

INDIAN NATION

Carlisle Local School District

Spring 2017

Carlisle Schools Plan Bond Issue for May 2nd Ballot

By Larry Hook,
Superintendent

The Carlisle Board of Education have unanimously approved all the resolutions necessary to place a Bond Issue on the May 2nd ballot to construct a new PreK-12 school building. The building project is a shared effort between the school district residents and the State of Ohio. The arm of the State of Ohio that works with schools is called the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) is responsible for guiding capital projects for state agencies, including Ohio's comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program, and managing the grants process for cultural facilities and school security programs.



So what does that mean, a SHARED effort? It means that based on our economic environment in the school district, Carlisle Local School District qualifies for significant grant dollars that do NOT have to be paid back. In fact, the State of Ohio will pay 59% of the total cost of the approved construction project, which is almost \$49 million dollars. The taxpayers of the Carlisle Local School District are required to pass a bond issue for the remaining 41% of the cost of the building project. When we pass the bond issue in May, the state will then give us their portion of the dollars, which amount to

nearly \$29 million dollars and construction will begin. The bonds that are sold as a result of the ballot issue will produce revenue that will pay for the remaining costs of the project, which are approximately \$20 million dollars.

The new PreK-12 building will have wings to separate the grade levels in much the same way as they currently are. The names of our current buildings will be implemented into the new facilities. We will have a Chamberlain Middle School within the larger building, plus an Alden Brown and a Bobby Grigsby wing. We are proud of our history in Carlisle and the new building will cherish and honor our past, as well as propel our students into the future by creating an optimal learning environment with modern technologies, furnishings, and state of the art safety and security features.

The new school would be located between the current high school and the stadium and will include a 500 seat auditorium, expanded gymnasium (1,400 seats), all new furnishings, landscaping, parking lots and an additional turning lane off of Jamaica Road to accommodate traffic. We will have to relocate our current softball field and some practice fields as a result of the new building and that is all part of the project. Additionally, all busing and commuter traffic would be separated to provide a safer and smoother drop-off and pick-up procedure.

This is an exciting time and we have such a wonderful opportunity to positively impact our children, our teachers, our staff, our parents, our citizens and our community as a whole, both NOW and for generations to come.

ABE Students Get a Lift From Middle School and High School Peers

By Mike Milner,
Alden Brown Principal

We are pleased that we are able to again offer the Kids Helping Kids Reading Program this year to



Alden Brown students. Kindergarten – 2nd grade students were identified through AIMSweb monitoring and teacher recommendation as benefiting from additional early literacy support. This year 23 students from Chamberlain Middle School and Carlisle High School have been trained to deliver specific, research-based interventions to 30 Alden Brown pupils. Since the end of November CMS students, from Mrs. Deanne Johnson’s Primetime, and CHS students have come to our building three or four times a week to provide tutoring with each student for 15-30

minutes. This also provides an opportunity to be positive role-models for our younger children. Alden Brown students graph their progress each week so they can watch their early reading skills grow.

As it continues to prove, the Kids Helping Kids Reading Program has been a win-win for all involved. Primary students receive an opportunity to practice needed reading skills in a one-on-one fashion. Middle and high school students gain a chance to help the primary kids improve their reading ability, while providing a community service (not to mention gaining small, new friends in the process).

I would like to thank Ms. Susan Klein, Special Education Director, and Mrs. Courtney Rupp, School Psychologist, for planning and ongoing supervision of the tutoring program. We look forward to continuing this program through the 2016-2017 school year and, hopefully, growing these types of positive building-to-building opportunities in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL/ CHAMBERLAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Jean Woodhull Award for Exemplary Ticket Sales
Sara Exley Award for the Most Comprehensive and
Effective School Programs*

**Courtney Fogle
Jennifer Shively
Erika Sprandel**

Recognized for excellence through earning two awards, Carlisle’s Muse Machine received the Jean Woodhull Award for exemplary out-of-school ticket sales, and the Sara Exley Award for having the most comprehensive and effective school program.

What's Happening at Grigsby Intermediate?

By Shane Estep,
Grigsby Intermediate Principal

We hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. We were excited to get back to work, and have been actively preparing for our state tests and (hopefully) a short winter.



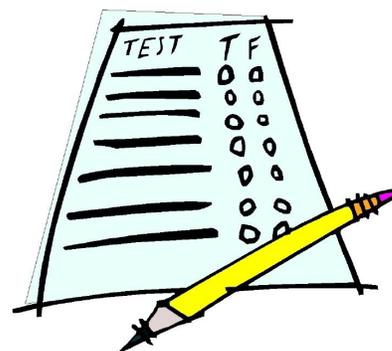
I want to congratulate Mrs. Michelle Fitzpatrick and the class of 2026 (current third grade) on a great winter concert on December 12, 2016. We are looking forward to the class of 2025 (current fourth grade) concert on February 13 and the class of 2024 (current fifth grade) concert on March 20. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m., and will be held in the Chamberlain Middle School auditorium.

