

# INDIAN NATION

CARLISLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WINTER 2019

## CONTACT US:

### **Carlisle Local Schools**

724 Fairview Dr.,  
Carlisle, OH 45005

937-746-0710  
937-746-0438 (fax)

*Transportation, x 611*  
*Food Service, x 560*


**Alden Brown  
Elementary**  
937-746-7610

**Grigsby  
Intermediate**  
937-746-8969

**Chamberlain  
Middle School**  
937-746-3227

**Carlisle  
High School**  
937-746-4481

## STAY INFORMED:

**Twitter:**   
@carlislelocal

**Facebook:**   
*Carlisle Local  
Schools*  
[www.facebook.com/  
CarlisleLocalSchools/](http://www.facebook.com/CarlisleLocalSchools/)

**Website:**  
[www.carlisleindians.  
org](http://www.carlisleindians.org)



## Preparations for Moving to the New Building Begins

By Larry Hook, Superintendent

It is very exciting to see our new school building continue to rise. It is a massive structure containing OVER 1.5 million pounds of steel, 240,000 concrete cinder blocks, 235,000 bricks, 4,700 cubic yards of concrete and 3 miles of wire, just to mention some of the materials used in our school. You can begin to get an idea of the size if you look at the east side of the building from the stadium as there is nothing blocking the view. I will continue to provide updated pictures and post them on our web site for all to view and enjoy watching this project moving forward.



Preparations have already begun and will continue to be more noticeable to the public as we continue this school year. We will have only a week to vacate Carlisle High School and Alden Brown Elementary after commencement services on May 23, 2020, as these two buildings will be the first to be demolished as the new parking lot and the bus drive go through sections of both buildings.

Other noticeable changes you will soon see will be storage units on campus that will be used until we take occupancy in the new building in mid-August. Teachers will slowly begin to pack up teaching materials from the first semester and we will place them in the storage units until we take occupancy of the new building. There will be much to do as we progress through the second semester and especially after Spring Break. Rooms and walls will begin to look sparse as we continue to move items to storage prior to entering the new school building.

We want everyone to know that we will also be removing historical plaques from all buildings, the bell in front of Chamberlain Middle School and the 1874 monument plaque as these items need to be repaired and restored as they will be



*"Preparations for Moving"*  
... continued on Page 2

# Preparations for Moving

... continued from Page 1

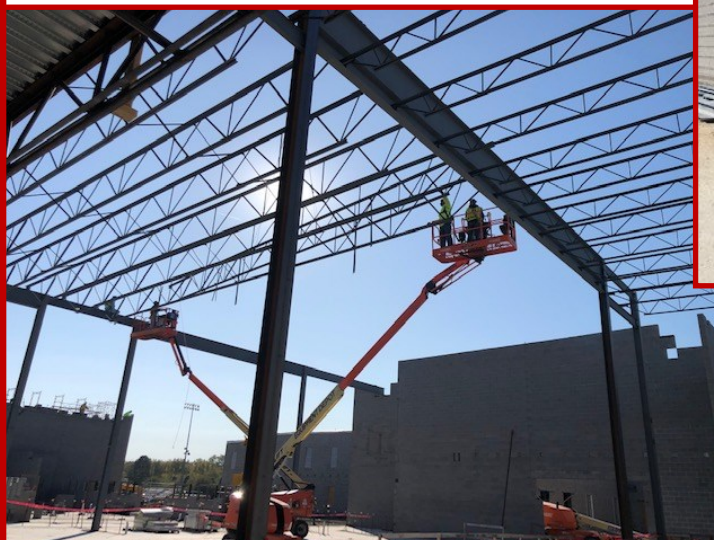
placed in or around the new facility to be enjoyed by all for years to come. We have also heard that there may be a time capsule in the 1874 monument, but cannot verify accurately if this is true or not. When we remove the monument we will be careful to look for any “time capsule” and will store it until time to open it. If nothing is found we will share that information with you as well. We wanted everyone to know that these historical items will be safe until they re-appear, in a place of honor, next school year.

