

August 2016

Dear Carnegie Families,

It is with great anticipation that we look to the start of the new school year. School begins on **Tuesday, September 6th at 8:45 a.m.** Although a few students may be a bit sad to say good-bye to summer vacation, we know they will be happy to see their friends again and start a new school year.



Whether you are a new or returning family, welcome to Andrew Carnegie Elementary School!

This will be a very successful and productive school year. We will continue to transform teaching and learning through technology. We have five new Michigan State University Student Interns and we welcome two new staff members, Ms. Close, Kindergarten and Mr. Collins, 6th Reading & Science teachers. The staff and I look forward to working with each of you to achieve our shared goal of helping every child succeed in a safe, respectful, nurturing and challenging environment.

Carnegie staff has been working hard to prepare the building. Although some classrooms have changed and some faces are new, what is happening inside will be a continued focus on your child and how we can provide the best education for their success. We have added Coding at Carnegie and Student Choice for middle school students to our curriculum for this school year. Our focus is to provide a rich educational experience where students are able to learn and grow through new challenges that will prepare them for the future so that they may lead healthy and productive lives.

Our school learning community is strengthened by our partnerships. The active participation of students, staff, families, and community organizations are essential for our continued success. I encourage you to be active in our LSC, PAC and our new PTA.

Just a few dates and reminders:

- **August**
 - 30th Kindergarten Parent Orientation 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **September**
 - 5th No School - Labor Day
 - 7th Uniform & Discipline Assembly
 - 6th-8th 9:30 a.m., 3rd-5th 10:00 a.m. & Kdg-2nd 10:30 a.m.
 - 14th 8th Grade Parent Information Night 4:30 p.m.
 - 22nd Open House & LSC Meeting 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - 30th Back to School Bash Dance Kdg-8th 1:45 p.m. gym & cafeteria

The 2016-2017 Door Entry & Exit Plan:

- **Dorchester North:** 120-PreK, 124-Kdg, 125-2nd, 126-Kdg & 127-1st
- **Main Entrance:** 101-3rd, 102-3rd, 104-3rd & 106-1st
- **Dorchester South:** 116-Kdg, 110-2nd, 112-1st, 114-2nd & 218-5th
- **Blackstone:** 202-4th, 204-4th, 205-5th, 206-5th & 208-5th
- **61st Place:** 212-6th, 216-7th, 214-6th, 222-6th, 224-7th & 228-8th

To ensure the timely entry and exit of students. During morning entry; parents and students must wait outside until 8:45 a.m. Your child's teacher will line-up students outside for entry and escort their class into the building. During dismissal, parents must wait outside and away from the school doors; this ensures that the school doors can be opened safely. School staff will remain at all doors to ensure that the entry/exit process is followed in an orderly manner. **For the safety of the students and staff; all parents/visitors must enter through the main entry.** Parents/visitors are not allowed to enter through any other school door.

If you have not done so already, please check out our "Back to School" trailer via https://vimeo.com/175911839?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=29220

Enjoy the remaining weeks of the summer and we look forward to seeing you on **September 6th.**

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