



August 2018

Dear Carnegie Families,

Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families and ordering needed materials. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. Our much-appreciated PAC is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change which includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Linda Burnette, TAT School Counselor; Saranja Hicks, 1st Grade Gifted Teacher; Twannita Gilmore, 4th Grade Gifted Teacher; Gina Viado, 5th Grade Gifted; Elston Lacy, IB-MYP, 6th-8th ELA/Math; Chad Van Puymbroeck, Visual Arts; Elizabeth Englert, World Language/Spanish; and Hope Meyers, Dance. Each professional brings a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's health and emotional needs. Welcome Aboard ACS Professionals!

Administrative/Staff Assignment Changes

Administrative Change: Mrs. F. Boateng, IB/Gifted Coordinator. New classroom assignments: Ms. Hernandez, 1st Grade, Ms. Gipson, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Milsap, 2nd Grade Gifted, Mrs. Simental 3rd Grade, Mrs. Daley-Mitchell, 5th Grade.

Facilities Update

If you have driven past the school you may have noticed the new IB Banners on Dorchester. The internal building includes the repainting of the stairwells and gym doors, added inspirational quotes to the 2nd floor hallways and added flexible seating to all 4th and 5th grade classes.

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What's New: Upper Grade Gym Uniforms

All students are required to purchase a gym uniform. Additional gym uniform shirts and pants styles have been added for purchase for 5th-8th grades only. Clothing items may be purchased on-line via the school's website or in the main office, see Mrs. Brown.

District Policy for Parent Volunteers

ALL parent volunteers or potential chaperones for field trips must apply on-line at cpsvolunteers.org. This is a District policy and includes CPS employees who volunteer at schools other than where they are employed must complete a volunteer application as well. Parents who chaperone overnight trips will require a more in-depth process and detailed background check. Either way, I encourage potential chaperones to begin the process a month ahead of the scheduled field trip.



School Traffic Safety

In collaboration with the Chicago Police Department, Alderman Cochran's Office, and in an effort to help ensure the safety and well-being of all, Carnegie School will implement the following School Traffic Plan. The administration asks that all parents consistently observe the expected routines for pick-up and drop-off of students.

1. During dismissal, 60th-61st & Dorchester will be closed to southbound traffic. Do not drive around the blue or orange horses. Once the school buses leave, southbound traffic will reopen.

1. Do not park in the school bus lane or move the orange cones.
2. Do not block 61st Place. This will allow ACS staff and CPS visitors to enter/exit the Staff Parking Lot.
3. Do not block the crosswalk or corners of intersections as it inhibits the crossing guard's view of the children walking/crossing.
4. Do not double-park when dropping off or picking up your child and make sure your child gets out of the car on the curbside.
5. Pull up your vehicles as far as you possibly can to drop off your students, allowing the cars behind you room to drop off their child/children.
6. If you're getting out of your car and walk to the building to retrieve your child, please don't double park and leave your car, this will allow other cars to leave.
7. Students who walk to school, should be crossing the street in the crosswalk.

Carnegie Before and After School Program

Carnegie has partnered with A.S.B which 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 19th. 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](tel:(773)678-8217) or via email mario.inspireme@gmail.com.

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If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @hhbh2 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @hhbh2 to (240) 949-7746.



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Important Dates

PreK & Kindergarten Parent Orientation, Monday, August 27, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

During the Parent Orientation, the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and I will share with you the importance of attendance, Technology Rules & Guidelines, Common Core State Standards curriculum, TRC and NWEA Assessments, Parent Portal, Classdojo, Remind, Twitter, End-of-the-Year Kindergarten Celebration, immunization, and behavior, grading and homework policies. As well as provide you with a few tips in helping your child be successful throughout the school year.



First Day of School, Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45 a.m.

The earliest students may arrive to school is 8:30 a.m. Children arriving to school prior to 8:30 a.m. becomes a safety issue because there is no adult supervision outside or in the building. Students are permitted on school grounds at 8:30 am. and staff will be on duty at their designated doors to greet them.

Open House & 8th Grade Parent Meeting, Thursday, September 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

p.m. Come out and meet your child(ren) teacher(s), see the classroom, say hi to friends and families and learn about your child's instructional program.

Back to School Bash/Dance & Out-of-Uniform Day

- September 27th - Kindergarten-3rd Grades 1:45 p.m. (gym) - FREE
- September 28th -4th-8th Grades 1:45 p.m. (gym) - FREE

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On behalf of the entire Carnegie staff, here's to a year filled with learning! As we continue with our campaign on the importance of daily school attendance, I'll close with an encouragement that we see your student **ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!**

Docilla Pollard
Principal

We are ready to have a great year!



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