



January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the second half of the school year! I hope you had a rejuvenating winter break and that you have returned with renewed enthusiasm and energy. Thank you to the parents and students who gave so generously to our Toy and Toiletry Drives. The joy of giving, caring and showing concern for others is very rewarding. Thank you for "Being the Light in Someone's Life".

As we return and are almost at the mid-point of our school year, below are the **Mid-Year Updates**:

- Enrollment - 623 (including Pre-K)
- Monthly Attendance Rate
  - **September-97.57%**
  - **October-96.28%**
  - **November-95.87%**
  - **December-94.91%**
  - Year-to-Date Attendance Average-96.22%
- On Track % - 66.3% (students receiving a "C" or better)
- Misconducts - 1.59%

The coming months will bring us many challenges and opportunities. In an effort to meet our challenges head on, our teachers have been routinely engaged in weekly principal-directed meetings, data discussions, instructional planning meetings and professional development sessions since the start of the school year. These discussions and work sessions have prompted our teachers to diligently review, remediate and revise their instructional delivery when the student achievement data indicates a need for it. We will continue to work diligently to provide an optimal learning experience for our students as the year continues.

I recognize that in order to be successful, students need support from both the home and school. Having a strong partnership with you as parents and guardians makes a very positive difference in your child's education. We share the responsibility for students' academic success and I want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. *I encourage you to be involved in your child education by ensuring that your child attends school daily, monitoring homework and grades via CPS Parent Portal and working in partnership with your child's teacher.*

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Carnegie School was awarded \$11,837.98 grant for after-school programming. The funds will support our Spring Academic After-School Program. The Spring Academic Program will begin on Tuesday, February 20th through Thursday, March 22nd from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The program will serve students in grades 2nd through 8<sup>th</sup>. If your child is selected to participate, an enrollment form will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks.

I continue to remain grateful for the privilege of serving as Principal of Andrew Carnegie Elementary and the opportunity to lead our student body towards greater levels of student achievement and productive citizenship. Thank you for continually supporting your child(ren) and our school community.

I look forward to great things happening here during the second half of the year.

Principal Pollard

### **January Calendar Reminders:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home
- 8<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Middle-of-the-Year TRC Reading Assessment for Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grades
- 9<sup>th</sup> LSC Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria  
Tropical Vision will distribute eyeglasses to designated students
- 15<sup>th</sup> No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting-9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria
- 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> iReady Reading & Mathematics Mid-Year Diagnostic Assessment for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- 31<sup>st</sup> PARCC Parent Workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents-4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Classes resume on Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 8:45 a.m.**

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