



February 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians;

The safety and welfare of the students and staff are my highest priority. At approximately 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31st, the Chicago Police Department conducted an unannounced school wide practice lockdown drill. We practice safety drills throughout the year to help staff and students know what to do in an emergency. The goals of drills throughout the school year are to improve our ability to protect students, save lives, and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills. I am pleased with the outcome of this week's drill and feel reassured that our safety plans can be implemented effectively by our staff. Please talk with your child, if you deem it appropriate, about the drill. My goal, while practicing important safety procedures, is to be sure all students and staff feels safe.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sanders, PAC Chairperson who secured a grant for Carnegie School from Google Classroom. The Google Classroom grant includes new furniture and various other items for Room 118, the Counselor/Parent Room.

**Attendance Matters!** Congratulations to the following classes for having the *Highest Attendance Rate for January*. Each class will receive a Pizza Party on Valentine's Day or a day of their choosing.

- **1st Place- 98.80%** - Room 124 - Kindergarten Gifted
- **2nd Place-98.58%**- Room 102 - 3rd Grade Gifted
- **3rd Place - 97.99%** - Room 205 - 5th Grade

**Help our school Win \$10,000 to Spend on STEM at our School! Siemens Science Day** has been reimagined into the new **Siemens #STEMday**. As part of the program re-launch, Siemen has announced a great sweepstakes: the **\$10,000 Possibility Grant Sweepstakes!** "Fab" your lab with the latest and greatest gadgets or purchase top-tier technology and supplies for STEM students. The possibilities are endless, so be sure to enter every day! Students, staff and parents can vote daily at <http://siemensstemday.com/competition/sweepstakes/enter>. **Sweepstakes closes Friday, April 28, at 5:00PM EST**

All 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the My Voice, My School survey this month. The information from the survey will be included on the 2017 SQRP Report. The Parent survey window opens on April. More information forthcoming.

Kindergarten Picture Day will be held on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Students will take their Cap & Gown & Dress pictures. So, dress to impress. Boys are asked to wear a dress shirt w/collar and tie. Girl hair styles should accommodate the Graduation Cap. No monies are due; parents will receive proofs in the coming weeks with payment information.

Eighth Grade Picture Day will be held on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** Students will take their Cap & Gown & Dress pictures. So, dress to impress. Boys are asked to wear a dress shirt

w/collar and tie. Girl hair styles should accommodate the Graduation Cap. No monies are due; parents will receive proofs in the coming weeks with payment information.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards & NWEA Winter Student Progress Reports will be sent home on **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in the cafeteria. All parents, guardians and community members are welcome.

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** for **4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade** students in the gym from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This is an Out-of-Uniform for all students. Students may wear red, pink, or purple. The cost is \$7.00.

There will be **NO School** on **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. It's President's Day.

Carnegie teachers and staff are integrating Black History into their classrooms through a variety of lessons. Students will celebrate African American heritage through projects that immerse them in the culture and inspire them with true stories. We will celebrate Black History Month with the following school events:

- A variety of field trips to the DuSable Museum, DePaul Merle's Redskin Theater, Chicago Cultural Center, The Chicago Field Museum and Washington Park Field House.
- College T-Shirt Day **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. The cost \$1.00. Funds raised will support student-centered activities.
- There will be a Black History Assembly on **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 2:15 p.m. in the gym.

Mrs. D. Pollard  
Principal



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