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Carlisle Local School District

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER . . .

By Dr. David Vail,  
Superintendent



One of our main focuses for our school is safety and security. While our main purpose is to educate our students on all sorts of subjects and life's lessons, this cannot be done if the students, and staff for that matter, do not feel safe when coming to school. Through a variety of means, we work to ensure that we are doing everything possible to give the assurance that Carlisle Local Schools are safe. Our teachers go through training and each school participates in drills, which are mandated by the state, which simulate different scenarios – fire, tornado, crisis. Each drill is reported to the state and must meet certain criteria and deadlines. While the lessons taught in the classroom provide a learning experience to enrich our students' skills, these drills give us feedback to make us more prepared for emergencies. If there are ever any questions about what took place in a drill or if there are suggestions, please reach out to your child's principal or to me.

Parents and staff are always advocates for the students, with their best interest, safety, and growth at all levels at the heart of decisions made on the students' behalf. While we sometimes might not totally agree on a given decision or course of action, it is important to enter into the conversation with an open mind and a willingness to listen to the other person's point of view. I have been involved in many discussions where listening was the only thing that was required, and other discussions involved much give and take on both sides. While not every issue might not be resolved to both parties' satisfaction, it is vital to agree to some compromise, when necessary. If an issue cannot be resolved, we certainly have procedures in place to reach a conclusion within the policies of the district.

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.

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# 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 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. 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 in contacting us, either by phone or email.

## Food Service Tidbits

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the Carlisle Local Schools Food Service Department for helping the district receive the 2021 President's Award from the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes the District's immediate response to feeding the community during the pandemic. Each staff went above and beyond during this time to assure that food was available to the students that depend on schools for their meals. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!!

Don't forget to turn in your **Free and Reduced** applications **ASAP**, and remember that it helps for more than just a free lunch. These applications affect other funding that the School District receives – **PLUS**, they help you by allowing your **school fees** for the year to be **waived**, if you qualify.

Please visit: [familyportal.cloud](https://familyportal.cloud) to complete an application.

By Gail French,  
Food Service Director

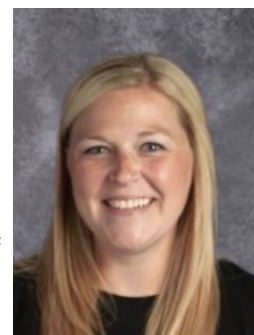


**Be sure to check out our district website - [www.carlisleindians.org](http://www.carlisleindians.org) for updated information, such as flyers on community events, Covid-related information, and more!**

## Nurse Notes...

*Warren County COVID Pilot Program: Option to keep quarantined students in school.*

By Rebecca Baker,  
District School Nurse



Carlisle Local Schools has kicked off the Pilot Program approved by the Ohio Department of Health and the Warren County Health Department. We are excited that these changes will give families an option to keep healthy kids in school and not at home in quarantine. The program is only for students not exhibiting any symptoms, if at any point the student tests positive or develops symptoms, they would convert to the quarantine (isolation) period set by the Warren County Health Department.

It is important to know that this Pilot Program does NOT apply to extracurricular activities. Students that are a direct contact in a school setting may participate in the Pilot Program, but may not participate in extracurricular activities during the pilot quarantine period. It is also important to note that participation in this program is only for students who are in direct contact as a result of a student being positive in a school setting. They may not participate in the Pilot Program if they are quarantined due to direct contact during an extracurricular activity or an outside of school activity or gathering.

As a school district, we understand how important extracurricular activities are for all of our students and we hope this Pilot Program is the first step in keeping kids in school and being able to participate in all of their activities. As for now, these are the rules set forth by the Ohio Department of Health and we must follow these guidelines.

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If your child is determined to be a contact, the parent will be notified via phone call and given the option to participate in the Pilot Program, a permission slip must be submitted to the nurses office prior to the first test. Permission slips can be found on the district website under the COVID tab and then clicking under the COVID Pilot Program.

Once completed, permission slips can be emailed to: [jamie.caudill@carlisleindians.org](mailto:jamie.caudill@carlisleindians.org). *Jamie Caudill is our new COVID relief staff member that Warren County ESC has provided the district. She will be doing the testing for the Pilot Program.*

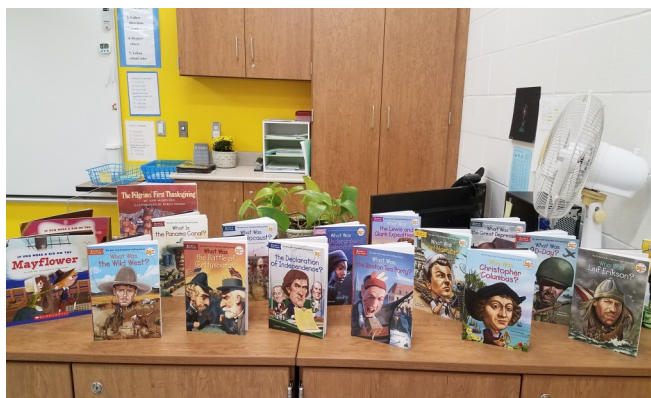
Thank you for your time and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

Carlisle Local Schools would like to congratulate Mrs. Tomko on winning the 2021 Dragons MVP award which grants dollars for classroom make-overs.

Mrs. Tomko is a 5th grade teacher of social studies with Carlisle Local Schools and has been teaching for 32 years. She was selected from thousands of teachers in Warren County because of the selfless dedication and care she has exhibited for her students.

