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Anything but Routine, yet Planning for Success

By Dr. David Vail,
Superintendent

As we begin to settle into the routine of our new school and the new school year, we can certainly say that it has been anything but routine. While we continue to work through the finishing touches in the building, we have had a lot of activity going on, both in and out of the classrooms. It is difficult to believe that as I type this, fall sports are winding down and we are well into the post-season, while some sports have already wrapped up their season. It will not be long now before our winter sports are up and running.



We are continuing to monitor the health of our students and staff throughout the ongoing COVID pandemic. This is our highest priority and receives our utmost attention. We adhere to all of the latest protocols set forth by the state and county health departments, which includes following social distancing, wearing of masks, hand washing, and sanitizing practices, as well as contact tracing when we are made aware of any positive cases. We continue to communicate with those involved and keep our website updated with any new information. We have some of the most dedicated and thorough staff watching out for our health and well-being. If you have any questions about the procedures or processes that we have in place, please check our website or feel free to contact us.

As we head into the winter season, we need to make sure that we are all ready for inclement weather and all that it entails. It is important that we have your contact information on file and updated so that when a One Call Now goes out, either by phone call, text message, or email, you will receive the message. It will also be on the local TV and radio stations, should there be a problem with the One Call Now system. We do everything that we can to ensure the safety of our staff and students as they travel to and from school, as well as while they are in the building. We will do our best to notify everyone as quickly as we can while taking into consideration your schedule. If there is

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ever an issue, concern or question regarding a school delay or closing, please feel free to call or email me.

I, along with the rest of the staff, administration, and Board of Education, appreciate your patience and support as we go through our rolling opening of this wonderful facility, as well as the handling all of the issues dealing with the coronavirus. The students have been great about following the procedures we have in place to safeguard themselves and others. We are fortunate to have your continued support as we move forward with trying to attain some sense of normality. It may never be like it was and it will surely be better than it is but as long as we work together and keep the lines of communication open, I believe that we will continue to make progress toward where we want and need to be as a school district and a community.

Take care and stay well.

FOOD SERVICE TIDBITS

- ◆ Don't forget to fill out and turn in your free and reduced application. It helps the district in many ways besides just a free lunch.
- ◆ PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE — Remember students are allowed to buy items ala carte ... they just need to have the money put in their accounts BEFORE they come through the lunch line. That can be done either by bringing money to the kitchen, giving it to a teacher, or taking it to the office IN THE MORNING. To reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, we're not accepting cash payments in the lunch line.
- ◆ Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The students will have their turkey dinner as usual, on Thursday, November 19. Because of Health Department guidelines and social distancing due to Covid, we will be unable to invite the public to share this meal with their students. But we will be thankful for the family each student represents and we are looking forward to when things can open up.

Carlisle Check-up Center

Vision Screenings:

Only 1 in 7 children starting school have had an eye exam by a licensed optometrist. There are 3 out of 100 children with a lazy eye and half of these 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 the 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 the school nurse. If assistance is needed with payment of exams, glasses or hearing devices, please contact the school nurse.

Daily at Home Health Checks

Check your child's temperature everyday, even if they do not feel sick. Must be <100 degrees. Check your child daily for COVID or other illness symptoms; they must stay at home if they have any symptoms.

Do not send your child to school after they have been given fever-reducing medications.

If someone in the household is tested for COVID-19, all individuals in the house MUST remain at home until the test results are back.

Getting the FLU SHOT this season is more important than ever!

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine. Vaccination is particularly important in the high-risk groups. It takes about 2 weeks for antibodies to be built after getting the flu vaccine.

The local health department is offering flu vaccines this year. They can be reached at 513-695-1468.

Project Excellence Award Winner – Mrs. Leah Pulskamp

By Mike Milner

Carlisle Elementary Principal - grades PreK-3

Carlisle Elementary School would like to congratulate Mrs. Leah Pulskamp on winning one of the 2020 Warren County Project Excellence awards for outstanding teaching.

Mrs. Pulskamp is an Intervention Specialist and is in her 7th year teaching with the Carlisle Local School District. She received her Intervention Specialist (K-12) degree from Mount St. Joseph University.

She says that her favorite part of her role as a Resource Room teacher is the ability to spend multiple years with her students and to watch them as they grow and learn. She also loves that she has the chance to create a close bond with her students and the parents of her students. She says that her classroom truly becomes a family atmosphere and she “can’t imagine anything better than that.”

Mrs. Pulskamp states that her ambition is “to develop meaningful relationships with her students and continue to help them make progress towards their goals while having fun.” She goes on to say that she wants to “continue to spread awareness that differences should be celebrated, and that none of us are ‘alike’ and that’s what makes us AWESOME!”

We are so proud of the work that Mrs. Pulskamp does for our students and are very lucky to have her as part of our Carlisle Elementary School family. Congratulations to Mrs. Pulskamp!



First-Graders Hold Mock Election

By Christi Fryman
First Grade Teacher

Carlisle Elementary first graders learned about how to vote! They even participated in a mock election on November 3.

