 773-815-1840 or cassandraanglin@gmail.com.
 - Family Technology Night will be held on Thursday, March 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All teachers/staff will present individually or partner with another teacher/student to provide 20-minute hands on technology workshops for our parents. Please join us for an engaging night teaching and learning!
 - The Girls on the Run After-School Program began last week. All 3rd-8th grade girls have been invited to participate. Over a period of 10 weeks, the girls will participate in an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique.
 - Over 200 parents/families attended our “Family Tech Night”. The main goal for the night was transparency. We wanted to show parents how students are using technology. Our parents engaged in a number on technology activities. A very special thank you to the Parent Advisory Council who volunteered for the night’s event. Your assistance was invaluable!