



December 4, 2017

Dear Parents;

- ✱ As the temperature begin to drop, there are a large number of children who are arriving excessively early to school daily. Children arriving to school prior to 8:30 a.m. becomes a safety issue. Students are permitted on school grounds at 8:30 am. Staff will be on duty at their respective doors at 8:30 am to allow entry for students arriving before normal entry time. However, it is imperative, particularly on inclement weather days that students **DO NOT arrive before 8:30 a.m. There is no supervision before 8:30 a.m. and students will not be permitted in the building.** During inclement weather, ALL students will enter through the main doors. Students arriving at 8:30 a.m. will be directed to the following areas:
 - All Pre-K through 3rd grade students will report to the cafeteria.
 - All 4th through 8th grade students will report to the gym.
- ✱ **Carnegie School offers a Before and After School Program. The A.S.B** is a tuition-based program that is offered to students from grades K-8th. The program runs Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. through June 15th. 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. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mario Parham at (773) 678-8217 or via email mario.inspireme@gmail.com.
- ✱ There are over 90 students that are still out of medical compliance. Medical Compliance letters have been distributed to students and parents on several occasions. The district requires that all students are in medical compliance by October 15th or they will be excluded from school. ***Exclusion due to medical compliance will begin on Monday, January 8th.*** If you believe that your child is in medical 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, who is available on Fridays from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
- ✱ There will be a Girls Scout Parent Information meeting on **Thursday, December 7th** in the cafeteria for any 4th-8th graders. For additional information, please contact Ms. Laconda Wright lkwright77@yahoo.com or 773-331-7530 or Ms. Charissa Sims charissasims@yahoo.com
- ✱ The Dental Team will visit our school on **Monday, December 4th through Friday, December 8th** to service students with a signed parent consent form.
- ✱ "Be the Light in Someone's Life". Starting **Monday, December 4th**, Carnegie school will support Comer Children's Hospital theme of "Bringing Comer Cheer and Making Spirits Bright" by hosting a Toy Drive **until December 15, 2017**. You may give your toy donation to your child's teacher or bring toy donation to the main office.
- ✱ Student Council members will conduct a "Toiletry Drive" beginning **Monday, December 4th and end on Wednesday, January 31st**. We encourage you to support the "Toiletry Drive" by donating an item. Toiletry items should be new and sealed.
 - Shampoo/ Hair conditioner
 - Bar Soap/ hand sanitizer
 - Toothpaste/toothbrush/mouth wash
 - Deodorant

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- Hand/Body Lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Shaving cream
- Combs/brushes

- ** Carnegie is partnering with the Kenwood United Church of Christ, located at [4608 S. Greenwood](#). Rev Lisa Goods has agreed to come and speak to the ACS Student Council this month. The church operates a soup kitchen and a homeless ministry.
- ** The Kindergarten through 4th grades Gifted classes will host "Christmas at Carnegie" Project Celebration on **December 13th from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria. All Gifted parents are invited and asked to RSVP your child's teacher. Light refreshments will be served.
- ** Selected 4th-6th grade students will compete in the Ballroom Dancing Competition at the Chicago Cultural Center on **Thursday, December 14th**. Good Luck ACS!
- ** There will be a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on **Tuesday, December 19th** at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- ** There will be a Winter Dance for 4th-8th grade students on **Wednesday, December 20th** from 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Gym. The cost: \$7.00 per student. This is an Out-of-Uniform Day for all students attending the dance.
- ** The Winter Assembly for PreK-3rd grades will be held on **Thursday, December 21st**. There will be two assemblies 9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. *To accommodate all parents; Pre-K, 2nd & 3rd grade parents are invited to attend the 9:30 a.m. assembly and Kindergarten & 1st grade parents are invited to attend the 2:00 p.m. assembly.* ACS Cheerleaders and ACS Ballroom Dancers will perform at both assemblies.
- ** If you want your 5 year to attend Carnegie School for the 2018-19 school year and live outside Carnegie's attendance boundaries. You must apply through the Option for Knowledge Program via <http://go.cps.edu> on or before **Friday, December 22nd**.
- ** Teachers will host Classroom Holiday parties on **Friday, December 22nd** from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. **THIS IS NOT AN OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY FOR STUDENTS.**
- ** All Kindergarten-8th grade students will receive Holiday Homework Assignments via on-line (*Nearpod, Discovery Education, iReady Reading/Math, or Raz-Kids*). Homework must be completed by **Monday, January 8th**. Holiday Homework will be graded and input into Gradebook by Friday, January 12th.
- ** 2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home on **Monday, January 8, 2018.**

*Winter Break begins on Monday, December 25th through Friday, January 5th.
Classes will resume Monday, January 8, 2018.*

Happy Holiday!
Principal Pollard



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