After teaching the students about voting through books, a Scholastic News edition, and classroom discussion, the first grade teachers turned a small room into a polling location. Each precinct (classroom) voted. Students made their choice on a ballot and placed the ballot in a ballot box. Each classroom counted their votes and revealed the results. It was a great learning experience!



Submitted Photos

Learning Aid Ohio

Learning Aid Ohio is a great opportunity for Carlisle's special education families to get additional help and support while completing remote learning.

Parents who qualify will be provided an account in the site where financial credit is applied. No money moves to, from or through parents. They then select a service provider/tutor and schedule an interview.

Families who will be approved for this program must:

- *Be an Ohio resident
- *Have a student with an IEP
- *Have a student learning remotely full time
- *Be experiencing financial hardship

For more information on the program and/or to create an account, visit: <https://www.learningohio.com/>

Safety is Top Priority at the Jr./Sr. High School

By Dan Turner
Carlisle Jr./Sr. High School Principal (grades 7-8)

The start of the year has been anything but normal. We have gone through many changes since last year, yet our students and parents have remained as strong and resilient as ever. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. We want to thank our students for helping us transition from "normalcy" to wearing masks, sanitizing desks, walking on one side of the hall, not having a locker, and everything else that this pandemic has brought our way.

Our Washington, DC, trip has been pushed to May 2021 due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We feel that postponing the trip is best for everyone's safety. At school, all major gatherings have either been cancelled or limited to 15% of maximum capacity. Some programs and concerts have discussed performing virtually. If you are attending a sporting event, we ask everyone to park in the back lot and enter through the Jr./Sr. High cafeteria. As you enter the cafeteria, you will turn left to enter the competition gym. All restrictions apply. More information will be provided.

Finally, if your child needs any type of social or emotional services, please don't hesitate to call our offices. We have numerous support systems in place that will provide your student with the help they need.



Winter Brings Excitement for the High School Grades

By Dave Slamer,
Carlisle Jr./Sr. High School Principal (grades 9-12)

After some delay, we are off to a great start for the 2020-21 school year here at CHS. Students and staff have settled into the new building and we are starting establish our new daily routines. Moving into a new building is challenging enough, but with everything 2020 has brought, it has certainly been a unique experience. That being said, our staff and students have responded incredibly well, working together to persevere through this period of time.



Looking forward to the winter months, as with many things in fall, we will have scaled back versions of our extracurricular activities. As of now all sports seasons are scheduled to be played and the state imposed 15% maximum capacity for all events is still in effect. Therefore, in the same manner that we did with some fall sports; we will be limiting tickets available for events. The ticketing will start with players/cheerleaders first and any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the changes to athletics, we had to cancel our winter musical. However, it has been replaced with 4 one- act plays. The maximum capacity for the auditorium will be capped at 75 people per performance. The dates and times for the plays are December 11 at 7 p.m., December 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and December 13 at 2 p.m.

As we move through the winter months, we are want to thank all parents, students, and staff for doing their best to ensure the safety for our students. Please remember if your child is not feeling well and/or has a temperature to keep them home from school. Our goal this year is to keep our students in school and doors open.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Covid Will Not Slow Down A Successful Year for Carlisle Elementary School

By Mike Milner and Jennifer Dearwester
Carlisle Elementary Principals

We are off to a great start in our new building! We have a few reminders to help everyone adjust to the new procedures.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we must discourage any transportation changes this year. Students have assigned seats in all classes and on all the buses which is needed in case we must do any contact tracing. If you must make a change you need to send in a note with your child to give to their teacher in the morning. If you need to make a change by phone, the office must receive the call before 11 a.m. No changes will be accepted after 11 a.m. This is one of the many challenges we have faced due to the current pandemic and we appreciate your support.

Even though the Parent/Teacher Conferences were held by phone and/or virtually this quarter, it was good to be able to connect with parents! Please remember that you can call or email your child's teacher anytime with questions or concerns. It is critical that parents and teachers work together to make sure your child is successful in school.

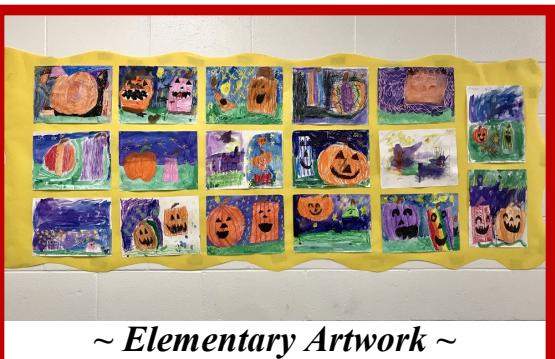
Starting this year, we are using the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) program to assess our students and compare them to other students across the country. Our Kindergarten – 5th Grade students took MAP assessments during the week of October 12. Kindergarten and First Grade students took assessments in Reading and Mathematics. Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade students took assessments in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. All students will be assessed again in the winter and spring. Teachers and other staff members will use this student data to compare how our students are progressing compared to students in the same grade levels across the nation. We also will use this information to plan instruction and specific interventions for individual and groups of students. Our teachers have received training on how to use the MAP student data to plan lessons at the appropriate level for all students in their classrooms. As in past years, we will provide intervention activities for students when we identify a need.



