



April 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a chance to rest and relax just a little and enjoy some family time together. Time away from your everyday tasks can be remarkably restorative. The TRC & NWEA Spring testing periods are fast approaching. It is very important that your children attend school daily. Students with good attendance performed better in math and reading. Children who has good attendance in Kindergarten through Grade 2 are **more than twice as likely** to score proficient on state math tests by the time they reached Grade 8 as their peers who missed more school. We expect a 98% Attendance Rate for the months of April, May & June!

As temperatures become warmer; more and more students are arriving onto school grounds as early as 7:45 a.m. and are left on school grounds or in the main office until 6:00 p.m. Please be advised that our school hours are from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. **Students are not to arrive before 8:30 a.m. Carnegie staff members work day begins at 8:30 a.m. or 8:45 a.m. There is NO supervision provided prior 8:30 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.** Students will not be permitted in the building as staff do not report prior to 8:30 a.m. and left at 4:00 p.m. Please, consider the safety and well-being of your child and **DO NOT** drop-off your child prior to 8:30 a.m. These are very busy times and the safety of child is our utmost priority.

Congratulations to Coach Morgan-Percy and ACS Pee Wee Cheer/Dance Squad, who were selected to perform at the 36th Annual Magnet Schools of America (MSA) National Conference the weekend of April 25-29, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Thank you to all the professionals who participated in Career Day. There were a range of professionals who shared their experience and skills with our students. We look forward to their return next year.

*A few school reminders:*

- The 5 Essentials (My Voice, My School) Parent Survey opened on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** through May 11th. Parents may be encouraged to complete the online survey via <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4259404/2018-Parent-Survey-English>. Parents may complete the survey during 3rd Quarter Report Card Pick-Up Day on Wednesday, April 18th. The survey provides a critical opportunity for parent feedback about the school and serves as part of our school rating.
- There will be a LSC meeting on **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents and community members are welcome.
- There will be **NO School on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. It's a School Improvement Day.
- ACS will host "Saturday School" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for select students in grades 2nd-8th. Saturday School will be held on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Permission slips (for selected students) with all pertinent information will be sent home with your child by Friday, April 6th. Permission slip must be returned on Tuesday, April 18th. For additional information, you may contact Ms. Adams at (773) 535- 0528.
- The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held during the week of **April 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** in Room 205. The Book Fair will be open during Report Card Pick-Up Day from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- There will be a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting on **Tuesday, April 17th** at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. All parents and community members are welcome.
- 3rd Quarter Report Card Pick-Up/Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, April 18th** from 11:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be No School for students. We are expecting 100% parent participation!
- **IB-MYP 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents ONLY:** Final Payment for the Class Trip to Washington, DC is due on or before **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. **Late payments will NOT be accepted!** For additional information, you may contact Mrs. Brown, at 535-0530 or via email [dburrage-brown@cps.edu](mailto:dburrage-brown@cps.edu).
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents ONLY:** Due to Spring Break, Graduation fee of \$80.00 due date has been extended to **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- It's that time of year again for Carnegie's Annual School-wide Speech Arts Competition. The competition will be held on **Thursday, April 26, 2018**. The competition category is "Published Poetry". Students are required recite a published poem. All students are required to participate in their classroom's Speech Arts Competition. This activity will be incorporated in each student's 4th Quarter Language Arts grade. Classroom Speech Arts Competition must be held on or before **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. The first and second ranked students from each classroom will advance to the school-wide level competition on Thursday, April 26th.

Principal Pollard

