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Carlisle Local School District

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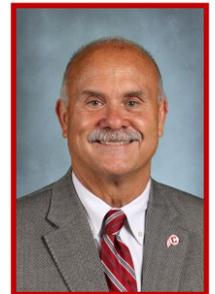
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## Challenges, Communication & Cooperation...

*By Dr. David Vail,  
Superintendent*

We were certainly anticipating that when we started the 2021-2022 school year it was hopefully going to be more like the Fall of 2019 and not 2020. Unfortunately, with everything that is happening around the country, in our state, and in our community, we must once again start the year in a guarded condition with a new set of challenges. The ever-changing events, guidelines, directives, mandates, recommendations, and such, coming our way daily have us changing our processes, practices, and protocols as quickly as we need to in order to stay compliant. How we operate and how we safely educate our students remains our top priority, which presents hurdles and obstacles that we will work to achieve. Our students and staff always rise to the occasion whatever it might be with our usual flexibility and adaptability – this year will be no exception as we work together to make it work – as usual.



The key component for any and all of this to work is communication. I have said this in many of my messages and will, undoubtedly, say it numerous times more over the years, that we must make sure that we keep the lines of communication open and going both ways. We will continue to pass along information that is pertinent to the safety and well-being of our school community, as well as for the smooth operation of the school. However, it is not enough for us to send out a stream of information if it doesn't answer the questions that you have about anything that is happening in the district and might impact the students, parents, staff, and community. We encourage everyone to ask questions that you have. It is a good idea to start

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at the base level to get answers and work your way through the process. We are all here to meet the students' needs and communication is the best way to have this accomplished. The expectation of our staff is to acknowledge and respond to a phone call or email as soon as possible and definitely within a reasonable amount of time, usually within 24 hours. If your question goes unanswered for too long, reach out again or contact me. We will make sure you are getting heard and there is a response.

Another element needed to make it all work is cooperation. We feel that through cooperation, patience and understanding, we can reach a desired outcome while finding a solution that is agreeable to all involved. While we might not always agree on every issue, with the proper communication and the cooperation of those involved, we can surely come to understand each other's point of view and rationale for their stance. This will give us the understanding of why things are done the way they are done, or we can work to come up with a better way to do it. Some issues can be resolved quickly, while others might take a little more time, depending on the complexity of the issue and the impact the change might make in the long run. Your patience is appreciated when that is the case.

We appreciate all the continued support and teamwork everyone involved in the Carlisle Local Schools provides one another, while working together to provide a quality education to our young people in a safe and structured environment.

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## Carlisle Local Schools Welcomes New Faces...

*Melissa Fisher, 1st Grade Teacher*



Hello Carlisle! I'm so excited to join the Indian Nation family this school year!

I graduated from Waynesville High School, then went on to earn my Bachelor of Science in Middle Childhood Education from University of the Cumberlands. I've taught 6th through 8th grade Language Arts and Social Studies over the last five years, but my passion has always been grammar! I look forward to sharing this passion with my students and getting them to love Language Arts as much as I do.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my cat Phyllis, reading, and watching Jeopardy. I'm also pursuing my Master's in Educational Leadership at University of Dayton.

I can't wait to get to know my students and their families and learn from the amazing teachers at Carlisle. Go Indians!

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## High School Principal, Andrew Huber

As the principal of Carlisle High School, I would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. It is an honor and a privilege to lead the staff and students of Carlisle High School as well as a great responsibility to serve the Carlisle community. It is our responsibility at Carlisle High School to prepare our students for a successful life after high school by providing superior academic and citizenship skills to our students. This will look different for each student while attending Carlisle High School as each student will have their own individual pathway to graduation; which will then lead to either a two-year program, a four-year program, joining a military service, joining the workforce, or engaging in community service activities.



Please encourage your child to stretch their educational experience here at Carlisle High School by joining one of our numerous extra curricular activities. Whether it is one of our sports teams, a fine arts or performing arts program, or a school based club, each extra curricular activity helps to build leadership skills and citizenship skills as well as increasing a student's academic experience.