Student council members have been elected, sworn-in, and have chosen organizations that they would like to serve during the 2016-2017 school year. Information will be sent home regarding fundraisers and activities.

On March 23, we will hold our spring parent-teacher conferences. Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians of students who are in danger of being retained. If your child's teacher does not contact you for a conference and you would like one, please email your child's teacher, or call the school at 937-746-8969.

When we return from spring break, we will begin state testing. Listed below are the dates, and types of tests, that each grade level will take:

- 4/3 & 4/4 Grade 3 ELA (English/Language Arts)
- 4/6 & 4/7 Grade 4 ELA
- 4/10 & 4/11 Grade 5 ELA
- 4/24 & 4/25 Grade 3 Math
- 4/27 & 4/28 Grade 4 Math
- 5/1 & 5/2 Grade 5 Math
- 5/4 & 5/5 Grade 4 Social Studies
- 5/8 & 5/9 Grade 5 Science



The 2016-2017 school year is shaping up to be a great one. If your schedule permits, please consider visiting Grigsby and taking part in the many activities and events that are happening at our school. Stay warm and join us in hoping for an early spring.

URGENT VACCINATION INFORMATION

6th GRADE PARENTS:

The Ohio Department of Health is now requiring that your child receive a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine AND the meningococcal vaccine prior to entering 7th grade. If your child has already received this vaccine, send in a copy of his/ her record so we can update their record. Any student who has not received a TDAP vaccine by September 13, will be excluded from school and all absences considered unexcused.

11th GRADE PARENTS:

The Ohio Department of Health is now requiring that your child receive a meningococcal vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. If they have had a meningococcal vaccine already it must have been administered after their 16th birthday to count for this requirement. If it was administered before the 16th birthday, a second dose is required at this time.

For questions on required vaccines, call the district school nurse, Rebecca Baker, RN, at 937-746-7610, ext. 134.

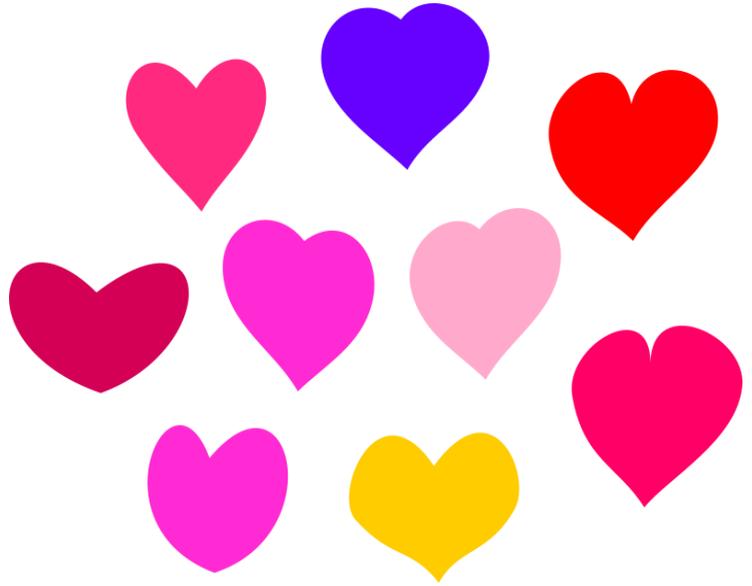
Valentine's Fun for Good Health

Information submitted by Rebecca Baker, RN
District School Nurse

One of the great things about Valentine's Day is that it coincides with American Heart Month. You can use this to your advantage to distract your child from all the chocolate and do some healthy heart Valentine activities instead!

Here are a few ways to spend some time with your child and make your day a little sweeter:

- ♥ Make some healthy heart Valentine snacks with your child. Talk about healthy heart-shaped and Valentine-colored options like strawberries, heart-shaped muffins and a healthier pink drink like Sparkling Cranberry Punch.
- ♥ Take the opportunity to teach your child a little about his heart and the circulatory system. One important thing to stress is how aerobic exercise strengthens the heart.
- ♥ Throw a "happy heart" dance party. If you have a Wii and one of the Just Dance games, it's a great time to get the whole family up and moving. Of course, even without a Wii, you can still play dance music and boogie down.
- ♥ Modify your Valentine's Day cards to get your child up and moving. Purchase an inexpensive box of cards and instead of writing a message on each one, write an exercise for your child to try. As he reads them, ask him to perform the exercise.
- ♥ Organize a Valentine's Day scavenger hunt. This game gives you an opportunity not only to get your child moving throughout the house, but also to help him learn a little more about the people he loves. Provide your child with a list of items or clues leading him to find things that are important to each person in your household. You can include clues like:
 - ** Find something that is your sister's favorite color.
 - ** Bring back your brother's favorite food.



