

# INDIAN NATION

Carlisle Local School District

Spring 2018

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## New School Planning Ramps Up with Community Input

By Larry R. Hook,  
Superintendent

In our last newsletter, we had formally hired our architect firm, who will design our new PK-12 building. SHP Leading Design will lead this effort and



have been hard at work connecting with various community groups and gathering important input as they move from a conceptual idea for the building to actual design. Prior to Christmas, SHP Leading Design lead a group of 40 plus community stakeholders through the “educational visioning” process.

This group included representatives of parents at each building, students, teachers, principals, special education, curriculum, board of education, business partners, city council, athletics, higher education, etc. The individuals that represented all of these groups included: John Augustine, Kevin Baker, Landon Bierman, Tiffany Bierney, Heather Bishop, Heather Conger, Kelly Crowe, Alyssa Davis, Kyle Dobbins, Julie Duffy, Bryan Dunkman, Shane Estep, Randy Glover, Jim Gross, Amy Hamm, Kim Harris, Cannon Hicks, Olivia Jones, Susan Klein, Tammy Lainhart, Samantha Lee, Amanda Long, Olivia McAtee, Mollie McIntosh, Brad McIntosh, Karen McKinley, Mike Milner, Pam Mousie, Andrea Neff, Brendon Nerenberg, Brad Potter, Jenna Sandlin, George Sehi, Jenn Shively, Erika Sprandel, Debbie St. Jacques, Courtney Steckel, Laura Tomko, Dan Turner, Justin Ward, Phil Wilcher and Kevin Witt. I cannot begin to thank this group of people enough for their willingness to give up nearly 12 hours of their time to give to this intense effort.

The purpose of the educational visioning commit-

tee was to look at how education is being delivered currently and to look at future methods of education delivery and how that may impact the physical structure of the building. Looking at the way technology impacts our education both now and in the future. It was a daunting task, but this group rolled up their collective sleeves and did a dynamic job. The document highlighting their work will be posted on our website in early February.

As I write this column, later today we will have another input meeting to be sure we have identified all rooms and spaces that must be included in the new facilities. Not just today, but later this winter, we will have had input from people about ideas for general education spaces, science labs, computer labs, media center, special education, gyms, locker rooms, commons, cafeteria, band, chorus, art spaces, just to name a few. As we continue each step of this input process the physical building will take shape and we will share each step of it with our community. In addition to the actual building, we will be relocating the varsity softball field and several practice areas, such as the band, soccer and football practice areas, as this will be where the new building will be placed.

In closing, we are pleased to announce that we have formally hired our Construction Manager Company. Skanska-Megan, Inc., with their main office in Cincinnati will serve our district and the OFCC in this capacity. Skanska will be in charge of working with our architects and taking the blue prints and physically bring the building out of the ground. They are currently hard at work surveying our property, identifying all underground utilities in preparation for ground breaking which will hopefully take place later this summer or at the latest early fall. A lot has to be done in a short amount of time. Skanska will also be the one that coordinates all sub-contractors and will have a trailer on site for the entire project.

# Alden Brown Elementary Students and the Spirit of Giving

By Mike Milner,  
Principal

I would like to brag about our students (and families) at Alden Brown Elementary. During December 2017, the students at Alden Brown took part (as did all buildings in the district) in a canned food drive to help needy families in our community during the holiday season.



During the week of December 11–15, we encouraged all students to bring and donate what they could for others. I'm proud to announce that we collected over 1,600 items at Alden Brown during that week! The items collected were donated to local churches, local food pantries, and the Carlisle Lion's Club (to make food baskets for needy families).

As we all know, young children, without fail, are pretty excited as Christmas nears. What impressed me so much about our food drive is that the pre-school, kindergarten, first, and second grade students in the building put aside their thoughts and excitement about presents, Santa Claus, their upcoming break from school and, with the help of their parents and other family members, took action to help those who were in need. It's a valuable lesson for our students and I'm excited and proud that our learning community took the time to help others.

At ABE, we look forward to providing future opportunities for our students to grow as active participants in our community as well as mastering all of the academic standards that the students learn or review each day.

Should you have any questions or comments about this, or any other activity, at Alden Brown Elementary, please contact me at 937-746-7610 x100, or [Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org).

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this article!

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## Nurse Notes

### 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 a TDAP by September 12, will be excluded from school and all absences are considered unexcused.

### ATTENTION 11th GRADE PARENTS

The Ohio Department of Health is now 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 12, to avoid exclusion.

