

# INDIAN NATION

Carlisle Local School District

Spring 2018

## RENEWAL Levy will NOT Increase Taxes

By Larry R. Hook,  
Superintendent

On May 8, the Carlisle Local School District has an important RENEWAL levy on the ballot. This is not a new levy, but simply a renewal of an existing one. In other words, this tax is already being collected and has been for the past five years. The dollars collected already are a vital part of our current operating budget.

In 2013, the taxpayers in our district approved an emergency levy that would raise exactly \$993,222 annually. Emergency levies, under Ohio law, must be submitted to taxpayers in a dollar amount. A millage amount does appear on the ballot, but this amount is advisory only. The millage number is adjusted by the county auditor up or down in order to keep the school income constant for the term of the levy. The school cannot collect more than the original dollar value of the levy passed in 2013, which is \$993,222. In 20 years from now, even if the size of Carlisle were to double, this levy would collect the same \$993,222 annually. In this particular example everyone's taxes will reduce. Now, I am not saying that the size of Carlisle will double, but if you take some time to drive around the district, you will see several subdivisions that are actively building multiple homes, so you can assume that our population will increase, thus reducing your individual tax liability.

Some people have asked me why we don't just vote this issue in permanently, so you don't have to renew it every five years. There are two reasons for this. First, under Ohio law, emergency levies cannot be voted in permanently, but must be renewed. The rationale for the original 2013 emergency levy was that at that particular time, we were in Fiscal Caution by the Ohio Department of Education and needed this particular type of levy to stabilize our district and keep the doors open, so to speak. Second, during the summer after we passed the emergency levy in 2013, Governor John Kasich signed a new budget bill. Included in this bill was the elimination of the 12.5% pick-up of local property tax bills by the State of Ohio. Under the old law, the state picked up



10%, plus an additional 2.5% for owner-occupied homes. It is important to understand that the state will continue to pay the 12.5% on all existing levies and their RENEWALS, but will no longer subsidize new levies. Because of this change in law, it is beneficial to simply RENEW the levy and keep our 12.5% reduction in taxes.

As I mentioned earlier, this money is critical as it is already being collected and is part of our current operating budget. The money is used for the day-to-day operating costs of running each school building and the district as a whole. This would include both the current operational expenses associated with each building and the opening of our new PK-12 school in 2020. Operational expenses include salaries for all personnel, technology software and support, purchase of textbooks, and programming costs - such as gifted programs, special education programs, college credit plus programming, advanced placement and other academic programs. It also includes, but is not limited to supplies, materials and equipment, repair of buildings, maintenance costs for buildings, grounds and busses, utilities, fuel for busses and other like operational costs.

When we passed the Bond Issue last spring, the money raised for this initiative can ONLY be spent on the direct or related costs of our new PK-12 school construction. Under Ohio law, the operational dollars from the RENEWAL levy and the Bond Issue money CANNOT be mixed and must be used for the purposes they were intended and voted for.

In closing, I want to reiterate how important this RENEWAL is for the financial health of the district and community. We simply CANNOT reduce our operating budget by \$993,222 annually and continue to function. Without this RENEWAL, the impact on our schools would be devastating. In all likelihood, our schools would be placed back into Fiscal Caution and likely in Fiscal Emergency, thus prompting the State to take over, such as in Cleveland and now in Youngstown. Our district has come so far in the past eight years in every area of operations. We must continue to promote excellence in education, not just for our children today, but for our children tomorrow.

Thank you to our community, students and staff for your unwavering support of Carlisle Local School District.

# Middle School Special Needs Students Take on Recycling Challenge

By Tanya L. Wells

Recycling is a program that Chamberlain Middle School has taken part in for several years now. In addition to benefitting the school while doing a positive thing to care for the environment, it has also provided an opportunity for students to learn some very important lessons.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Caroline Oliver’s special needs classroom at CMS has taken on the task of collecting recycling items from throughout the school.

Every Friday morning, teachers and offices place their recycling boxes in the hallway. A group of five students – Ashton Riley, Austin Tressler, Matthew Lightcap, Tyler Stevenson, and Faith Proffitt – with the guidance of their teacher, Oliver, and educational aide, Tammy Calvert, walk the halls collecting items from the recycling boxes to place into larger bins. Those bins are then taken outside to the recycling dumpsters.

The recycling project has been handled by other classes at CMS in years past, but Oliver said her class took on the charge this year as she was “looking for some life skills” to teach her students. In addition to the recycling job, her students also assist with mail sorting. “They love it,” she said. Having responsibility for such an important job gives the students a sense of purpose within their school.

