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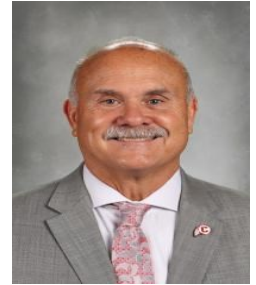
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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER . . .**

*By Dr. David Vail*



It seems like it wasn't too long ago that we started this school year and here we are with only a little over 3 months left to go until the year is over. We are hopeful that everyone – students, parents, and staff – had a positive and productive year, in all aspects of the educational process. We pride ourselves on providing opportunities in which all of our students might participate and succeed, regardless of age, in academics, athletics, and the arts. We hope that we are working together with everyone to make sure that our students, who are the future of our community, state, and country, receive the very best that we can provide for them, each and every day. One way for us to do that is to make sure that the lines of communication always remain open, for all issues. This has been stated many times and it will be repeated as often as possible to reinforce this practice. As we have also said many times is that we cannot address an issue or concern unless it is brought to our attention. The best way to do this is to do so as early as possible, rather than letting something get out of hand or become a bigger problem than it was initially. By using the chain of command, we can begin the process at the most basic level, where it can usually be remedied most efficiently.

I always welcome the opportunity to respond to parents' and community member's questions or concerns when they are brought to our attention. Unfortunately, there are some instances when we are only made aware of certain issues via social media. We can certainly address the issues when we are alerted to them, but this does not allow us to respond directly to the person who posted. While many of the things on social media have some validity, there are times when they do not, or there are some missing facts or over- and/or understating of the situation. I am hoping that when reading school-related issues on social media, when in doubt – reach out to the building where your children attend or central office to verify what is going around and to verify the facts. I will be the first to admit that we make mistakes, and we need to be accountable, but I am asking that you allow us to also weigh in on the situation. . It has always been one of our goals to be accessible and available to meet the needs of the school community. We want to be confident that communication is ongoing, accurate, prompt, and goes both ways. No problem is too big or too small for us to work together to resolve.

# Superintendent's Corner

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The best way to put the wheels of improvement in motion is to use the chain of command, as stated earlier, and let the process work the way it was intended. Most information is found at the most basic level, which is why it is so important for there to be such open dialogue between the students and their teachers. For younger students or depending on the issue at hand, the parents are urged to reach out to the teacher, should the need arise. With everything we have in place, which is a great working relationship between the school and the community, due to ongoing communication and support for one another, we can continue to make Carlisle Schools what we know that it can be – a great place to learn and grow.

Once we realize and keep in mind that we are really all on the same team and have the same goal in mind – the education and overall success of our students – it will certainly be much easier for us to work together to the realization of that goal. If you have any questions or concerns about the district in general, please do not hesitate to contact us, either by phone or email.

Dr. David S. Vail

Superintendent

Carlisle Local Schools

**Today is your  
opportunity to  
build the tomorrow  
you want.**

—KEN POIROT

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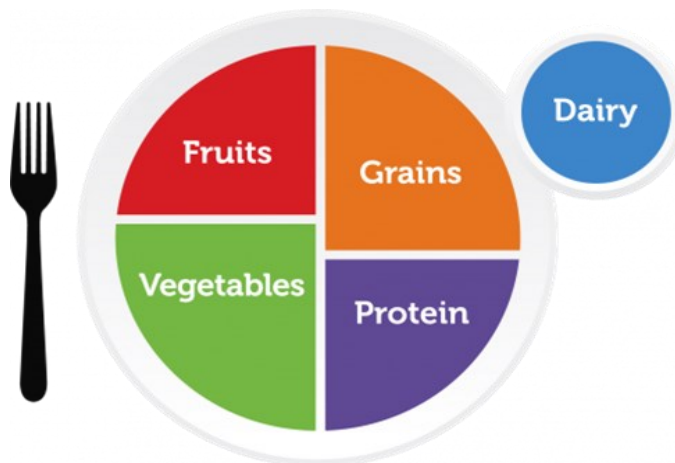
**Be sure to check out our district website - [www.carlisleindians.org](http://www.carlisleindians.org) for updated information, such as flyers on community events, Covid-related information, and more!**



## Nurse Notes

### New Years Resolutions and Healthy Eating!

The start of the year is always a popular time to start creating healthy habits. Obesity is on the leading causes of chronic illnesses and death. A healthy diet is a priority for overall health and wellness. A great resource to learn more about healthy eating is [www.myplate.gov](http://www.myplate.gov). The website offers nutritional information for the whole family. The information is easy to understand the website is very user friendly. The website offers a way to develop individual eating plans and helps all ages groups understand what their daily diet should look like. We encourage you to sit down with your students and discuss the importance of a healthy diet!



