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Exciting Times as Construction Moves Full-Steam Ahead

By Larry Hook
Superintendent, Carlisle Local Schools

It is amazing that we have January in our rearview mirror and February has already shown temperatures of 55 degrees outside. I am certainly not complaining, although I have heard a few students complain about lack of snow days!! I always remind them, that winter is not over until later in March, even IF the groundhog said we would have an early spring. I do hope the groundhog is correct.

There is a lot to talk about as it relates to our building project. I am pleased that we were completely under roof by the time Christmas break was over. Our construction manager had us being under roof near the end of January, so we are several weeks ahead of schedule. By being under roof, we can have our sub-contractors continue to work, even if we experience inclement weather. Our masons have been laying brick at an incredible pace as well. If you have had a chance to drive by the schools, you can see the plastic tarps that cover all the exterior scaffolds where they are laying brick. They pump heat into these areas so that even with cold or moderate rainfall, they can keep laying brick. At the end of this project our masons will have laid 240,000 concrete masonry blocks and over 235,000 bricks.

On the inside of the building, much of the High School wing and the Elementary wings are drywalled and the first coats of paint are being applied. As you work from the North and South sides of the building inward (progression of work) the junior high area has studs up and will begin drywall shortly. The common areas, which include elementary and secondary dining areas, central kitchen, auditorium,



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Submitted Photo: January aerial photo of new K-12 building

Carlisle Local Schools Welcomes New Clinic Nurse Kelli Coffey, RN

By Rebecca Baker, RN
District Nurse

Kelli Coffey started at Carlisle Local Schools in November 2019, and works primarily out of Grigsby Intermediate, although she also helps cover Carlisle High School or other buildings, as needed.

Kelli currently works in the district 5 hours a day, with variable hours. Kelli works directly with me to cover the district's health care needs. She joined the Carlisle staff after working in the Fairfield School District for 5 years as a substitute nurse.

Living in Fairfield with her son and daughter, Kelli enjoys spending time with her family, baking, and helping organize the fish fry at her local church. She says she enjoys working with kids because, "each day is a new adventure, each student is unique, and they teach us thing daily." We are glad to have Kelli on our nursing staff.



Important Required Vaccine Information

ATTENTION 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, please send in a copy of his/ her record so that we can update your child's record.

Any student who has not received these vaccines by September 25, will be excluded from school and all absences are considered unexcused.

For questions please call Rebecca Baker, RN, at 937-746-7610 extension 134.

ATTENTION 11th GRADE PARENTS

The Ohio Department of Health is no 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 as this requirement. If it was administered before the 16th birthday, a 2nd dose is required at this time.

All records must be submitted to the office by September 25 to avoid exclusion.

Any questions please call Rebecca Baker, RN, at 937-746-7610 ext. 134.

Well Checks and Primary Care Doctors

By Rebecca Baker, RN
District Nurse

Today you can find a minute clinic, urgent care or emergency room on every corner and these are great resources for busy lifestyles and urgent needs. However, it is very important to a child's growth and development to have a primary care pediatrician or physician.

Children should be seen annually for well checks by the same primary care doctor, at these checks their immunizations are reviewed and annual physicals are performed. Being evaluated by the same physician each year allows your child's records to be consistent, which can prevent over or under vaccinations and overall health and wellness consistency for your child.

Are you in need of a doctor? A great local resource is Centerpoint Health and they are accepting new patients for medical and dental needs. Please see their information below to make an appointment.

CENTERPOINT HEALTH

Address: 333 Conover Dr.,
Suite B
Franklin, OH 45005
Phone: 513-318-1188



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and gyms plus locker rooms are quickly taking shape. I am extremely proud of the work that is being done and am excited for a GRAND OPENING for the public sometime in late August. The great news is that we are on budget and a bit ahead of schedule.

On another note, we have been asked numerous times if there will be any brick available from the Chamberlain building. The short answer is yes. Likely demolition will begin sometime in June. Once it begins, we will have a pile of bricks placed just outside the construction zone for anyone that wants one, free of charge. If there are more people that want a brick or two, then we will put more out for the public. In short, if anyone wants a brick, there will be one available. Stay tuned as we get closer to June, we will have a more exact time.

I have also been asked about a final walk-through of our current buildings and yes, we will have that as well. We did open Chamberlain school this past January for the Hall of Fame Throwback game. We will also open all four buildings on May 23, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (*immediately after Commencement*), so anyone that wishes to take a nostalgic walk through any or all of the four buildings may do so at that time.

Finally, we are planning to have an auction of desks, and other items that will not be taken to the new school building. Those dates and times will be announced later once we have finalized those plans. The first auction, which will be the High School and Alden Brown will likely be some time around the very end of May. Again, stay tuned we will post information on our website when plans are finalized.



Photo by Larry Hook: Brick's been added to the building.

Breakfast Specials Just One Thing Exciting in Food Service

By Gail French,
Food Service Director

Coming up March 2-6 is National Breakfast Week. This week provides us a chance to showcase our favorite breakfast meals. Biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos, donuts ... what a great week it will be, so look forward to starting the day with great choices and enjoy some breakfast with us.



