



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Principal's Report to the LSC

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

VISION:

Our vision for Andrew Carnegie Elementary School is to embody a safe, caring, and compassionate learning environment. We are committed to developing knowledgeable, community-minded, globally successful life-learners who will gain respect and understanding for all cultures, through a collaborative effort among parents, staff, students and the community.

LRE MANDATE: LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

ENROLLMENT: 600, the district projection for the 2017-18 school year is 636, that's a decrease of 36 students. We will continue to enroll students into classes with less than 28 students. We must meet the district's enrollment projection by Monday, September 18th or will result in funding loss of over \$165,000.

VACANCY: We said farewell to Mr. Collins, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Roop, Ms. Boateng, Ms. Buksa, Ms. Dabney, and Officer Taylor and welcomed, Mrs. Roberson, Assistant Principal, Ms. Salome, 2nd grade, Mr. Hutson, 6th-8th SpEd teacher, Mr. Baldwin, Music, Ms. Thompson, 4th/5th grades SpEd, Mr. Jackson, Pre-K, Mrs. Anglin, Lunch/Recess Aide, Ms. Pate, SpEd Classroom Assistant, Mr. Turner, SpEd Assistant, Mrs. D. Burrage-Brown, Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Watson, Instructional/Gifted Coordinator, Mr. Warren, Security Officer & Officer Lorde and Off Duty Police Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- For the 2017-2018:
 - Ms. Chellie Fernandez, LSC community representative will resign from her duties on the LSC effective, September 13, 2017. I want to personally thank you for serving as ACS LSC community representative as well as volunteering in the Kindergarten class. Your serve to the community was greatly appreciated.
 - We now offer full day PreK. PreK classes will receive Music, Art, PE and Health Education resource classes.
 - The My Voice, My School 2016 results available. We have remained "Well Organized" and working in improve Supportive Environment by adding Student Council and Caught Being Good Incentive Program.
 - We were awarded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) again for this school year. This program provides students with a fruit/vegetable sample every Tuesday and Thursday. The goal of the program is to provide continual nutrition education to students while also exposing them to different fruits and vegetables.
 - Dancing with Class 10-week Ballroom dancing class for 4th-6th will begin on October 3rd. The class will be held on Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The class is available to 20 4th-6th grade boy and girls. See Mrs. Roberson or Ms. Gletten to sign-up.
 - Based on funding, there will be a 6 week Fall & Spring After School Academic & Enrichment Programs. The Fall sessions will begin the 2nd week of October and the Spring sessions will begin the 2nd week of February.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP

- **Support Area: Quality Instructional Program**
 - We will continue to:

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- offer Algebra for qualifying 8th graders
 - receive 150 minutes of physical education, 60 minutes of health education, 60 minutes of physical education and 30 minutes per week of GoNoodle (in-class movement).
 - implement Discovery Education, iReady Reading/Math, Nearpod, Raz-Kids and Discovery Education Techbooks into the curriculum.
 - align district, local and school assessments results to instructional practices.
 - implement the Gradual Release of Responsibility (GRR) strategy.
 - partner with UIC to implement the WITS Program for struggling Kindergarten & 2nd grades on Wednesdays.
 - implement Chess in the Classroom for 2nd & 3rd grade students.
 - offer Afterschool Ballroom Dancing for 4th, 5th & 6th grade which begins on October 3rd
 - offer our Sports Programs (i.e. Volleyball, Basketball & Track & Field)
 - UIC Art Should Program will continue at no cost to the school.
- **Support Area: Student Centered Learning**
 - *Discipline*
 - Conducted a Discipline Assembly for 3rd through 8th grade students. Reviewed the Student Code of Conduct, Lunch Behavior, Recess Safety, Cell Phone and Bullying Policy and the “Caught Being Good” Reward system.
 - *Instructional Materials*
 - Kindergarten-4th grade gifted classes will implement the Junior Great Book Reading textbooks.
 - Kindergarten-4th grade gifted classes will implement Seesaw Digital Portfolios resources.
 - 5th Grade Gifted and IB MYP Advanced 6th-8th will implement Accessing Complex Text Reading textbooks.
All Kindergarten through 5th grades will implement Envision Math 2.0 textbooks and resources aligned to the Common Core State Standards.
 - Kindergarten through 8th grades will implement Discovery Education Science Techbook.
 - IB MYP classes will begin work on their IB Design Project during the period of September 11th through October 20th. They will host a Design Fair in November. More information forthcoming.
 - All consumables have been ordered and replenished for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - 1 to 1 Chrome books, Laptops or iPads in Kdg--8th grades including diverse learner students. Pre-K class received 13 Chromebooks.
 - *Assessment*
 - The 2017 PARCC Assessment results will be shared with parents during Open House on September 20th.
 - For the 2017-18 school year, students will take the NWEA Reading & Mathematics assessment in Fall and Spring.
 - For the 2017-18 school year, students will take the Beginning of the Year & Middle of the Year Reading and Mathematics iReady Diagnosis Assessment.
 - The TRC/NWEA Fall Assessment window is open. All students will be assessed on or before Friday, September 29th. All 2nd through 8th grade students are required to take both Reading and Mathematics. Kindergarten & 1st grade students are required to take the Mathematics Assessment ONLY. All diverse learner (DL) students will test with their DL teacher. TRC/NWEA results will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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- The REACH Performance Task Testing window will open on Monday, September 18th-October 27th for all classroom and resource teachers. This assessment is administrated to students in the Fall and Spring of each year and assesses student mastery of standards specific to the content area and grade level.
- **Support Area: School Leadership & Support Area: Professional Development**
 - Principal Pollard and IB MYP teachers, Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Blanchard & Mrs. Gordon attended, STEM & ILA Conferences in Orlando, Florida, Mrs. Boateng & Mr. Kelly attended Discovery Education Educators Summit at the University of California, San Diego, California, Ms. Salome & Mrs. Simental attended the TRC/DIBELS training, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Carter-Clark and Ms. Salome attended the Envision Math training and Mr. Murphy & Mr. Kelly attended the Poetry Foundation's Summer Poetry Teachers Institute at the University of Illinois Chicago. The Gifted Coordinator and the Kindergarten-4th grade gifted teachers received Junior Great Book training.
 - School-wide Study Group: Teach Like a Champion 2.0 by Doug Lemov. Teachers and administrators are reading and discussing chapters during grade-level and principal-directed meetings.
- **Support Area: Parent & Community**
 - The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will sponsor "Dancemakers are Peacemakers" Dance class on Wednesday, September 20th at 4:45 in the gym. All parents, students and teachers are invited to learn to Salsa, Cha, Cha and Tango. Please join us as we will create an ACS Dance Video.
 - For the 2017-18 school year, the UIC Medical Van will provide vaccines on a monthly basis beginning on September 30th to any student out of medical compliance with a signed parent consent form. All students must be in medical compliance by October 15th.
 - 40 Wheaton College students volunteered on Monday, August 21st. Students and staff worked to beautify the school and classrooms.
 - The Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting was held on August 31st, over 50 families attended and received information about Carnegie's instructional programs, TRC/NWEA Assessment, Parent Portal, immunization and other pertinent school information. Families were also provided tours of the school/classroom.
- **Support Area: School Management and Daily Operations**
 - The stage drapes have been removed for cleaning. The drapes will be reinstalled by September 20th.
 - The stairwells received a makeover which includes the school's logo and multiplication.
 - Additional IB Flags have been installed on the 2nd floor near Rooms 212-222.
 - Mr. Filus, Mr. Dean & Mr. Adams painted a beautiful alphabetic caterpillar on the wall near the Kindergarten door way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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