Finally, I also wanted to remind everyone that we will be on an extended “construction” summer break schedule this summer. The last day of school will be May 22, 2020 with Commencement on Saturday, May 23rd. The first day of school for students next year will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020, which is the day after Labor Day. This will allow for the maximum time frame for construction to finish our building. We are excited to share this journey with the entire Carlisle School community.



## Construction Collage

*Opening Fall 2020*



### *Submitted Photos*

Top L: Aerial photo by Skanska-Megen

Center R & Bottom L: Ground photos by Superintendent Larry Hook



# New Intervention Specialist Rounds Out Staff At Alden Brown Elementary

By Mike Milner, Principal

As new addition to the Alden Brown Elementary teaching staff for the 2019-2020 school year, I



would like to recognize Miss Kelsey Myers. Miss Myers is an Intervention Specialist in her first year teaching at Alden Brown Elementary.

Here's some information to help you get to know Miss Myers:

Miss Myers grew up in Miamisburg and still lives there today. She says that she is very thankful to have grown up surrounded by her amazing family! Her immediate family consists of her mom, dad and younger brother. She says that they, along with her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins have all made a huge impact on her life. Her family has been very supportive in everything that she has done, and she knows they will always be there to cheer her on.

Miss Myers went to Miamisburg High School, where she graduated in 2015. For her freshman year of college, she went to Ursuline College, in Pepper Pike, Ohio on a volleyball scholarship. At Ursuline, she started as a Nursing major, but ended up switching to Special Education. After her first year of college, she transferred to Miami University where she continued to dive deeper into the Special Education field. At Miami, she played club and intramural beach volleyball. She was also very involved in CRU (Christian organization), where she participated in various outreach events and led a bible study for high school students at Talawanda High School.

Some of Miss Myers' hobbies outside of teaching are: playing volleyball, going to concerts, hiking, horseback riding, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

I encourage parents and other community members to say "Hello" to Miss Myers if you get a chance. She has been a great addition to the outstanding teaching staff at Alden Brown Elementary!

## Flu Prevention Tips for Optimal Health

TAKE "3" FLU PREVENTION FROM THE CDC TAKE TIME TO GET FLU VACCINE

### TAKE TIME TO GET FLU VACCINE

- ◆ CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses
- ◆ There are many different flu viruses and the vaccine is designed yearly to hit a targeted strain of flu
- ◆ Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctor's visits, missed work or school due to flu, & prevent deaths or hospitalization
- ◆ Everyone 6 months of age or older should get a flu vaccine yearly
- ◆ Those at high risk for complications include young children, pregnant women, those with chronic health conditions, and people 65 years and older
- ◆ Children younger than 6 months are high risk and cannot be vaccinated; therefore their caregivers should be vaccinated.

### TAKE EVERYDAY PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

- ◆ Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- ◆ While sick, limit contact with others
- ◆ If you are sick with flu like illness, CDC recommends staying home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. (Should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication)
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- ◆ Wash your hands often with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand rub is good if soap and water not available.
- ◆ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

### TAKE FLU ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF YOUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBES THEM

- ◆ Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics.
- ◆ Antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and shorten duration and prevent complications
- ◆ They work best if treatment is started within 2 days of getting sick but can be started later.
- ◆ Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Occasionally vomiting and diarrhea.

Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

# CONGRATULATIONS

to Carlisle High School and Chamberlain Middle School cheerleaders  
for placing “Grand Champs” and “1st Place,” respectively,  
at the Edgewood Cougar Cheer Classic on Sunday, October 27.



*Submitted Photo:*

Carlisle High School Cheerleaders  
Grand Champs



*Submitted Photo:*

Chamberlain Middle School Cheerleaders  
1st Place

## WAY TO GO, CARLISLE MARCHING BAND!

*Submitted Photo:*

Carlisle's Marching Band has qualified for the OMEA State competition to be held at 7 p.m. on November 10 at Welcome Stadium in Dayton.

This is the 7th time in our school history the band has qualified for this competition.

We wish our Carlisle Indians the best of luck at State!





# Grigsby Welcomes 2019-2020 School Year With Two New Teachers

By Jennifer Dearwester, Principal

This has been a great start to this school year at Grigsby Intermediate! We welcomed two new fourth grade teachers to our school this year. Mrs. Andrea Hamlin and Mrs. Michelle Horton are both new to our district. They are paired together as a teaching team and we are very fortunate to have them as part of our outstanding teaching staff!

