

October 2, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,



- ☺ We currently have one parent, one community member and one non-teacher vacancies on our Local School Council (LSC). Applications are available in the Main Office. Any parent or community member who is interested in becoming a member of the LSC is invited to attend our next meeting on **November 14th at 6:00 p.m.** At this meeting you will have the opportunity to present your application and speak publicly to the LSC.
- ☺ The School Nurse reviewed and updated all immunizations records. There are 100 students that are still out of medical compliance. **Out-of-Medical Compliance parent letters will be sent home on Friday, October 6th.** Students must be in compliance by **October 16th** or they will be excluded from school. For additional questions, you may contact the school nurse on Fridays from 8:45 a.m.-3:45p.m.
- ☺ Our school-wide Attendance Goal is 97%. **Our current Attendance Rate is 97.6%.** 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!**
- ☺ Hearing & Vision will be administered on **Tuesday, October 3rd** to all students who have returned a signed parent consent form.
- ☺ First Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home on **Friday, October 6th.**
- ☺ Carnegie School Pre-K & Kindergarten classes will participate in Jane Averil Community Reading Day. Volunteers will come into the classroom on **Friday, October 6th** from 9:30 to 10:00 to read the text, "*We All Sing with the Same Voice*".
- ☺ There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, October 9th.** It's Columbus Day.
- ☺ A.S.B Before & After School Program will begin on **Tuesday, October 10th.** **Carnegie School Before & After School Program** is a tuition-based program that is offered to students from grades K-8th The Before & After school program will run Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The program is not offered on CPS non-attendance and vacation days. The program offers a snack and meal, homework assistance, technology and physical activities. Registration forms are available via www.carnegie.cps.edu or please feel free to contact Mario Parham at (773) 678-8217 or via email mario.inspireme@gmail.com.
- ☺ Mike McGrath, Coach of the University of Chicago and several players will visit our school on **Friday, October 13th** to speak to the 6th-8th grades on "How to Balance Athletics & Academics".
- ☺ There will be a "THINK PINK" Out-of-Uniform Day on **Friday, October 13th.** The cost is \$1.00. Students may wear any pink clothing item. Students not participating must wear their school uniform. Funds will go towards Student Incentives.

- ☺ Picture Day will be held on **Thursday, October 19th** for all students. Picture Day order forms will be sent home on Friday, October 6th.
- ☺ The ACS Student Council is partnering with Carson's to participate in **Carson's Community Days Fundraiser**. We need your help! All you have to do is purchase a coupon booklet for \$5. In that booklet, you will receive a \$10 coupon good on an item of \$10 or more, a 30% off shopping pass, and a 30% off Yellow Dot coupon plus other great bonus offers. Let's do the math. If we sell 400 booklets, we'll raise \$2000! It's just that easy. All funds raised will go to the 8th & Kindergarten graduations & the newly-established Student Council! **Coupon Booklets are available for purchase in the main office beginning October 2nd October 27th**.
- ☺ There will be a *Halloween Parade* on **Tuesday, 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 Dance* on **Tuesday, 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.
- ☺ Continue to check your child's grades online by logging on to CPS Parent Portal **<https://parent.cps.k12.il.us/pc/default.aspx>**. Parent Portal Parent letters were distributed during Open House. You may obtain a copy of your letter in the 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