In addition to learning about the importance recycling, the students have also learned communication skills, how to work together as a team, problem-solving abilities, and how to reach outside of their own comfort zone to succeed at a task.



*Photo by Caroline Oliver*

Students Ashton Riley, Austin Tressler, Matthew Lightcap, and Tyler Stevenson (*above: L-R*) help collect recycling materials at CMS as part of their learning program in Mrs. Oliver’s classroom.



*Photo by Tammy Calvert*

Faith Proffitt (*above*) empties paper for recycling outside a classroom.

*Other photos by Caroline Oliver*

# Summer Food Service Programs Available

By Gail French,  
Food Service Director

School is coming to a close and summer is around the corner. Remember to continue to eat well and stay active.



There are some meal centers around the area that will be serving lunch if that is something your family would like to take advantage of. Go onto the Carlisle website under the Food Service Department,

then look for the Summer Meals for Teens and Kids flyer, and you will find a phone number and website that will give you a list of current kitchens that will be providing this service.

**ALSO**, don't forget to pay off your child's lunch charges and start out next year on a fresh note.

# Required Vaccine Information for Students

By Rebecca Baker, RN, MSN  
District School Nurse

## ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

All incoming kindergarteners must have the following vaccines prior to starting school:

- 5-DPT (last dose after age 4)
- 4-Polio (last dose after age 4)
- 3-Hepatitis B
- 2-Chicken Pox (varicella)
- 2-MMR



Any student not up to date will be excluded from school starting September 17 and all absences are unexcused.

## ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS

The Ohio Department of Health is now requiring that your child receive a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine AND a meningococcal vaccine prior to entering 7th grade.

If your child has already received these vaccines, please send in a copy of his/ her record so that we can update your child's record.

Any student who has not received the TDAP and Meningococcal vaccines by September 12 will be excluded from school and all absences are considered unexcused.

## ATTENTION 12TH GRADE PARENTS

The Ohio Department of Health is now requiring that your child receive a Meningococcal vaccine prior to entering 12th grade. The vaccine must be given after the 16th birthday. Please submit your students updated immunization record to the office as soon as possible.

Any student who has not received this immunization by September 12 will be excluded from school and all absences are considered unexcused.

Shot records may also be faxed to 937-746-0511. Please contact me with any questions regarding immunization requirements at 937-746-7610, ext. 134, or [Rebecca.Baker@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Rebecca.Baker@carlisleindians.org)

## Grigsby Events Schedule

**May 1-11:** Testing continues

**May 4:** 5th grade classes visit Chamberlain Middle School

**May 11 & 22:** 3rd grade field trip to Krohn's Conservatory

**May 15:** COSI on Wheels - Energy!  
*(Students will need to pack a lunch.)*

**May 15:** 4th grade field trip to Carrillon Park

**May 14:** 3rd grade Field Day

**May 16:** 4th grade Field Day

**May 18:** 5th grade Field Day

**May 28:** No School

**June 1:** Awards and Picnic



# “Kids Helping Kids” - Alden Brown Elementary Students Get a Lift from Carlisle High School Students

By Mike Milner,  
Alden Brown Principal

Alden Brown Elementary is utilizing volunteers again this year to deliver research-based reading interventions to our kindergarten – 2nd grade students who need extra help to become proficient readers. The Kids Helping Kids Reading Program provides training and ongoing support to volunteer tutors who agree to come to ABE three days a week to work with our beginning readers.

This year we have six Carlisle High School volunteers who provide tutoring support for eight Alden Brown students. We are incredibly grateful to these high school students who have given many hours of their time to make reading easier and more fun for our young students. Those students who have graciously devoted their time are: Skylar Kidwell, Brendon Nerenberg, Sierra Orth, Brittany Bottles, Savannah Parrish, and Abby Erisman.

As it showed during the past couple of years and continues to this year, the Kids Helping Kids Reading Program has been a “win-win” for all involved. The primary students receive an opportunity to practice needed reading skills in a one-on-one fashion. The high school students gain a chance to help the primary students improve their reading ability, while providing a community service (not to mention gaining small, new friends in the process).

As principal of ABE, I would like to thank our CHS tutors, as well as Ms. Susan Klein, Special Education Director, for the planning and ongoing supervision of the tutoring program.

We look forward to continuing this program during the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and, hopefully, growing these types of positive building-to-building opportunities in the future.



## Justin Flor Named 2018 Div. III District 15 Player of the Year

By Don Ridinger  
Social Studies Teacher, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Carlisle’s Justin Flor was recognized for his achievements on the basketball court this season through an invitation to play in the annual North-South All-Star game, which took place on Friday, April 20, at Olentangy Liberty High School.

