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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER . . .

By Dr. David Vail,
Superintendent



It is difficult to believe that the first grading period is over and the year is a quarter of the way over already. It seems like just yesterday we were starting the school year. We have a long way to go with this year and so much has already been accomplished. Back in the day, we referred to the 3 R's of education. I would like to replace that and talk about the 3 A's that make up our schools these days –

Academics, Arts, and Athletics. We are always amazed at the many accomplishments of our students at all grade levels and of the skills they exhibit in all these areas. It is humbling to see them perform as they share their many talents with all of us. Each of these areas is vital to the well-roundedness of our students and there are so many opportunities for anyone to get involved and excel. We hope that everyone finds their niche and can make great memories of their time at Carlisle Schools.

As we look forward to where we were and where we want to be, it is vital that we have a common goal that we can all embrace, which gives us direction. There are a couple of hot-button topics that are currently filling up my email inbox, my voicemail, and the local news media. 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 this is not one of the topics I wanted to discuss, it does bring up something worth exploring. 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 misunderstandings 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. Let's make sure that we are all being part of the solution and not part of the problem.

We understand and believe that parents are the first teachers of our students. We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do for your son or daughter to come to us as prepared as possible to be successful in their formal education. It really is a joint effort, and we want to make sure that the level of parent involvement, which is so important in student success, continues throughout the career of the student. On that note, we also want to emphasize the need for all of us, administrators, teachers, and parents, to be

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good role models for the students. Our actions are closely watched by them, and we must continue to set a good example in what we do, as well as in what we say. One area where that is most evident is in tolerating others and in sportsmanship. It is difficult to talk to a student about their behavior when an adult is not behaving in the manner we expect of the students. Please keep that in mind the next time you are talking about someone, watching a game, or attending an event.

Again, we are hoping that the communication between everyone within the Carlisle Local School community remains open. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher, principal, or me should you have a question or concern about any part of your child's education. Thank you for a great start for another wonderful school year.

Dr. David S. Vail
Superintendent
Carlisle Local Schools

**No School
11-21 to 11-25
No School 12-19 to 1-3-2023
Students return 1-4-2023**

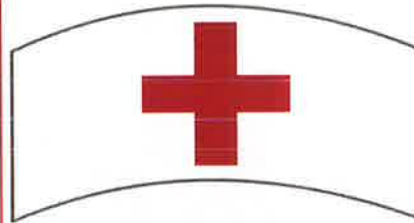


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Be sure to check out our district website - www.carlisleindians.org for updated information, such as flyers on community events, Covid-related information, and more!

Nurse Notes

By Rebecca Baker,
District School Nurse



Attending school on a regular basis is important for each child's academic and social development. Parents often have trouble deciding whether their child is too ill to go to school. Your child is too sick to go to school and should remain home if any of these symptoms are present;

-Temperature of 100 degree or above. Once the child is fever free without medication and free of other symptoms for 24 hours he/she may return to school.

-Has persistent pain from earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury

-Has a cough that interferes with the child's daily routine

-Vomiting or diarrhea. Child must be symptom free for 24 hours before they can return to school.

-Has green or yellow drainage from the eyes

-Has broken out in an unknown/contagious rash

-Has a contagious disease such as chickenpox, strep throat, or pinkeye they must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school for infectious illnesses.

If your child has any of these symptoms while at school, they will be sent home. If your child is sent home from school with a fever they should be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

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Dear Parent or Guardian, Only 1 in 7 children starting school has had an eye exam by an eye doctor. And 3 out of 100 children have a lazy eye and half of those go undetected, resulting in permanent, preventable vision loss. Two thirds of learning is by hearing and children spend 45% of the school day in listening activities. These are a few reasons we screen our students vision and hearing. The state mandates testing of vision and hearing to be conducted for certain grades levels. After these screenings are conducted a letter will be sent home if your child requires a hearing or vision follow up. Please schedule an appointment with a specialist as soon as possible and turn the results into your school nurse. If assistance is needed with payment of exams, glasses or hearing devices please contact your school nurse. Your school nurses have many resources available to you. Thank you!

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The year is flying by. We are looking forward to the holiday menus as that is always our favorite time of the year.