Mrs. Tomko received her Bachelor's from Edinboro University and also attended Miami University. She says that her favorite part of being a teacher is "seeing the excitement in students when they come to class. 5th graders are excited to see you in the morning and talk about what they did last night. At this



age, students are becoming more interested in history and current events." Her goal is to motivate students to become lifelong readers and develop an interest in history and current events. She added, "the Dayton Dragons MVP program has given me the opportunity to purchase a collection of "Who was" and "What was" books for 5th graders. " She plans to spend the additional money on hands on history materials for the students.

**We are so proud of the work that Mrs. Tomko does for our students and very lucky to have her as part of our Carlisle family.**

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## Carlisle Girl's Golf Team

Carlisle announces congratulations to the girl's golf team for qualifying for the District Tournament which was held on September 27th. They finished in 4th place at the Sectionals! This is the second year in a row that the team has qualified for districts! Way to go girls!!

*Girls pictured (L to R)...Grace McIntosh, Annie Ridinger, Elsie Dobbins, Isabella Cochran, and Lexi Wells*





## Carlisle High School is focused on creating future leaders and supporting our community!



By Andrew Huber,  
Carlisle Sr. High School Principal

On October 21, the Carlisle High School class of 2022 will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night. Local government and leadership has the largest impact on a community. We are excited to be able to showcase the candidates in this November's Election.

On November 3, twelve Carlisle Student Council

High School students will be attending the Anthony Munoz Leadership conference where they will engage in a full day workshop focusing on how they can better lead our students.

On November 12, Carlisle High School is hosting a blood drive where students and staff will have the opportunity to donate blood and save lives. Students who donate multiple times throughout their high school career will be recognized at their graduation by wearing a red cord.

As the Holiday season approaches, the National Honor Society will host the annual food drive. They will work with the Lions Club and the Carlisle High School band who will distribute the food to community members in need. As part of the high school PBIS, students will make holiday cards for nursing home residents.

As the fall sports season and extracurricular activities come to a close, our winter sports season and extra curricular activities begin. For a full listing of all of our athletic events and fine and performing arts events, please visit our website or contact the high school main office.

## Carlisle Junior High School updates...

The start of the year has been anything but normal. We have gone through many changes at Chamberlain Junior High School in the last year. With all the changes and new procedures, our students and parents have remained as strong and resilient as ever.



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

Our Washington DC trip is November 17<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will depart on the 17<sup>th</sup> and return November 20<sup>th</sup>. Athletics, fine arts concerts, and drama performances will be performed as scheduled. We will have more information the closer we come to the holidays.

As we get closer to the holidays, winter athletics and inside events will start. If you are attending a junior high event, we ask everyone to park in the back parking lot and enter through the HS/JH cafeteria. As you enter the cafeteria, you will turn left to enter the JH competition gymnasium. More information will come from the high school and junior high school concerning athletics.

We have several events coming in the next few months for our junior high students. We have a holiday drama performance in November. We have an after-school holiday dance coming in December. We plan to take the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the Miami Valley Career Technology Center in February.

Finally, if your student needs any type of social or emotional services, please don't hesitate to call our offices. We have numerous support systems in place that will provide your student with the help they need. We have support services that are available any time during the day to provide you with any questions you may have.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

November 22-26—Fall Break  
December 20-31— Winter Break

## ... Carlisle Elementary School



*By Mike Milner and Jennifer Dearwester  
Carlisle Elementary Principals*



We would like to recognize two teachers in new roles at Alden Brown Elementary (for the 2021-2022 school year), Mrs. Amy Hawkins and Mrs. Pam Mousie. Mrs. Hawkins has worked in the district previously but is in her first year as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Mousie has been in the district but is in a new role this year as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Title Reading teacher. Let's get to know these two ladies a little bit better.

Mrs. Hawkins says that she is "finally 'home' teaching in the district where" she "was born and raised." She is a 2001 Carlisle graduate. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Miami University and her Master's Degree in Reading and Mathematics from Walden University. She says that she was "fortunate to do her student teaching with Mrs. Townsley" and that she is now able to teach across the hall from her. Mrs. Hawkins explains that between subbing, long-term subbing, ESL tutoring, and teaching first grade, she has been involved in education for fifteen years. Mrs. Hawkins and her family live in Carlisle. Her husband Chris teaches health at the middle school and high school – He has also been the varsity baseball coach since 2011. Their daughter, Adelyn, is a fourth grade student.

In her free time, she enjoys beach vacations and watching Adelyn cheer and play softball. Mrs. Hawkins' mom was a third grade teacher for 35-years here in Carlisle and she still subs in the district. She mentioned that her mom inspired her to become the teacher she is today. Her favorite quote that she lives by in her classroom) is "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Mrs. Mousie attended several colleges to earn her degree. She started out at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. From there, she went to the University of Louisville for 2 years. After Louisville, she finished at Arkansas State University where she graduated in 2004. Mrs. Mousie earned her Master's Degree in Reading through Walden University. Mrs. Mousie's hobbies are cooking, gardening, and exercising. She says she loves to read, visit our National Parks, and go camping.

Within the Carlisle Local School District, Mrs. Mousie has taught Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade. Mrs. Mousie says that she went into teaching because she "loves learning new things" and she "loves to teach students to love learning as well." Mrs. Mousie says that she teaches first grade because she loves to help students improve their reading skills. She says there is nothing more rewarding and exciting than to hear students reading fluently.

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***We encourage parents and other community members to say "Hello" to Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Mousie if they get a chance.***

***They are doing great jobs in their new roles this year!***