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## Parents & Guardians:

Influenza season has arrived, and a high incidence rate has been reported in the area. We are also seeing a high rate of gastrointestinal viruses, strep, and other common illnesses. Please be mindful of the illness policy and keep your students at home when they are feeling ill. See the guidelines below to help determine if your student should stay home and when they are able to return. We appreciate your help in keeping our students and staff healthy! **Your child is too sick to go to school and should remain home if any of these symptoms are present:**

*Has a temperature of 100 degrees or above. When your child has been fever-free for 24 hours (WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION), is feeling better and has no other symptoms, he/she may return to school.*

*Has pain from earache, headache, sore throat, or a recent injury that interferes with their daily activity.*

*has a consistent cough that interferes with the child's daily routine.*

*Has vomiting or diarrhea. (Must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning)*

*Has green or yellow drainage from the eyes.*

*Has broken out in an unknown/contagious rash.*

*Has a contagious disease such as chickenpox, strep throat, pinkeye, or COVID-19. (call nurse if unsure when student can return, follow doctors order and 24-hour rule for most illnesses)*

## FOOD SERVICE

Here we are halfway through the school year. We are looking forward to celebrating National School Breakfast Program March 4-8. Breakfast gives students a great start every day and that week we will pick some of their favorite items to have for breakfast.

Continue to remember to put money on your child's account so they can continue to eat nutritious lunches without any disruption.

Also, a reminder that if your financial situation changes you are invited to fill out a free and reduced form and turn it in at any time during the school year.

If you have and questions or concerns, please give our office a call we would love to chat with you.

Gail French 937-746-8969 ext. 560.



# Carlisle High School is Focused on Creating Future Leaders and Supporting our Community!



By Andrew Huber,  
Carlisle Sr. High School Principal

Go Indians!

Andrew J. Huber

Carlisle High School is in full stride as we focus on our 4 high school pillars: Academics, Athletics, Fine and Performing Arts, and Community.

**Academics:** January 16 marks the beginning of the second semester. During the months of January and February students in grades 8-11 will begin to explore the courses they want to take for

the 2024-2025 school year. Our guidance counseling department is taking the time to meet with groups of students and individual students with the constant focus of preparing our students for life after high school. Some important testing dates to note.

March 12: Juniors take the ACT , April 18 & 19: English II End of Course (EOC) assessments, April 29 & 30: Algebra I and Geometry End of Course (EOC) assessments, , May 2: Biology End of Course (EOC) assessments , May 3: History & Government End of Course (EOC) assessments

**Athletics:** Girls and boys basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, and swimming continue as we progress through the winter athletic season. Baseball, softball, and track and field athletic seasons will begin in the spring. All athletic teams are focused on either in season practices or off season training. All high school students are encouraged to join a sports team as many lifelong skills such as teamwork, goal setting, and determination can be strengthened through athletics.

**Fine and Performing Arts:** Our high school pep band can be heard at almost all home basketball games adding an extra level of school spirit to the atmosphere. In addition to our typical courses, the high school will also be preparing for spring musicals, plays, and band concerts. Please visit our website for more information.

The HS also offers multiple muse machine performances where students have the opportunity to listen to professional musicians from a variety of genres. These performances are during the school day and are closed to the public.

**Community:** It is important to always maintain a sense of community within our school as well as connect with all of our community members. Almost every week the high school is hosting an athletic contest or a fine and performing arts concert, and the high school invites all community members to attend these events. Go Indians!

# Carlisle Junior High School updates...

Carlisle Junior High News

For News and announcements please

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By Dan Turner,  
Carlisle Jr./Sr. High School Principal

As we “spring” forward to the second semester, Chamberlain Junior High will start to focus on the Ohio State Tests. Students are using our web-based Edmentum/ Exact Path during Primetime to focus on learning gaps and specialized interventions in math and ELA. This program is used on every student for an indicator of grade level performance. Students compete for trophies and rewards as they are learning.

**What can parents do to help?** Parents, you can go to this web site and practice with your student at [https://login2.cambiumtds.com/student\\_core/V70/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Ohio\\_PT](https://login2.cambiumtds.com/student_core/V70/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Ohio_PT) . Please be positive with your student. Make sure they are getting rest prior to testing. This isn't a pass/ fail test. It is a performance based test that lets you know how your student is performing compared to their peers at the local, state, and national level. Testing dates will be ELA April 18-19, Math 4/29-30th, and Science (8th grade only) May 2-3rd.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students entering high school next year will begin to look at future classes and tracks they will pursue during their next four years. Our high school counselors will meet with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the day to go over choices of classes. There will be a parent meeting to answer any questions parents may have about courses or student tracks they may take.