In addition to National Breakfast Week, the second half of the school year provides our food service department with a lot of things to look forward to. The new K-12 building is coming along nicely, with the kitchen taking form, and it is hard to believe how large it is. I can tell you the kitchen staff is excited to see how they will be able to improve on the meals for the students, with updated equipment and all of us working together.

Lastly, just a reminder that applications for Free and Reduced meals are always excepted, so if your financial status changes, just ask for an application from the school secretary.

Math Curriculum a Success

By Shane Estep,
Curriculum & Instruction Director

As we return from winter break, we're looking forward to an excellent second semester and we are beginning to plan for the 2020-21 school year.

This school year, we adopted and implemented a new math curriculum in grades 3-8. The program is called Eureka and we'll be implementing it in K-2 next year. The program is more rigorous than our previous curriculum and we feel our students will have more success and a deeper understanding of math concepts with Eureka.

We continue to work hard each and every day, we continue to make gains, and we appreciate your continued support of your child's education. If you have questions or concerns, contact me at 937-746-0710, ext. 344, or Shane.Estep@carlisleindians.org.



Positive Incentives and Fun Learning Programs Are a Hit With Students

By Mike Milner,
Principal, Alden Brown Elementary



We just completed an outstanding second quarter with our students in pre-school, kindergarten, first, and second grades at Alden Brown Elementary. The students are interacting with their friends and adult staff members, as well as the curriculum in each grade level. The students are also proud to learn new concepts and applications each and every day. I'd like to share some information pertinent to Alden Brown Elementary:

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) – I wanted to share information with parents and community members about our emphasis on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports for students this year. Our goal is to create an environment where students are kind to each other, follow school and classroom expectations, and are maximizing their learning. There are several 'new' activities that our school has implemented this year. They are:

- ♦ Weekly PALS Winner – Each week, staff members are asked to nominate any student who makes a positive choice or contribution to the school (ex: being kind to others, picking up trash on their own, meeting school or classroom expectations, etc.) On Fridays, I randomly draw a nomination from each grade level. Those students receive a prize and recognition over the PA system.
- ♦ Quarterly PBIS Prize – Each quarter, students earn points in their classroom for following rules and meeting expectations. At the end of each quarter, I host a special event for all K-2 students who have earned the necessary points. After the 1st Quarter, we held grade-level dance parties at the football field. Our school sincerely thanks our PTO for providing snacks.
- ♦ Monthly Class Attendance Parties – Every month, the class that has had the most 'perfect attendance days' receives a pizza party for lunch. First semester the following classes won parties: Mrs. Glover (September), Mrs. Centers AM (October), Mrs. Mousie (November). Three classes tied in December (Mrs. Harris/Mrs. Fryman/Mrs. Mousie) and received their pizza parties in January. Students are also reminded daily by me at the end of announcements of our district PBIS Theme. Our theme is "Carlisle Indians are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe." We hope that through all these incentives and interventions we are teaching our students to be better students and better people.



Special Events – There have been and will be many special events this year at Alden Brown. Here are some upcoming events we'd like to bring to your attention:

- ♦ Spring Concert – Our 1st grade students will set the stage for spring through song at the Spring Concert on March 12. (*Like the second grade concert in December, this concert will begin at 7 p.m. and be held in the Chamberlain Middle School Auditorium.*)
- ♦ COSI – Alden Brown PTO will once again bring the 'COSI on Wheels' program to our school on March 27. Center for Science and Industry (COSI), based in Columbus, will bring a hands-on science program to our school that our students can enjoy!



I would encourage any parent or community member who has questions or comments to contact me at 937-746-7610 or Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org. Parents should also feel free to contact their child's teacher if they have questions or concerns.

I hope that all of our parents (and grandparents, etc.) will have your child read to you AND/OR read to your child every day. This is one activity that allows you to spend quality time with your child as well as helping to ensure future success for your child in school and beyond!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our amazing students and our school!

Busy Second Semester for Grigsby Intermediate Students

By Jennifer Dearwester,
Principal, Grigsby Intermediate School

With an enjoyable holiday season now behind us, where hopefully students and family's alike got some much needed rest, Grigsby Intermediate School students and staff are moving full-speed ahead with a busy second semester.



We have lots of events coming up that we hope you can join us for. Please be sure to check our school website (www.carlisleindians.org)

often for dates and information regarding all the events. Information will be sent home with students. Upcoming activities to plan on are:

- ◆ Fourth grade music concert:
Monday, February 10
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Thursday, February 20
- ◆ Spring Pictures
Tuesday, March 3
- ◆ Fifth grade music concert
Monday, March 16

Spring testing for all grades is fast approaching. Please watch the website for the specific dates for each grade/testing subjects. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast every school day, but it's especially important on testing days. All students have been working hard all year and we're sure they will do their best on the upcoming tests.

