



January 9, 2016

Dear ACS Parents/Guardians;

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope your winter break was fantastic and that you're rested, refreshed and ready to take on the second half of the school year. We are now almost to the halfway point in our 2016-2017 school year. Our teachers and staff members have been working diligently to ensure your children receive the best educational experience every day. This year, we have added Coding & Programming to our instructional program to compliment the rigorous instruction students already receive. Thank you ACS parents and community members who made "Coding at Carnegie" possible.

Our teachers are implementing research-based instructional strategies, differentiating instruction and modifying assessments during instructional hours and in the afterschool academic programs; to make them more complex, as interpreted by the Common Core State Standards, and we are tracking student progress monthly and quarterly.

Our students are achieving this year! Parents, you can support your child by ensuring that your child attends school on-time daily, checking to make sure that assignments are completed, staying in contact with teachers via ClassDojo and by monitoring your child's grades using parent portal. Teachers post grades weekly. The consistent support and encouragement of parents result in greater success for all students.

This year brings about a very special celebration for Carnegie School parents. Several ACS parents will receive their diplomas for completing 13 weeks of classes based on the "*Raising Highly Capable Kids*" curriculum, a program that teaches parents to build stronger families by giving them the confidence, tools, and skills needed to raise healthy, caring, and responsible children. The classes was led by Mrs. C. Anglin, parent facilitator. Congratulations and thank you parents for pioneering this program at Carnegie School.

I cannot impress enough upon you the need for more parental involvement. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to find ways to become more proactive in 2017!

Finally, please mark your calendar:

- Winter Sports season begins for 5th-8th graders.
- January 9th - 2nd quarter Progress Reports will be sent home.
- January 10th - Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- January 10th - LSC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- January 16th - No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
- January 9th-20th - NWEA Winter Reading & Mathematics Assessment will be administered.
- January 9th-27th - TRC Assessment will be administered to Kindergarten-2nd grade students.
- January 20th - College T-shirt Out of Uniform Day. The cost: \$1.00.
- January 21st - "Raising Highly Capable Kids" Parent Graduation 11 am-1 pm at Fiske School 6020 South Langley Avenue.
- January 26th - All After School Programs will end.

And, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Docilla Pollard, Principal