### **CARLISLE ELEMENTARY (PS-3) SCHOOL NEWS– Principal Mike Milner**

**Grade Level (Special) Activities** – I wanted to use the district newsletter this quarter to share some learning activities and experiences that our students have taken part in (or will be taking part in) this year.

**Kindergarten** – In Kindergarten classes, the students are looking forward to celebrating their 100th day of school in February. They will signify the 100th day by incorporating engaging activities that will challenge them to count to 100 and make groups of 10's counting to 100. Each year, the students have an outstanding time dressing up like they are 100 years old. In Language Arts, our Kindergarten students are working hard on word building and sentence writing. Also, they are working on learning to decode new words in their decodable readers. Please remember the importance of practicing both math and literacy skills at home with your child and returning monthly homework. In May, the teachers and students are looking forward to the field trip to the Cincinnati zoo along with our Kindergarten graduation!

**First Grade** – First grade is learning about many fun things! After winter break, we learned about New Year's resolutions. The students all wrote about new things they would like to learn about or positive goals they had for the new year. In Math, we have been learning about measuring with standard and non-standard units. We used centimeter cubes to measure many things around the room. These hands-on materials get the students excited and strengthen their understanding. In Reading, we have been using a phonemic awareness program called Heggerty every day to support the Science of Reading. Students enjoy listening and producing important sounds needed for reading and spelling. We encourage families to continue to read together nightly to build fluency. Reading to and with your child also builds their vocabulary. This time creates a positive bonding time that children will look forward to, as well.

**Second Grade** – Hello from Second Grade! We have some exciting things coming up this Spring. Our students will be learning how to follow a step-by-step recipe. The Carlisle Schools Cafeteria is going to help us teach the students to make pizza. This will help the students practice reading skills, and we will write an instructional paragraph about the experience after it's complete. On February 28th, all 2nd graders will be attending the orchestra with Mrs. Fitzpatrick. We will go to the Masonic Center to see "Peter and the Wolf." The students will learn how music and dance work together to tell stories. They will get a taste of the ballet, opera, and philharmonic. In May, we will be going to Caesar's Creek. The students will learn about fossils, plants, and animals that used to live in Ohio. This Spring is going to be filled with fun activities for the students!

**Third Grade** – During the second quarter, students learned about matter in science and local government in social studies. Students also had their Winter Music Concert. On October 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, third graders went to the Boonshoft Museum. Students participated in a "Do-Lab" where they did experiments to learn more about states and properties of matter. Students were also able to take a tour of the museum. On December 19<sup>th</sup> students participated in their music concert, a "Winter Spectacular". Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the 1-6 music teacher, led the performance. Many students had solos and we had our own "Rock-n-Roll Snowman". Students put on an excellent performance! On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Carlisle's Mayor and City Manager spoke to our students in the auditorium. They spoke about the structure of Carlisle's local government, their jobs, and answered students' questions. Students loved seeing and speaking to the leaders that they were learning about in class.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this article. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or if you would like to know what you can do at home to support your son's/daughter's learning.

I would encourage any parent or community member who has questions or comments about Carlisle Elementary School to contact your child's teacher or the appropriate principal. For grades PS-3, please contact Mr. Mike Milner, at

[Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org). Thank you so much for your support!



### Carlisle Intermediate School has a Published Author



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By: Jennifer Dearwester

I am pleased to announce that we have a published author in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Cooley started a writing club on Wednesday afternoons for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and several students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been working hard on their stories and poetry. Luke Stratton is now a published author. With encouragement from his mom and Mrs. Cooley, he submitted his poem to Appelley Publishing and every year they go through thousands of selections from students for their Rising Stars Collection and Luke was selected to be published!! This is a great accomplishment, and we are all very proud of him. Please enjoy his poem that he has written and published. Several other students share their stories with me, and I try to give them recognition on our daily announcements. I am always very happy to see great work from our students. The stories are detailed and well thought out. I have been in education for 26 years and these are some of the best writers I have ever seen as 4<sup>th</sup> graders. I am lucky to be their principal through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### No Title

#### Poem by Luke Stratton

The sun sets on the horizon,  
Painting the sky with hues of gold.  
As the stars begin to twinkle,  
Night's beauty starts to unfold.  
The moon casts its gentle glow,  
Guiding us through the dark.  
Whispering secrets through the night. Like a burning spark.  
Nature's music fills the air,  
With melodies soft and sweet  
A chorus of life and love,  
In every note they meet.  
So let us dance beneath the stars,  
And embrace the magic of night.  
For in this moment, we are free.  
In this moment, everything feels right.

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