Flor was also voted the Division III District 15 Player of the Year, the Southwest Buckeye League “Buckeye Player of the Year,” Division III Special Mention All-Ohio, and Division III All-Southwest Ohio First Team.

Flor had a great career at Carlisle scoring 1,060 points, as well as setting school records for career, season, and game blocks.



**Justin Flor #22**

# Chamberlain Prepares for Summer Schedule; Looks Forward to Fall Return

By Dan Turner,  
Chamberlain Middle School Principal

We are near the end of another great school year at Chamberlain Middle School. A great deal of progress has occurred this academic school year. Teachers have worked hard with daily lesson plans, as well as planning for the future. District-wide we took our state testing online this year, which was a first. Continual effort to work on Chromebooks and computers will drive planning and instruction.

Seventh grade students will need TWO additional immunizations prior to entry into 7th grade. If your student has not received their TDap and meningococcal (MCV) shot yet, you will need to have this done prior to the first day of school, which is August 22.

All seventh and eighth grade athletes must have a physical and concussion form completed before the first day of practice. All pages must be filled out and signed by the doctor. These forms are in the main offices or online.



## Summer Camps and Info

Football -- Mike.Brown@CarlisleIndians.org; Camp Dates 7/30-8/3

MS Football -- Daryl.Clark@waters.nestle.com; Camp Dates 7/25-26 6-7:30pm

Volleyball -- Leah.Warner@CarlisleIndians.org; HS Open Gym Dates 6/11 9am-11am

MS Volleyball -- Molly.Stamm@CarlisleIndians.org and Carry.Branson@CarlisleIndians.org;  
Open Gyms 6/9 Tryouts August 1st-3rd

Tennis -- Jenny.Henry@CarlisleIndians.org; Open Courts Mid-May/ June

Golf -- Kevin.Witt@CarlisleIndians.org; Camp Dates TBA

Girls Soccer -- Lesley.Spaeth@CarlisleIndians.org; Camp Dates TBA

Boys Soccer -- Brian.Sprandel@CarlisleIndians.org; Camp Dates 7/21

Girls Basketball -- TBA ... Camp Dates 6/ 4-6 9-12pm and 6/7-8 from 9-11 @CHS

Boys Basketball -- Don.Ridinger@CarlisleIndians.org;  
Camp Dates 6/ 4-6 9-12pm and 6/7-8 from 9-11 @CHS

Marching Band -- John.Oliver@CarlisleIndians.org; Camp Dates 7/23-28 @Wilmington College

Academic Summer Camps for Middle School -- [http://www.carlisleindians.org/media/cms/2018\\_CAMP\\_LIST.pdf](http://www.carlisleindians.org/media/cms/2018_CAMP_LIST.pdf)

Athletics -- John.Augustine@CarlisleIndians.org; Athletic questions 937-746-4481 Ext. 410

## CMS Office Hours Beginning June 4

We hope you all have a great end of the year and summer break. Please remember our hours during summer will be from 8am-3pm, closed the month of July.

## Summer and fall dates to make note of at CMS:

6/4-22: Summer School starts 8-10am (*Language Arts*) and 10am-noon (*Math*)

8/21: Open House 5-6pm 7/8th grades; 6-7pm 6th grade (*report to the auditorium*)

8/22: 1st Day of School

9/3: No School Labor Day

10/11: Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7:15pm

10/15: 6th grade camp

11/14: Washington, DC trip



We will have a Summer Parent Newsletter in August with additional information about the 2018-19 school year. For news and announcements, please follow us at [www.carlisleindians.org](http://www.carlisleindians.org).

# Graduation is Just Around the Corner

By Brad Potter,  
Carlisle High School Principal

Graduation for Carlisle's Class of 2018 is just over a month away. The commencement service will be held on June 2 at Carlisle High School.

To help make it an enjoyable and pleasant experience for everyone, please make the necessary time adjustment to compensate for the congested traffic conditions and parking limitations you may encounter. Plan to be in your seats no later than 11:30 a.m. There will be no reserved seats; tickets are not required.

Special accommodations have been made for the physically challenged; please see one of the ushers if you need assistance. The procession will start at promptly at noon, so it is necessary for all seniors to be present by 11 a.m. if they wish to participate. Only qualified seniors who have participated in practice and are properly attired may participate in the service.

We make every effort through school activities and assemblies to teach our students proper behavior. We have also tried to impress upon them the fact that immature behavior of a few at the graduation can taint the public's assessment of the entire class. Any senior who exhibits disruptive behavior during the service will be recommended for disciplinary action and may be removed from the ceremony. Seniors are encouraged to show politeness and courtesy to our program participants and make the service a dignified, solemn, and memorable experience.