Finally, I want to thank you for being part of our school community. You can support our students by attending events, belonging to a booster group, or by giving your input to building decisions. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly. It is a pleasure to serve you and your child.

Go Indians!

*Andrew J. Huber, HS Principal*

## Director of Special Education and Preschool Program, Emily Hill



Hello to my new Carlisle Local Family! A little bit about me...

My name is Emily Hill and I grew up and graduated from Centerville. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Human

Services from NKU and then attended Graduate School at Xavier University to obtain a M.Ed in Clinical Counseling. After spending a few years working with physically and sexually abused Adolescents in a therapeutic setting, I ultimately discovered my passion was still in working with children but instead in the area of Education. I went back to school at Xavier to obtain a Moderate/ Intense Intervention Specialist License K-12. I spent the first 12 years in Special Education with Elementary students and/or Severe Multiple Disabled young adults. My love for school continued when I pursued an Administration License in Curriculum Instruction and Professional Development. I spent 3 years as a Supervisor of Special Education and Preschool in Hamilton City Schools, and the last 4 years serving as Director of Special Education in Springboro Community City Schools. I have two pretty awesome children (Gavin 12 and Lainey 16) that both attend Lakota East Schools. They keep me busy as a Soccer, Golf and Cheer mom so there is not a lot of free time, but I would have it no other way!

I have a true passion for helping others achieve their goals and being able to be a part of your Carlisle Tribe is something that I am incredibly eager to begin. I look forward to meeting all of you and helping to continue old traditions while hopefully together, creating some new ones along the way!

*Emily Hill, Director of Special Education & Preschool Program*

# Elementary School Principal Michael Milner (PS-3)

Though the last 15 months or so have been a challenge for all of us, we are extremely excited for the upcoming school year for our students in Pre-School, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades at Carlisle Elementary School. All of our students are going to meet new friends, learn new concepts and take part in growing academically, socially, and emotionally each day .... and we can't wait to get started! I wanted to use this newsletter to convey some of the important dates and times for upcoming events/activities at Carlisle Elementary.



**Open House (for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students/parents)**, Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Parents/Students do not need to attend this entire duration. Please plan on stopping in, seeing your classroom and briefly meeting your teacher. NOTE: Class lists will be posted for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades for this event.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of School (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students)**, Monday, August 16, 2021 (hours are 8:20 am – 3:05 pm)

**Kindergarten Orientation/Open House**, Tuesday, August 17, 2021. AM Kindergarten students (and parents) will have Open House from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. PM Kindergarten students (and parents) will have Open House from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Final class lists will be released at 5:30 pm on this date.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of School (Kindergarten students)**, Thursday, August 19, 2021 (AM K from 8:20 am – 11:13 am; PM K from 12:13 pm – 3:05 pm)

**1<sup>st</sup> day of School (Pre-School students)**, Thursday, August 19, 2021 (AM PS from 8:15 am – 11:23 am; PM PS from 12:07 pm – 3:15 pm)

I would encourage any parent or community member who has questions or comments about Carlisle Elementary School to contact the PS-3 Principal, Mr. Mike Milner, at (937) 746-8969 or [Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org).

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about the PS-3 grades at Carlisle Elementary School! We can't wait to have a great school year!

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## Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

*We will be continuing to fully implement procedures to encourage and reward our students for positive choices and behaviors during the 2021-2022 school year. Students will be able to earn points in their classroom – Students reaching the monthly goal will be invited to a reward event. Also, Mr. Milner will be providing special weekly awards to students who are nominated by their teachers for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities in the classroom and/or in the school.*

*Please be looking for more information to come home with your child about this exciting program that we will be fully implementing during the 2021-2022 school year.*



## Food Service Director, Gail French

The summer has gone by quickly, and we look forward to seeing all of our students back in school in the fall. The Carlisle Local School District participates in the National School Lunch Program. This allows us to serve breakfast and lunch at school daily. All meals will be FREE this school year due to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

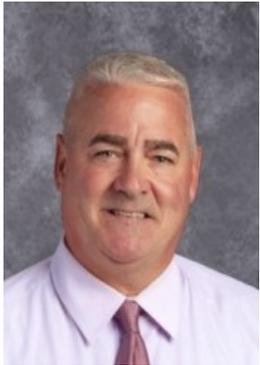


The food we serve meet the state and federal requirements, which are based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines and Smart Snack guidelines. Even though all students eat for free we are still encouraging our families to complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application. These applications are used in determining P-EBT payments, fee waivers and Title 1 funding for the school. For additional information please go to [www.carlisleindians.org](http://www.carlisleindians.org) to find monthly menus, links to apply for free and Reduced meals, the District Wellness Policy, and other information that impacts the food service department.