*For questions about required vaccinations, call district nurse, Rebecca Baker, RN, at 937-746-7610 ext. 134.*

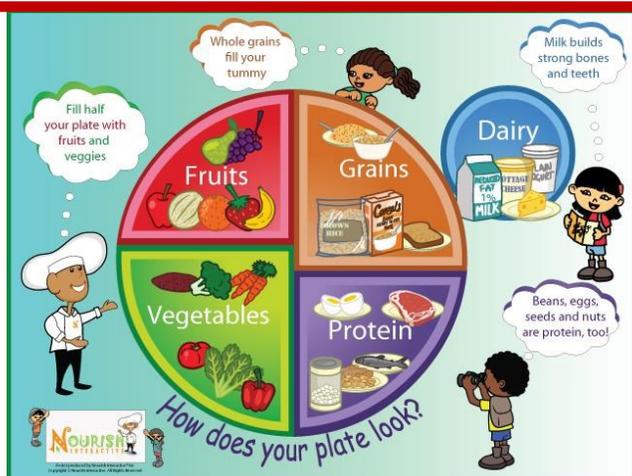
## THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD NUTRITION

Nutrition is especially important in a child's daily life at school. If they are hungry, it makes it very hard for them to learn and engage in the school day.

Here is a quick visual reminder of what each meal should look like for all of us.

Breakfast plays an important role in your child's school day so they can start each day ready to learn.

Take a few minutes at your next family meal and explain a balanced diet to your children. This will set up a strong healthy foundation for a healthy lifestyle.



# “RENEWAL” on May 8 Ballot will NOT increase taxes

Submitted by the District Office

The Carlisle Board of Education has placed a “Renewal” on the May 8 ballot. This is a renewal of the Emergency Levy that was approved by the taxpayers of the Carlisle Local School District in May of 2013.

This levy helped put Carlisle Local Schools on solid financial footing five years ago, when at the time the school was in fiscal caution. This money is critical for the continued operations of the school district and accounts for just under a million dollars in our annual budget.

“When we placed this on the ballot five years ago, we promised that we would make the money last for at least five years,” said Superintendent Larry Hook. “We have kept our promise and will take it even farther by stating that it is our intention to make this renewal last ANOTHER 5 years.”

A renewal simply continues to collect taxes that taxpayers are already paying. It is NOT additional taxes AND IT WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR TAXES.

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## Concerts, Conferences and More on Tap at Grigsby

By Shane Estep,  
Principal

We hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. We are excited to be back at work and are preparing for our state tests and (hopefully) a short winter.



I want to congratulate Michelle Fitzpatrick and the third grade class on a great winter concert on December 18. We are looking forward to the fourth grade concert on

February 12 and the fifth grade concert on March 19. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Chamberlain Middle School auditorium.

On March 22, we will hold our spring parent-teacher conferences. Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians of students who are in danger of being retained. If your child’s classroom teacher does not contact you for a conference and you would like one, please email your child’s teacher, or contact the school office at

937-746-8969.

March 22 also marks Family Night for our spring book fair. Please consider stopping by the library to check it out.

Upon return from spring break, Grigsby will begin state testing. Listed below are the dates and types of tests that each grade level will take:

4/12 & 4/13	Grade 3 ELA
4/16 & 4/17	Grade 4 ELA
4/19 & 4/20	Grade 5 ELA
4/23 & 4/24	Grade 3 Math
4/26 & 4/27	Grade 4 Math
4/30 & 5/1	Grade 5 Math
5/7 & 5/8	Grade 5 Science

\* *ELA = English/Language Arts*

The 2017-2018 school year is shaping up to be a great one. If your schedule permits, please consider visiting Grigsby and taking part in the many activities and events that are happening at our school. Stay warm, stay safe, and as always, we want to thank you for your continued support of your child’s education.

# Chamberlain Middle School is Preparing for State Testing

By Dan Turner,  
Principal

**Testing Time Frame:  
April 16th –May 11th**

Students across the state of Ohio will be participating in state testing this spring. The



American Institute of Research (AIR) has designed state testing to see how students are performing in different academic areas. The testing is aligned with Ohio's Learning Standards. Students have been receiving instruction

all year to prepare for success.

Each student will take an English/Language Arts test and a math assessment. Eighth graders will take in additional test in Science. Specific assessments depend on their grade level and/or courses they are enrolled in. All of the assessments have multiple parts that are administered over multiple days.

HOW CAN YOU HELP PREPARE YOUR STUDENT? This year students will be taking their assessments electronically. Carlisle students have participated in online (computer based) testing previously. Good attendance to school is more crucial now more than ever. Healthy sleeping patterns and a good breakfast is also important for students to be able to find success on their assessments. Teachers are constantly providing grade level instruction aligned with Ohio's Learning Standards for students to be prepared as much as possible. Furthermore, students may go to the Ohio Department of Education and participate in practice

questions that relate to the subjects they will be tested @ : <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ost.stml>

WHY ARE STATE TESTS IMPORTANT?