Students will receive their diploma immediately after the ceremony. Diplomas will not be issued until the senior has completed all the academic requirements for graduation and paid any school fees owed. After May 4, we will only accept cash for payment of school fees (no checks). You can also pay for fees online using a Visa or Mastercard. Diplomas and school awards will be retained in the guidance office.

You may order photos of the ceremony by logging on to [events.lifetouch.com](http://events.lifetouch.com). There is no code needed to order from this website.com. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Lee via email at [Samantha.Lee@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Samantha.Lee@carlisleindians.org).

## CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR SCHEDULE

May 4: Prom

May 15: Senior Auction  
Student/Staff Volleyball Game

May 16: Senior Servant Day  
\* All SCOC rules must be followed

May 18: MVCTC Senior Recognition Ceremony  
\* Nutter Center 7:00 p.m.

May 21: CHS Academic Awards Ceremony  
\* CHS gymnasium 8:30 a.m.

Parade of Graduates  
Senior Class Picnic  
Seniors last full school day

May 22: First and Second period exam

May 23: Third and Fourth period exam

May 24: Fifth, Sixth and Seventh period exam

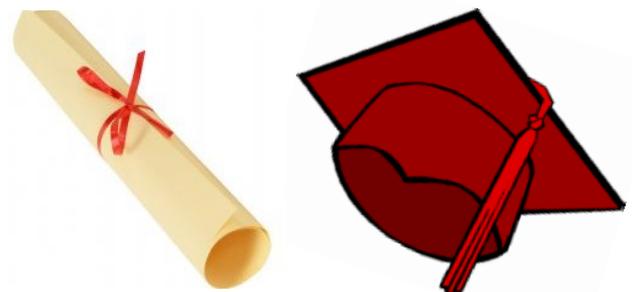
May 25: Senior Class Trip

May 29: Senior Make-Up Exams

May 31: Baccalaureate at 7 p.m.  
\* Hillcrest Baptist Church

June 1: Graduation Practice at 9:30 a.m.  
\* Seniors MUST attend graduation practice to participate in commencement exercises

June 2: Graduation Ceremony  
\* CHS gymnasium at noon; Seniors are to be at the school by 11 a.m.



# Fifth Grade Students Become Amusement Park Engineers

By Elisabeth Middleton  
Fifth Grade Teacher

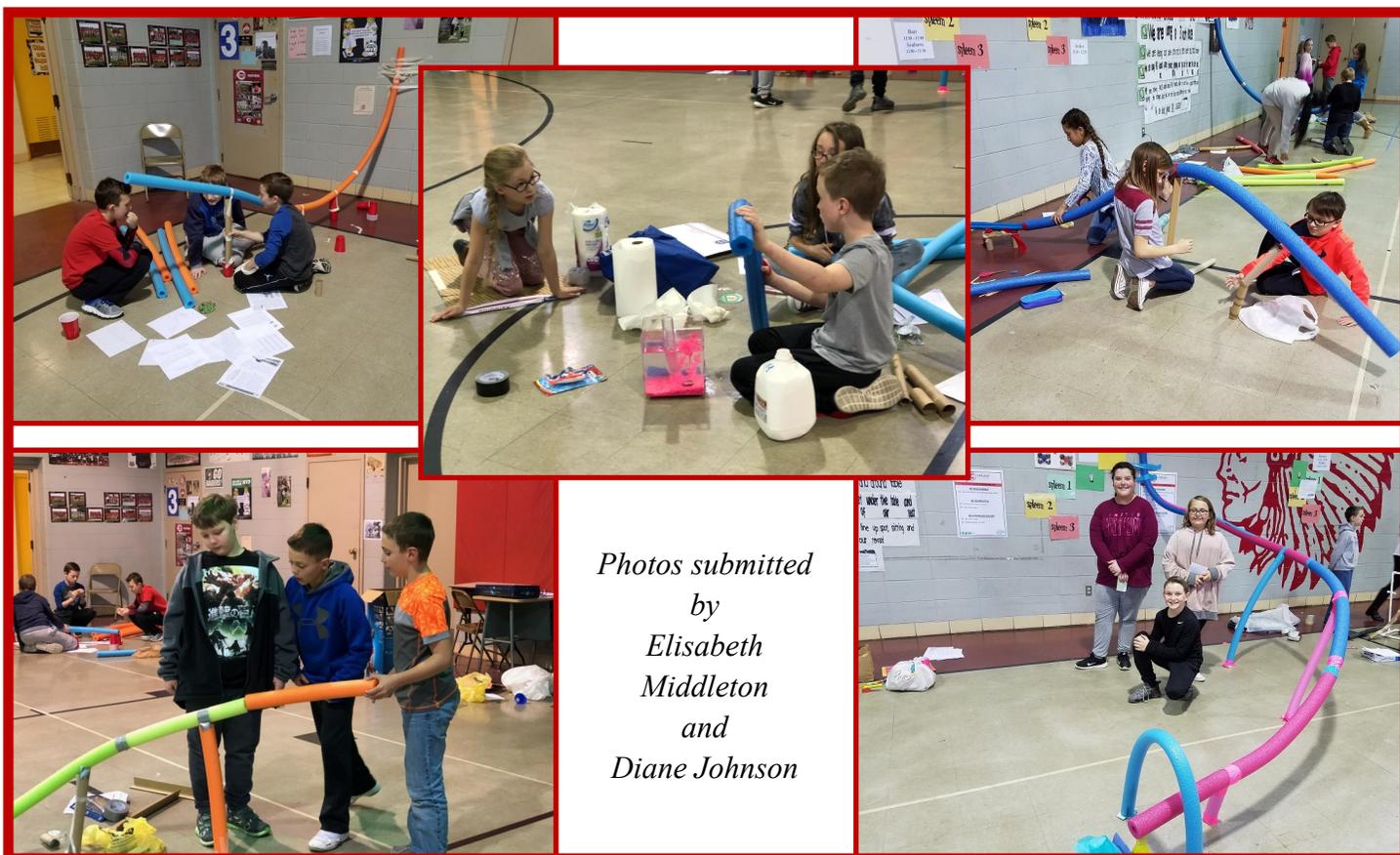
In April, fifth graders from Diane Johnson's and Elisabeth Middleton's classes worked in small groups to design and build amusement park rides.