One problem we are dealing with is a larger amount of charges than we have ever had in the past. Please help us by putting money on your child's account so they can continue to eat nutritious lunches without any disruption.

Also, a reminder that if your financial situation changes you are invited to fill out a free and reduced form and turn it in at any time during the school year.

We look forward to working with our families to keep our children healthy and well-fed for better school performance.



Carlisle High School is Focused on Creating Future Leaders and Supporting our Community!



By Andrew Huber,
Carlisle Sr. High School Principal

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

October 31: CHS will be 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 blood donor cord.

November 11 - 13: CHS Fall Play - Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:00 pm and the Sunday show begins at 2:00 pm in the HS auditorium.

November 21 - 25: Fall/Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

December 8: HS Vocal Music 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium

December 15: CHS Band Concert 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium

December 19 - January 3: Winter/Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL

January 4: Students Return from Break

January 9: Week of HS Semester I Exams

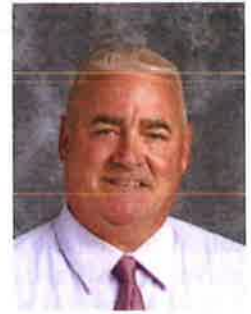
January 13: Semester I Ends

January 16: MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

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

As the fall sports season and extracurricular activities come to a close, fall sports banquets will be held and our winter sports season and extra curricular activities will begin. More information about specific program events can be found on the district website or by calling the HS main office.

Carlisle Junior High School updates...



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

Carlisle Jr-High is continuing to use the Second Step Program to help promote: Self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work and life success. Our students are finishing up Unit 1. Students participate in weekly activities. Unit 1 consisted of Mindsets and Goals. Themes for unit 1 included academic success, belonging, growth mindset, helping others, perspective-taking, planning ahead, resilience and starting right. Please feel free to reach out to the guidance department if you ever have questions or concerns. We have many resources available to students to help support them both emotionally and educationally. Some upcoming events

November 16-19th, 90, 8th grade students will be visiting Washington DC. Students will get to visit the White House, Capital Building, Arlington Cemetery and several of the monuments. Students this year will get to participate in an interactive detective show at the Kennedy Center. On the way home students will tour the town of Gettysburg and also the 9/11 memorial in Shanksville.

PBIS will be focusing on several themes throughout the upcoming months to help build community and connectedness at CJHS: November is "Growing Gratefulness"; December is the "Season of Sharing"; and January is "Super Goals for a Super New Year".

The Holiday band concert is on Thursday, December 15th in the auditorium. The concert will start at 7pm. We can't wait to show you everything we've been working on!

Student council will host their annual sock drive for the Shoes 4 the Shoeless organization. This will begin on November 28 and run through December 2. Top 7th grade and 8th grade classes will receive a doughnut party.

... Carlisle Elementary School



*By Mike Milner
Carlisle Elementary Principal*

Alden Brown Elementary

We would like to use the winter newsletter to recognize two educational aides who are new to our district for the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Kaillee Crowe and Mrs. Rachel Hammonds are both serving as educational aides in our Carlisle Local Schools Preschool Program. Please read below to learn a little more about them.

Mrs. Kaillee Crowe is an educational aide and a part of the preschool team in Mrs. Colletts's room. She has been married to her husband Steffan for three years. They have two dogs ... who are her "fur children." In her free time, Mrs. Crowe enjoys spending time with her family and taking her dogs on walks. She is excited to be a part of the Alden Brown Elementary Staff and enjoys helping children and being a positive impact on younger students.

Mrs. Rachel Hammonds attended Carlisle Local Schools from Kindergarten until she graduated in 2004. After high school, she attended Sinclair Community College and received an associate degree in Medical Assisting. She worked at a medical monitoring company as a Training Manager for just over 10 years before she was lucky enough to be able to resign and become a stay-at-home mom for the last 6 years.

Mrs. Hammonds and her husband were both born and raised in Carlisle and are now raising their family here. They have 3 children Audrina (3rd grade), Berklee (1st grade) and Deegan (preschool). When they were preparing for their youngest to start school, Mrs. Hammonds knew she would need to find something to occupy her time while her kids were all at school. Last school year, she began to substitute as an aide at our school and quickly knew that it was something she would like to do all the time! When the opportunity came for her to be an aide for this school year, she was very excited! She says that she loves working with kids. They are fun and make every day interesting. She says, "It doesn't feel like work to me! I'm grateful I'm able to get to know all the kids, watch them learn and grow daily, and make a difference in their day!"

