

October 14, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,



- ☺ The School Nurse reviewed and updated all immunizations records. However, there are 100 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 U of C Medical Van will visit our school on Friday, October 14th to administer vaccine(s) to any student out of compliance with a signed parent consent form. Consent forms were sent home and are available in the main office. 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.
- ☺ Our school-wide Attendance Goal is 97%. **Our current Attendance Rate is 96.7%**. Every school day counts! Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school. Students with good attendance perform better in math and reading. Children who have good attendance in Kindergarten through 2nd grades are more than twice as likely to score proficient on state math tests by the time they reach 8th grade as their peers who missed more school. **We need your child in school each and every day! Attendance Matters!**
- ☺ Thanksgiving is near and so are Market Day pies! These pies make holiday baking a breeze. Students who sell 10 or more pies will receive a party pizza along with other prizes. Orders are due by **Wednesday, October 19th**. Pick up date is Monday, November 21st at 3:45 pm. For additional information and/or order forms, you may contact Ms. Hegwood, Room 121 or 535-0661. All funds raised will be used to support student incentives.
- ☺ Tropical Vision will administer vision exams on **Monday, October 24th & Tuesday, October 25th** to all students who have returned a signed parent consent form. For additional information, please contact Ms. Adams at 535-0528.
- ☺ There will be a *Halloween Parade* on **Monday, October 31st** for **Pre-K through 4th grades**. Students may wear a costume or dress as their favorite story book character (*no toy weapons*). From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., students will be allowed to trick or treat through the school. Parent Volunteers are welcome.
- ☺ There will be a *Halloween Bash/Dance* on **Monday, October 31st** for **5th-8th grade** students in the gym from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may be Out-of-Uniform and wear orange and/or black. **NO COSTUMES for 5th-8th grade students**. The cost is \$7.00. Tickets may be purchased from your child's classroom teacher.
- ☺ Picture Day Retake is scheduled for **Monday, November 14th**. Picture Day order forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.
- ☺ For the 2016-17, the After School Programs will begin on **November 28th through February 2nd**. The After School Programs will consist of the Academic Academy for 2nd, 3rd, 6th & 8th grade students, Chess (Beginning & Advanced), Music, Cheerleading and Coding & Programming. Enrollment Forms with all pertinent information will be sent home in the coming week as well enrollment forms will be available on **November 9th during Parent Teacher Conference Day**.
- ☺ Please continue to 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. To obtain your PIN number, please stop by main office.
- ☺ Just a reminder to check the school's website for vital school information at www.carnegie.cps.edu and follow us on **Twitter @ACSCOUGARS** to see what's happening inside classrooms.

Regards,
Principal Pollard