Below are inserts written by each teacher to introduce themselves to our community:

## **Mrs. Hamlin, Fourth Grade English Language Arts & Social Studies**



Hi! I grew up and graduated from Carlisle and am extremely thrilled to be teaching here this year! I received my undergraduate degree to teach PK-3 from Wright State. I earned my Master's Degree in Elementary Literacy from Walden University. Just last summer I completed my 4/5 Generalist Endorsement through BGSU. I began my career at a charter school in Dayton where I taught kindergarten for 11 years and Title I reading for 3. For the last two years, I taught phonics at an elementary school in Dayton Public Schools. I live in Carlisle with my husband, Tony, our son, Finn, our daughters, Luci and Milli, and our dog, Trigger. I love reading, crafting, playing games, and hanging out and laughing with my large extended family.

## **Mrs. Horton, Fourth Grade Math & Science**



Hello! I am very excited to be one of the new 4th grade teachers here at Carlisle! This is my 7th year teaching math and science. Before that I was a mechanical engineer for several different automotive and aviation companies. I grew up close by in West Carrollton and went to Wright State and the University of Dayton for college. I now live in Miamisburg with my husband Steve, daughters Madison and Malena and son Maxwell, and 2 dogs, Sparky and Miley. I love to travel with my family, be outdoors and read books in my spare time.

Please help us in welcoming both of them to Grigsby Intermediate!

We hope everyone enjoys the upcoming Holidays. It's a busy time of year but we hope you get to relax and spend quality time with your family and friends! Please contact me by phone at 937-746-8969 or email at [Jennifer.Dearwester@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Jennifer.Dearwester@carlisleindians.org), if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. GO INDIANS!

# Carlisle Achieves High Scores on Report Card

By Shane Estep, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start! We have been busy aligning our teaching to the new content standards adopted by the Ohio Department of Education.



While we are always striving to do more and perform better, we want to take time to acknowledge the successes of our students and staff that scored an "A" in Progress and a "B" in Gap Closing on the State Report Card. Both of these categories analyze the growth and performance expectations of the students in our district.

Additionally, Governor Mike DeWine has pledged \$675 million in the biennium budget to focus on student mental health. We are working diligently to identify and address the social and emotional needs of Carlisle's students.

If you have questions/concerns, contact me at [Shane.Estep@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Shane.Estep@carlisleindians.org) or 937-746-0710, ext. 344.

# Chamberlain Middle School: Respectful, Responsible, Safe

By Dan Turner, Principal

The message this year for Carlisle students is “Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.” The teachers have T-shirts with this message, they talk about it in the classrooms and the students are participating in activities throughout the year promoting this message.



Near the beginning of the school year we held an assembly for middle and high school students. The group IT’S TIME 2 came to Carlisle Schools to talk about bullying, teen suicide, and how to seek help.

After retiring from his practice as an orthopedic surgeon, Brian Ceccarelli founded IT’S TIME 2 to bring awareness to schools about bullying and teen suicide. He presents at many Miami Valley schools using true stories and testimonies to inform and inspire students to seek help if they are being bullied or are considering hurting themselves. He brings speakers to share their stories with the students about their struggles with these very important issues.



The students were very attentive and even shared stories of their own struggles during the question portion of the presentation. It was a solid beginning to a year of Respectful, Responsible, and Safe behavior.

Working to build our students on a weekly basis, Chamberlain participates in Second Step. Middle school is a time of change and Second Step helps teach powerful skills and competencies - like handling strong emotions, setting and meeting goals, making good decisions, and forging positive relationships - while building the safe, supported learning environment middle schoolers need to succeed.



All students at Chamberlain Middle School participate in Second Step with weekly lessons facilitated through the Social Studies classrooms.

Last, but not least, CMS also takes part in the annual ReDo Day. This is another day to examine mental health and support students who are struggling.

What is “ReDo day?” Students and adult leaders (teachers, volunteers, youth leaders, retired teachers, etc.) experience a mixture of whole group and small group activities and games that promote equality, fairness, and anti-bullying. Through the day’s activities, students will learn that they have more in common with each other than they originally thought.