Please contact me by with questions, concerns, or suggestions by phone at 937-746-8969, or email at Jennifer.Dearwester@carlisleindians.org.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

February 17 — President's Day

March 13 — End of Quarter

April 6-10 — Spring Break

Glow Games Turn Math Into Excitement

By Katie Amos,
3rd Grade Teacher

On November 20, my third grade students participated in their first Glow Games. During the Glow Games, students were reviewing rigorous math content while having fun in a room filled with black lights. The day was full of problem-solving, perseverance, and excitement!

Overnight, the classroom was transformed in preparation of the event. The room was darkened with backdrops that allowed black lights to shine bright and illuminate the class. Glow-in-the-dark signs and neon streamers hung all around.

Students came prepared with vibrant white and neon colored shirts. Each student was given glow bracelets, finger lights, and glow glasses to participate in various glow-in-the-dark activities.

Throughout the day, students rotated through five different math centers where they could apply their measurement skills. After a math question had been answered, students shared their answer with their team and made any adjustments/addressed any misconceptions. Students then took a turn at one of the glow-in-the-dark games, which included Tic-Tac-Glow, Jenga, Connect 4, Monster Math, and Ring Toss.

Students loved the experience and are looking forward to the next Glow Games. It was truly a day filled with learning, teamwork, engagement, and fun!



Photos by Katie Amos:

Top Left: Seth Adkins and Nick Silva practice time word problems by playing Tic-Tac-Glow; Bottom Left: Ms. Amos' class during their first Glow Games; Bottom Right: Ally Conger and Haylee Minge play Gram vs. Kilo-gram Ring Toss.



State Testing Approaching for Middle School Students

By Dan Turner,
Principal, Chamberlain Middle School

As the winter season is upon us, students across the State of Ohio will be participating in state testing. Chamberlain Middle School students will take the Ohio State tests, and some students will be taking an End-of-the-Course Exam in Algebra. These assessments allow districts, teachers and parents to assess the academic progress of a student. Testing occurs over multiple days and subject areas.



Students can prepare themselves by attending school daily. Attendance is a significant component of being prepared. Teachers will be providing instruction up until testing starts. Students will feel more comfortable if they have been given the opportunity to be exposed to the subject material. Sleep is also a key component for success. Please make sure your student has a restful night of sleep and a good breakfast the days they are testing.

It is important that students do their very best on the assessments. Testing results allows teachers to see what academic level a student has achieved and how much academic growth the student has gained from the previous year. This is also a useful tool to use when placing students in specific classes the following school year.

State testing is required at both the state and Federal levels. It is required that all students are assessed yearly. This data is used to ensure all students are receiving a high-quality education. District report cards and teacher performance are also obtained by testing results. These results give a comparison of each district in Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Education has a link for students and parents, which can answer additional questions: <https://oh.portal.airast.org/ost.shtml>. Practice tests, specific testing dates, and learning standards can also be found there. Feel free to contact CMS with questions.

CMS DATES TO REMEMBER

2/6: 8th grade HS Scheduling Meeting for Parents 6pm

2/6: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7:15pm

2/24: PTO Spring Fundraiser Kickoff

3/9: 1st Day of Track Practice 2:30-4pm

3/12: Spring Pictures

3/13: Last day of the 3rd 9-weeks

3/24: Spring Choir Concert

4/13-24: English/Language Arts State Testing

4/27-5/8: Math/Science State Testing

5/22: Last Day of School

CHS Mid-Year Check-Up

By Dave Slamer,
Principal, Carlisle High School

We are in the midst of a very busy time at Carlisle High School. After a relaxing winter break, we are beginning to prepare for the push through State testing. In addition, some of our students will be participating in some exciting leadership opportunities.

CHS will be taking our PBIS student leadership group to Northridge High School to join multiple local schools at the Civility Summit. The summit is designed to give students the opportunity to work with one another in the hopes of raising the bar of civility, character, and leadership. In addition, we will be sending two senior students to the West Point Leadership Conference, which is designed to provide guidance in leadership and ethics.

As we get closer to testing, we will begin utilizing our time here to provide students rotations through their tested subjects to give them an opportunity to pinpoint areas of concern they, or the teachers, have moving into the end-of-course exams. EOC exams are scheduled to start March 30. On all scheduled test days, if a student does not need to take an exam, they will be able to come to school on a 2-hour delay schedule. This will allow our students to test in a quiet environment.

There are a few other dates of importance coming up here at CHS. On February 5 at 6 p.m., Heather Allison will be holding a CCP meeting in the choir/lecture room for interested students. On February 6, which is a conference night, we'll be holding a scheduling meeting for 8th grade parents. We'll go over scheduling and graduation requirements. On March 10, our junior class will be participating in the State-funded ACT.

We are looking forward to a strong push through the winter and into spring. We are beginning to develop plans for a move into the new building and are excited to see the progress on a daily basis. Please feel free to stop in or call if you have questions or concerns.



Photo by
Tanya Wells:

Wall art
in the
entrance
of
Alden
Brown.