State tests are critical for measuring student learning and ensuring that every student receives a high-quality education. The results from state tests are how the state holds districts, schools and teachers accountable. The results from state tests provide the public with much-needed information about how all students are performing. Student test scores are the foundation of Ohio's A-F school and district report cards, which are designed to show parents, taxpayers and school leaders how well students are performing. The report cards allow for apples to apples comparisons between schools. Ohio also uses state tests as checkpoints for students to ensure they are ready for their next steps. Please talk with your student's teacher if you have questions or concerns.



# Goals & Expectations Set for Students Help to Make Responsible Adults

By Brad Potter,  
Principal

As we have reached the midway point of the 2017-18 school year, it is a good time to review expectations, and goals, for our students.



Even though there are grades issued each quarter, the semester grade is the one that goes on the transcript, which then becomes the permanent record. The permanent record is what colleges, scholarships and other financial aid organizations use for evaluation, so it is important that your son/daughter do his/her very best.

Doing their best begins with good attendance. In order to achieve at the level he/she is capable of, a student must attend school each day and arrive in class on time. As adults, our employers require this of us. If you think of Carlisle High School as an “employer” (which we are for the four years of your son’s/daughter’s high school career), regular attendance is not an option, it is a requirement. In addition, the law changed related to attendance. Each hour missed now counts toward truancy, so it is vital your child is present! Dependability is one of many skills that we want students to learn on their journey through Carlisle High School toward employability.

Our ultimate goal is that each student has the skills to compete for any job, university or apprenticeship, while making them responsible citizens. We do this by pushing these skills and slowly removing supports as they progress to foster independence. This process is sometimes more challenging for the parent than it is for the student. What parent wants to see their child struggle? No parent that I have met wants that for his or her child, yet it is an important part of maturing. I often tell students when they are facing challenges, “Fire makes the steel stronger!” We want to push these young adults toward adulthood so they are able to stand on their own feet.

We learn by mistakes and consequences as much as we learn from our successes. These experiences, the good and bad, are what make us who we are. I

often tell students after they make a mistake, “The real mistake is not learning from this and making the same mistake again.” Mistakes are learning opportunities that define us. The challenge for parents, teachers, and principals is balancing consequences and support. Too much or too little of either can hurt student development. Often the best remedy for this is communication between the parent and the school. Communication provides facts needed to make the best decision possible.

In order to meet our ultimate goal, the staff at CHS continuously work to find methods for better communication. This ensures the most effective support of your child as they progress to adulthood. If you have suggestions on how we can better serve your child, please do not hesitate to share with us.

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

On February 15, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be from 3-7:30 p.m., and the guidance office will host a scheduling/testing informational meeting for incoming freshman at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Anyone with questions is welcome to attend.

The mandatory CCP meeting will be at 6 p.m. the same night in the choir/lecture room. Anyone planning to take college classes next year must attend this meeting with a parent. If you do not attend this meeting, you cannot be permitted to take CCP classes next year. There will be NO exceptions!

All juniors will be taking a state-funded ACT on February 27. While it is an opportunity for students to take the ACT free, it is highly suggested students take the college entrance exam at least one more time before their senior year in order to have test scores when applying for college. Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for more information on test dates and registration.

Any student currently in English 9, English 10, Algebra 1, Geometry, American History, American Government or Biology will be taking their End-of-Course exam this spring. Testing schedule will be posted on the website and OneCall texts will be sent out. The State mandates all students take each subject test in efforts to accumulate the required 18 points for graduation. If you have any questions, email or call counselor Traci Gray at [traci.gray@carlisleindians.org](mailto:traci.gray@carlisleindians.org), or 937-746-4481

## CMS Wins Golden Ore



*Submitted Photo*

Chamberlain wrestlers won the first ever "Golden Ore Trophy" Wednesday, January 17, with a win over Franklin Junior High. This was the first home dual match CMS has had in many years. The event was a huge success and the air was electric! Congratulations to the Indians! Go Tribe!

# Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019

Alden Brown Elementary would like to announce that kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will occur on **Thursday, March 22 from 4-6 p.m.** at the main office of Alden Brown Elementary.

Packets for Kindergarten Registration are currently available in the office. Parents are able to pick up and fill out so they are ready for the registration date.

If you are unable to attend registration on this date, you may contact Phyllis Lilly, secretary, at 937-746-7610 after March 22 to set up a registration appointment.

## NOTABLE CALENDAR DATES

**February 15**

P/T Conferences for CMS/CHS

**February 19**

President's Day: NO SCHOOL

**March 22**

P/T Conferences for ABE/GIS  
Kindergarten Registration for ABE

**March 26-April 2**

Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

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