Reference: <http://kidsactivities.about.com/od/SeasonalLearning/a/Healthy-Heart-Valentines-Day-Activities-For-Kids.htm>;
Article by Amanda Morin, Kids' Learning Activities Expert, for about.com/parenting

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16 ... parent/teacher conferences for Chamberlain Middle & Carlisle High

February 20 ... Presidents Day (*no school*)

March 23 ... parent/teacher conferences for Alden Brown & Grigsby Intermediate

March 27-31 ... Spring Break

April 14 ... Good Friday (*no school*)

7th Grade Students Created a Peace Wall for Veterans Day



Submitted photo

Students in Mr. Sprandel's 7th grade class watched a short Veterans Day video clip, and then had a discussion about veterans.

After the discussion, each student was given a blank brick template that they could design any way they wanted - a flag, something related to any of the military branches, or just a thank you - to add to the Peace Wall.

Exciting times ahead for middle school students

By Dan Turner,
Chamberlain Middle School Principal

As we "spring" forward to the second semester, Chamberlain Middle School will start to focus on the Ohio State Tests.



This will be the first time we are asking our 6-8th grade students to test online. Students have been preparing throughout the year. CMS currently has the ability to test 250 students on a Chromebook or personal computer.

As you are aware, our math program is a web-based program that is structured to have students work from a website called Digits. We have also incorporated NEWSLA.com and Vocabulary.com that are also web-based to help students with reading and other literary practice. Students in grades 6-8 also take a computer class once a semester that helps with keyboarding skills, different Microsoft programs, and general rules of the Internet. This program is called Learning.com. We feel very comfortable that we are providing students the opportunity to practice Math, Language Arts, and Writing (typing) throughout our school day.

All of our students have a Google account as well. Teachers are using Google Docs and Google Classroom to provide students more chances to effectively communicate with other students and their teachers. Moreover, we are incorporating these learning behaviors in other disciplines as well. Our Unified Arts departments will incorporate Math and Language Arts into their lessons by using NEWSLA and Vocab.com. Again, this is all completed in our labs and portable laptop carts.

Parents can help by going to the website <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/> and practice with your student. Teachers are working with your children to become familiar with learning the computer mechanics of taking the tests online. The more you can help make your student familiar with this new testing format, the more it will benefit them this year, as well as in the future years to come. Testing dates will be ELA April 3-14, Math/ Science/ Social Studies May 1-12.

In addition to testing, eighth grade students entering the high school next year will begin to look at future classes and tracks they will pursue during their next four years. High school counselors will meet with all eighth graders February 16 during the day to go over class choices. There will be a parent meeting that night to answer questions parents may have about courses or student tracks they may take.

Chamberlain Middle School will also welcome incoming sixth graders this spring as we did last year. Current fifth graders will participate in several activities to give them an introduction Chamberlain. We'll do this mid-May. Incoming fifth graders can also start thinking if they

would like to participate in band. Mr. Oliver, our band director, will plan an introduction meeting for incoming middle schoolers.



Class Schedules, State Testing, and Graduation Requirements Equal Stress for High School Students

By Brad Potter,
Carlisle High School Principal

This can be a stressful time for many, and counselors are eager to support CHS students as they work hard to prepare for next year's schedule.



Not only are we available to help students manage the stress of scheduling, we are also working with students who have issues developing the most rigorous schedule for them to have success. Students with

schedule requests and problems should make an appointment with their counselor, or sign up in the guidance office and your counselor will quickly get in touch with you.

Every year, I receive many questions about how state-mandated testing would affect our students. Simply put, it is our goal that we do our job so well it will have little or no impact! This is not just the doing of teachers and staff, but also due in part to

the tremendous support of our community. One shining example of support is our alumni group and athletic booster group! They tirelessly devote their time to this school and community, for which we are grateful!

Our classes of 2019 and 2020, this year's freshmen and sophomores, will need to earn a total of 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests as one way to meet their graduation requirements.

The seven tests are:

- English 9
- English 10
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Biology (*or physical science for class of 2018 only*)
- American History
- American Government

The testing period for grades 3-12 will be sometime between Monday, April 4 – Friday, May 13.

As always, if you have questions about particular state tests for your child, please feel free to contact your student's teacher or myself.

GO, INDIANS!

SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Carlisle Local Schools is currently hiring the following substitute positions:

CUSTODIAL BUS DRIVER
FOOD SERVICE

Substitute employment is an at-will position.

Additional information, and applications, are available on the district website:

www.carlisleindians.org

HOW TO REACH US:

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Chamberlain Middle School
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Carlisle High School
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