Students are encouraged to continue the ideas of ReDo (Respect, Engage, Defend, and Overcome) throughout the rest of the school year by creating an action plan. In the past, students have expressed that it was the best thing they have ever been a part of and they hope that everyone gets to experience it in the future.

Violence Free Coalition of Warren County brought the “ReDo Day” program to our 7th and 8th grade students on October 28-29. We have many community members and faculty members that have a big influence for the success of this program. We want to thank all that give of their time for the betterment of our students.



CMS students participating in Second Step and ReDo program activities.

*Photos submitted by Dan Turner*

# CHS Kicks Off the 2019-2020 School Year

By Dave Slamer, Principal

It has been a productive and exciting start to the 2019-2020 school year at Carlisle High School. As students and staff have settled in for the last year in the building, we have been working hard to make it a positive transition.



Recently, we kicked our CHS PBIS program, which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. The PBIS movement started at the state level and we have been working hard to create a program that would be fit our staff, students, and community.

The goal behind our PBIS program is to create a building-wide environment where all students feel welcomed and valued. Structurally, all students were randomly split into 4 “tribes”. With the help of student and teacher leaders, each tribe was given a name and developed a motto.

Within the tribes, the students will meet on a routine basis to work collaboratively with their tribe members on unit plans based around our four character words: Respect, Responsibility, Safe, and Kind. In addition, students will have the opportunity to engage in service projects throughout the year. Ultimately, our goal is for all students to look back at their time at CHS in a positive light.

In addition to PBIS, all sophomores took the practice ACT assessment at the beginning of the school year. We’ll use these results to help determine a proper academic avenue for each student.

Some sophomores will also be taking the PSAT, which is a National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam. Also, all students that must take Ohio EOC

make-ups will do so December 2nd-13th. Lastly, as some may have seen, the Ohio Graduation requirements have changed for the class of 2023 (Freshmen).

If you would like more information on the new graduation requirements, you can visit the Ohio Department of Education website.

In closing, on a personal note, I have had the opportunity in the first couple months of school to sit down and have 3-5 minute conversations with each student in the building. As I completed my chats with the students, I was reaffirmed over and over the amazing students we have walking our halls. We face many challenges through the year, but I have no doubt we have the student body to rise far above them.



**“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”**

**- Malcolm Forbes**



# Food Service Happenings

By Gail French, Food Service Director

We are already a quarter of the way into the year, and it has gone fast. We are enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables and are working at giving your children choices on the items they can get for lunch. Don't forget that breakfast at school is a great way to start the day and can make your mornings go easier.

Remember that anytime your financial need changes, you can turn in a new Free and Reduced application during the school year. Request an application from your school secretary or download from the school district website.

We have enjoyed National School Lunch Week with a daily special surprise, and we have celebrated our grandparents with a lunch.

We are excited about the Thanksgiving Dinner, which is just around the corner on Friday, November 22. Remember to watch for the sign-up list



coming out soon. Be mindful that parking for this event will be restricted due to the construction of the new building, so please refrain from arriving at the school any earlier than 15 minutes before your scheduled lunch time.

Last, but not least, we wish you the best as you and your family enjoy the upcoming holidays.

# The Daily Mile Promotes Success

By Rebecca Baker, District Nurse

Grigsby Intermediate staff and students are taking a healthy initiative this year. The staff and students are participating in the Premier Health's program called The Daily Mile.

The program focuses on students walking or running a mile each day. Research has shown exercising increases endorphins and improves overall health. It also shows that students who have regular exercise perform better in their studies.

Each class has a designated time slot each day where they go outside to either run or walk a mile. The goal of the program is for students to increase their time throughout the school year. If the weather doesn't permit them to go outside, they utilize the gym when possible.

Thank you to the staff and students at Grigsby for making overall health and wellness a priority.



*Carlisle Local Schools wishes you and your family a happy, healthy, & safe holiday season!*



**Thanksgiving Luncheon:** Friday, November 22  
**Fall Break:** November 25-29 (No School)  
**Last Day for Quarter 2:** Friday, December 20  
**Winter Break:** December 23 – January 3 (No School)  
**Martin Luther King Day:** Monday, January 20 (No School)