Fall picture re-takes will be on Thursday, November 12. This is a change from the original date on the flyer that went home. This date is for all grades PS-12 and is the only re-take day for the district. Please remember that if your child has a fever in the morning they must stay home from school. We are asking all families to check their child's temperature before sending them to school each day. Our goal is to keep school open all year but if we are mandated to close, we want to be better prepared than we were in the Spring.



All students will be getting more practice with Google Classroom while they are in school with their teachers. We know that in person teaching and learning is best for most students and we are doing all we can to ensure we remain open.



We appreciate everyone's support during this transition to our beautiful new building! We cannot wait until parents and the community can see it! Please reach out to us by phone at 937-746-8969 or by email if you have any questions or concerns.

For grades PS-3, please contact Mr. Mike Milner, at Mike.Milner@carlisleindians.org; grades 4-6, contact Ms. Jennifer Dearwester at Jennifer.Dearwester@carlisleindians.org. Thank you for your continued support! We hope everyone stays safe and healthy this winter!

Jr./Sr. High Government Classes Hold Mock Election

Compiled from information submitted by Don Ridinger, Teacher

Mr. Don Ridinger's government classes hosted a Presidential Mock Election on Tuesday, November 3. Prior to the mock election, students learned about the Electoral College and how it works, including the importance of candidates winning certain swing states in order to gain the required 270 electoral votes.

As part of the mock election, students assigned all Carlisle 7th-12th graders a state to live in to simulate the actual Electoral College. Students worked on campaign materials including political commercials, mailers, t-shirts, and yard signs. On Election Day, his classes worked the mock polls at the school - with safety protocols in place - to check-in fellow students as they came to vote for president.

Although results for our country's real presidential election had a different projected outcome, we do know that in the Carlisle Mock Election, President Donald Trump defeated Joe Biden 496 electoral votes to 42 electoral votes. In the popular vote, President Trump won 70% to 30%. Mr. Ridinger thanks everyone for participating in this year's mock election.



Photos submitted by Don Ridinger

Students are pictured with campaign materials and working polls the day of the mock election.

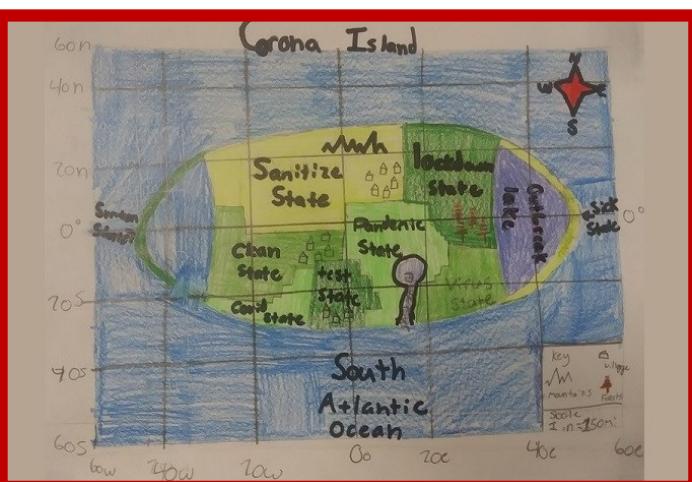


Photo submitted by Julie Lee, Teacher

Mrs. Julie Lee's 6th grade social studies students recently created their own countries and presented their maps to their class. They shared about animals that lived there, laws they created, the culture in their country. Shown is "Corona Island" by Ruby Singer.

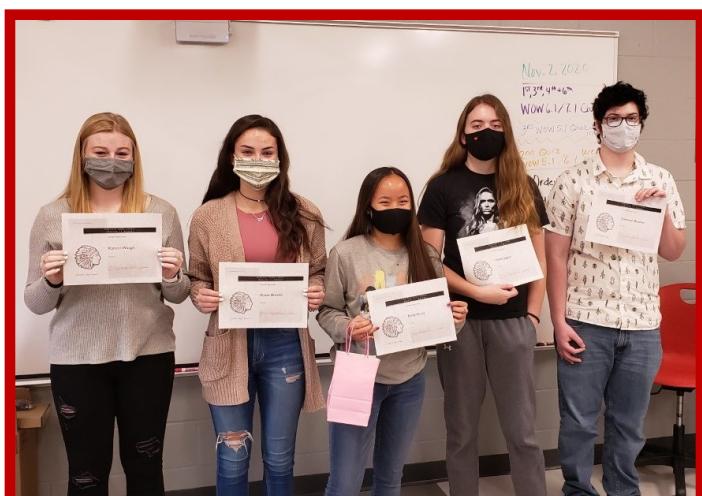


Photo submitted by Sam Lee, Teacher

Mrs. Sam Lee's English 11 Honors Class held a Tall Tale writing contest for Halloween. Pictured are the Top 5 finishers and winner: (L-R) Karson Waugh, Alyssa Brooks, winner Emily Ausra, Solomon Bowser, and Hailey Saylor. CONGRATULATIONS!