If you have any questions please contact Gail French, Food Service Director at [gail.french@carlisleindians.org](mailto:gail.french@carlisleindians.org) or 937-746-8969 ext 560

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## Carlisle Junior High School...



*By Daniel J. Turner,  
Junior High School—grades 7-8*

Welcome back! Carlisle Junior High School is ready for an exciting 2021-2022 school year. We are thankful to be welcoming all students back to school. The previous school years were nothing we have experienced before. We understand that many students will need some extra support to help with the interruptions over the past 2 school years. We are ready to help in any way, including educationally and emotionally.

We are anticipating a fabulous school year and look forward to resuming many educational experiences with our students. We have a lot of exciting events and programs in the early months of the school year:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/ Meet your Teacher will be Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium at 6pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School August 16<sup>th</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House will be Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> (Receive your schedules upon arrival 6-7:30pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade MVCTC Trip Sept.- October (More information will be provided)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> (Payments due in Sept. and Oct)
- We can't wait to see everyone next week!

We hope everyone is ready to go full speed ahead this year. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Go Indians!

***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!***

# New School Year—New Programs

*By: Shane Estep, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Gifted Services*



We are so excited to get started with the 21-22 school year. We reviewed many programs during the 20-21 school year and will be implementing a few of those this school year. Eureka Math will now be utilized in grades 1-5. Eureka is a nationally renowned program and we feel it will help our students grow a great deal. Additionally, we will be implementing Interactive Science in grades 2-8 for the 21-22 school year. Like Eureka, Interactive Science is a nationally renowned program. It's been many years since we have implemented new science material in our elementary grades and our teachers are anxious to get started with it. Lastly, we are implementing Edmentum/Exact Path for the 21-22 school year. This outstanding program will assist us in identifying strengths and weaknesses of our students and will help us in establishing benchmarks for them as well as interventions to aide them in reaching those benchmarks. The 21-22 school year is shaping up to be an incredible year with many exciting changes. As always, thank you for your continued support of your child's education.

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## Carlisle Local Schools Restart Plan – 2021/2022 School Year

As we look to the beginning of the upcoming school year, we want to make sure that all of us are on the same page as far as procedures and expectations for our return to school.

We plan to be 100% in-person for the coming school year. In order to do that, we will continue to comply with any and all guidelines and health mandates from the Warren County Health Department, the State of Ohio Health Department, the Governor's Office, and/or the Ohio Department of Education. The following are what we will be looking at as we start back on August 16, 2021:

- At this time, we anticipate that we will be mask optional, but recommended as per the CDC guidelines, in the building for all students and staff.
- We expect all students and staff to conduct self-wellness checks prior to coming to school each day. If there is any question as to your health status, we ask that you not take the chance of coming into the building. We will monitor all students and staff and follow all protocols to address any incidents.
- We will be maintaining two clinics, as we did last year, to assure that any exposure can be kept to a minimum and all health issues are addressed appropriately.
- We will be keeping strict seating charts for buses, classes, lunches to enable us to do any contact tracing necessary. We will use this information to inform students, parents, and staff of any exposure, as well as any quarantining. Quarantining will be based upon the latest guidelines under which we are working when school resumes.
- We will continue to have hand-sanitizing stations throughout the building and will continue to clean our building with the same attention to detail as we did last year.
- We will promptly notify everyone of any updates to health orders or directives as soon as they are received. We will assure that we will continue to keep the lines of communication open and hope that you will contact us with any questions and concerns that you have for us.