The students first read closely about various types of amusement park rides, including rides that spin, pirate ship rides, falling rides, and bumper cars. They worked in small groups to answer the key question, "How do amusement parks use the laws of force and motion to make rides fun?"

Students then watched a documentary about engineering amusement park rides. They were able to see what physics concepts are incorporated in the rides and how psychology and physiology is taken into account to create a balance of fear and pleasure for the riders. Students were also able to see that ride engineers and designers are often faced with challenges that creates a need for problem solving and teamwork.

Students were placed into groups come up with their own amusement park rides. As students designed their rides, they were required to include two types of motion and to demonstrate the transfer of potential and kinetic energy. Students also needed to be creative and to take the safety of their riders into account.

Finally, the small groups moved to the gym for the roller coaster build. Students created their designs using common household objects like paper towel rolls, pool noodles, and duct tape. Students worked together to build and test their designs in about an hour. After the hour had elapsed, students gathered around each roller coaster as the designers presented their ride and tested it in front of their classmates.



*Photos submitted  
by  
Elisabeth  
Middleton  
and  
Diane Johnson*

# Carlisle Youth Compete in Speech Competition

By Katie Amos  
Third Grade Teacher

The Carlisle for Youth final speech competition was held Tuesday, March 20, at the Deardoff Center in Franklin.

Fourteen students from the preliminary round competed. The students who presented their speeches and are pictured below are: Jordan, Kelsey, Jesse Nauta, Annie Steckel, Lucy, Knapp, Aiden Lahiff, Brianna Theiss, Melanie Nauta, Lorelei Choate, Ryleigh Coon, Sierra Carpenter, Madison Elliott, Adelaide Lucas, Elsie Dobbins, and Olivia McAtee.

The results are as follows:

### 3rd and 4th Grade:

- 1st place: Aiden Lahiff
- 2nd place: Lucy Knapp
- 3rd place: Annie Steckel

### 5th Grade Category:

- 1st place: Ryleigh Coon
- 2nd place: Lorelei Choate
- 3rd place: Melanie Nauta

### 7th-10th Grade Category:

- 1st place: Olivia McAtee
- 2nd place: Elsie Dobbins
- 3rd place: Adelaide Lucas



Photo submitted by Katie Amos

# CARLISLE'S FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD RECIPIENT NAMED

Submitted Story

Alyssa Davis, a Carlisle High School senior, was named district receipt of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award, by the Warren County Educational Service Center on April 13.

Davis was also honored as the overall winner from each participating Warren County school district. Her recognized mentor was science teacher Richard Grimes.

At the ceremony, Davis was congratulated on her achievement by WCESC Board members, Carlisle Superintendent Larry Hook, Grimes, Senator Steve Wilson, and Representative Scott Lipps.



Submitted Photo

Davis celebrates with her mom, Michele Davis, an educational aide at Carlisle High School.

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