

October 3, 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians:

- ☺ I am very pleased to welcome Ms. Rebecca Gutierrez, Room 208-4th grade to the Carnegie staff. I am excited about the added dimensions that she will bring to our school program and look forward to her many contributions as we move forward in providing our students with meaningful educational experiences.
- ☺ Carnegie School will host **Raising Highly Capable Kids Parent Workshop**. It is an 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 **Thursday, October 6th** at 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 a graduation ceremony in January and will 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.
- ☺ As many of you may know, the Chicago Teachers Union has set a strike date of October 11, 2016. In the coming weeks, the district and CTU will work diligently to resolve and prevent a strike from happening. However, in the event of teachers strike, Carnegie teachers will provide students and parents with a number of web-based academic assignments to keep students engaged in educational activities. Teachers will provide and post all assignments via ClassDojo or Remind by **Friday, October 7th**. Your child's teacher has provided information to you to join ClassDojo and Remind. ClassDojo and Remind is a communication tool that helps teachers connect instantly with parents as well as receive bi-weekly Parent Memos via your cell phone. Please accept and/or join!
- ☺ First Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home on **Friday, October 7th**.
- ☺ There will be a PAC Title 1 Annual Organization Meeting on **Friday, October 7th** at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- ☺ There will be NO SCHOOL on **Monday, October 10th**. It's Columbus Day.
- ☺ Picture Day for all students will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th**. Payment envelopes were sent home last week. Picture Day money envelopes are due on Friday, October 7th. You are to include the exact amount in the envelope. You may pay on-line, Cash or Money Order.
- ☺ There will be a "THINK PINK" Out-of-Uniform Day on **Friday, October 14th**. The cost is \$1.00. Students may wear any pink clothing item. Students not participating must be wear their school uniform. Funds will go towards our Sport Programs.
- ☺ The School Nurse reviewed and updated all immunizations records this week. **However, there are over 130 students that are still out of medical compliance.** Medical Compliance letters were sent home last week. Students must be in compliance by **October 15th** or they will be excluded from school. The UofC Medical Van will visit our school in the coming week to administer vaccine(s) to any student out of compliance with a signed parent consent form. The consent form is attached to your child's medical compliance letter. **If you believe that your child is in compliance, please send a copy your child's immunization to the school for the nurse's review.** If you have any questions, the school nurse, Ms. Cain-Hill is available on Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
- ☺ Help make "Coding at Carnegie" possible for all students. As of date, the following classes have been fully funded. Thank you to all the parents and supporters for your generous donations:
 - Ms. Brown, Room 221-SpEd Primary, Ms. Close, Room 125-Kindergarten
 - Ms. Johnson, Room 112-1st, Ms. Caffie, Room 110-2nd, Ms. Hernandez, Room 116-2nd -Gifted
 - Mrs. Anderson, Room 101-3rd & Mrs. F. Boateng, Room 222-6th-IB MYPYou may help bring "Coding at Carnegie" to all ACS students by making a donation via www.donorschoose.org. Check out "What Most Schools Don't Teach" YouTube video <https://youtu.be/nKIu9yen5nc> for information on Coding.
- ☺ You may check your child's grades online by logging on to CPS Parent Portal <https://parent.cps.k12.il.us/pc/default.aspx>. You will need your child's CPS ID and PIN numbers. To ensure the security of your child's records, PINs will not be issued over the phone. You may obtain your child's PIN number from the main office.
- ☺ Just a reminder to check the school's website for vital information: www.carnegie.cps.edu and follow us on **Twitter @ACSCOUGARS** to see what's happening inside classrooms.

Mrs. D. Pollard
Principal