Here at Alden Brown Elementary School, we are so thankful that Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Hammonds have joined our team. We hope that you have a chance to meet them and learn about their roles in the preschool classrooms!





Winter Newsletter Article- Carlisle Intermediate School

Submitted By: Jennifer Dearwester, Principal

We would like to use the winter newsletter to recognize two educational aides who are new to our district for the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Tammy Lainhart and Mrs. Lesley Mencsik are both serving as educational aides in our school. Mrs. Lainhart is working with 4th grade students in Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Hamlin's classrooms. Mrs. Mencsik is working in Mrs. Balestrino's classroom. Both ladies have done a superb job stepping in and helping all students.

Tammy Lainhart has enjoyed her short time here so far working with the students and staff. She always comes to work with a positive attitude ready to help out wherever she is needed. She recently retired from a veterinarian office. We were also blessed with Mrs. Lainhart on our school board for several years. She really enjoys being in the school district working with students that may need just a little bit of extra help being successful. She always compliments her students and teachers that she has been working with on a daily basis.

Lesley Mencsik is a 2005 graduate of Franklin High School. She is the mother of three wonderful children who all attend Carlisle Local Schools. Prior to working for Carlisle, she worked for the Kettering Health Network for four years. Mrs. Mencsik has worked in the medical field for 17 years but wanted a career change that offered the flexibility for her children's schedules. She enjoys camping, shopping, playing uno, and spending time with her husband and children.

The staff and students at Carlisle Intermediate School are lucky to have two great ladies join our team.

Character Words of the Month (for 2022-2023)

November – GRATITUDE

December – GENEROSITY

January – PERSEVERANCE

February – SELF-AWARENESS

March – HONESTY

April – FAIRNESS

May– SELF GROWTH

Traci Reilich– Elementary Counselor



Quarter one, over?! How so!!!! Time flies when we are learning AND having fun! I am excited to share a few new things the elementary counseling department has implemented for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

While this year is moving quickly, some may not have noticed the amazing banners displayed in the Elementary cafeteria. Last year at the end of the year each grade during field day stamped their hands onto a large banner with the school counselor and mental health counselor. Mrs. Reilich (school counselor) and Mrs. Ivey (mental health counselor) then painted positive messages on each banner with handprints to represent the school's recognition and understanding that the mental health of all our students is important.

The world we live in today is one of ever growing challenges in many, if not all areas in life. The classroom is one way for educators to help students become the best versions of themselves; by becoming more productive, self-aware, be positive, learn how to make responsible decisions, how to achieve their goals, and build positive relationships with others. How do educators provide support for students during these growing societal challenges? With the implementation of the Second Step Program we are able to provide the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) needs for our students here at Carlisle.

What is Social Emotional Learning?! Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which students can acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions to achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. The school counselor has been to every classroom at least once by now to teach the Second Step program. Each grade level has developmentally appropriate content that focuses on the following topics; anti-bully prevention, growth mindset/goal setting, emotional management, empathy/kindness and problem-solving. We are excited to see how the students grow over the next few years with the new social emotional curriculum!

Kindness, what a character trait!!! Kindness is not always easy, but is something always valued!!! As Carlisle Indians we recognize the need to promote kindness in as many ways as we can. So, we created a Kindness Club!!! Yes, you read that right! This year we have 20 members who were selected based on various criteria to join the Kindness Club. Members in the kindness club are in 5th and 6th grade this year and will be our Kindness Ambassadors for Carlisle Elementary School! Each month the kindness ambassadors will be working with the school counselor and mental health counselor to spread a wide kindness activity related to our character word of the month. October the students will get the opportunity to color a kindness poster and turn it in for a blue ticket. The blue ticket will get them entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of this month! Posters will be displayed around the building as they are turned in.

As we move through this year, keep looking for the Second Step updates from Mrs. Reilich.



Carlisle
Kindness Club

