

CAC/SFTJH CHARGER NEWS

April 2019

March brings us to the end of the third quarter! We hope your student has had an academically productive year so far. In addition to spring break, March includes a book fair, conferences, and much more. Please be sure to look over the calendar items at the end of the newsletter and refer to the online District calendar which is continually updated as activities are added to the agenda.

The Leader In Me - Leadership Roles at Home

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

One of the best ways to help your child realize his or her worth and leadership potential is to provide an opportunity to lead. Most Leader in Me Schools offer student leadership roles as a way to teach:

- ~ Responsibility.
- ~ Leadership.
- ~ Contribution.

Leadership roles can also be used at home. To begin:

1. Talk with your child about the leadership role he or she might be interested in at home.
2. Discuss why he or she is interested in the role. Ask what leadership qualities your child has that will help. Ask how he or she will handle homework or other commitments with this new-role responsibility.
3. Together, discuss, write, and sign the paper detailing the leadership behavior and expectations of the role.

Give your child a week or so to adjust and then discuss how it's going. This may open a conversation on how to handle things that are too easy or too difficult. Express appreciation and celebrate success!

8th-Grade Community Service Project - The 8th-grade class will be participating in community service projects on April 24th. Some of the students will be helping clean-up around the city of Overbrook and others will be volunteering their time at the Helping Hands Humane Society in Topeka. The group heading to Helping Hands would like to take along some donated items that are beneficial to the organization. There is going to be a grade-level competition to collect supplies with the winning group earning an extended brain break or recess. Items being collected include: pet toys, office supplies, blankets and towels, treats, leashes, grooming supplies, first aid supplies, dish soap, disinfectant wipes, cleaning supplies, shoeboxes, and batteries. The 8th-grade class appreciates any donations you can provide.

Kansas Strong Energy Truck - Due to a no school day, the Mobile Energy Education Truck sponsored by the Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund will be at CAC on April 1st. Executive Director, Warren Martin, will visit with 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students. The purpose of KOGRF is to educate Kansans in the vital role the industry plays in advancing our state and sustaining the nation's energy supply. We are excited to have this opportunity.

STARBASE - The 5th-grade classes have made their first two visits to Forbes Field for STARBASE with three sessions remaining. The STARBASE 2.0 group has several meeting dates prior to the end of the school year. In May, we will have information for current 5th, 6th, and 7th-grade students that might be interested in participating in the 2.0 next year.

Music Department - During the month of April there are several music events. On April 24th the 6th-grade band and choir concert will be at CAC beginning at 7:00 p.m. On the 26th the 5th, 7th, and 8th-grade band concert will be held at SFTHS. The JH theater class will wrap-up the month of April with a Showcase at SFTHS on April 30th also beginning at 7:00 p.m. The students and staff appreciate your support of the SFT band and vocal programs.

PTO - The PTO Ice Cream Social and Student Artwork Action was a success. Thank you to those who purchased student work. The next PTO meeting will be held at CAC on April 2nd. You can always get up-to-date PTO information by checking out their Facebook page, "Santa Fe Trail Attendance Centers' PTO".

Lunch Balances and Enrollment Fees - Thank you for taking care of the lunch balances and enrollment fees. If you have any questions or to make payment arrangements please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Mercer or Mrs. Courtwright at the CAC office. These ladies are more than happy to help.

Interstate Spring Picture Orders - Spring picture orders being paid for by cash or check must be turned into the CAC office by Monday, April 1st. Credit card purchased may be made online.

Drop-off Lanes - For safety purposes, please be sure you are using the drop-off lanes in both the east and south parking lots when bringing students to school. The parking area is very busy in the morning and we want to avoid potential accidents.

CAC Library News - Thank you for supporting the Carbondale Attendance Center's Spring Book Fair. Mrs. Herren said this year's spring event was a great success!

Overdue library books need to be taken care of. If library resources are not returned by the end of the school year, students are responsible for the replacement cost of the item(s). If you have questions or need replacement cost information please contact Mrs. Herren at mherren@usd434.us.

Kansas State Assessments - CAC students are in the midst of taking the Kansas State Assessments. The 8th-graders have completed their language arts and science tests, 7th-grade language arts, and 6th-graders have finished their math assessment. Our schedule has testing completed by April 18th. PTO has provided ice cream for students to have when they have finished and if a grade-level increases their score on one or more of the assessments from the previous year they will also earn a small treat of some kind, possibly an extended recess or movie and popcorn.

Recycling Items - The collection buckets for the recycling items will be out in the south entryway next week. We appreciate any items that you save to contribute. A full list of items collected can be found on the CAC page of the District website.

Attendance - Please be sure to contact the CAC office at 1-800-836-9525 extension 3, when your student will not be in attendance. Should the absence be due to a doctor or dentist appointment, submit an appointment card or note from the doctor so the absence can be noted as "medical" in PowerSchool. This can make a difference for students when it comes to participating in reward activities.

Box Tops & Coke Rewards - We appreciate you continuing to send the Box Tops and Coke Rewards to school with your students.

Activity Updates and Tracking - Carbondale Attendance Center and SFT Junior High information and updates are frequently posted to the District Facebook page and the cac/sftjh Twitter account which can also be accessed from the District Facebook page.

FBLA March of Dimes Fundraiser



Journalism & Multi Media Students



League Band



4th-Grade Super Hero Music Concert



**4th-Grade
Electricity
Lesson**



**Q3 JH Rewards Trip to
Burlington Rec Center**



**A couple of 4th-grade classes at The One
Room Schoolhouse at the Kansas History**



5th-Grade at STARBASE



8th-Grade Quiz Bowl



1st Place at Burlington Meet



1st & 3rd Place at SFTJH Meet

For Your Calendar -

- April 1 - Kansas Strong Energy Truck Visit
- April 2 - State FBLA in Topeka
STARBASE 2.0, 3:20 p.m.
JH Track @ SFTHS, 3:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting @ CAC, 6:00 p.m.
- April 3 - Paraprofessional Day
CAC Dental Clinic
STARBASE 2.0, 3:20 p.m.
- April 4 - 5th-Grades to STARBASE
JH Track @ SFTHS, 2:00 p.m.
- April 5 - No School
- April 6 - 7th-Grade Wright Flight Fly Day #1 @ Billard Airport
- April 9 - Personal Finance Challenge in Wichita
- April 10 - 8th-Grade Drivers Ed Meeting during Charger Time
STARBASE 2.0, 3:20 p.m.
BOE Meeting @ DAC, 6:00 p.m.
- April 11 - 5th-Grades to STARBASE
- April 12 - JH Track @ SFTHS, 2:00 p.m.
- April 13 - 7th-Grade Wright Flight Fly Day #2 @ Billard Airport
- April 16 - JH League Tract @ Prairie View, 3:30 p.m.
- April 17 - STARBASE 2.0, 3:20 p.m.
District Site Council Meeting @ SFTHS, 6:00 p.m.
Drivers Ed Meeting @ SFTHS, 7:00 p.m.
- April 18 - 5th-Grades to STARBASE
JH Track @ Sabetha, 1:00 p.m.
- April 19 - No School
- April 22 - No School
- April 23 - Bolt Buddy Picnic
- April 24 - 8th-Grade Community Service Day
STARBASE 2.0, 3:20 p.m.
6th-Grade Band & Choir Concert @ CAC, 7:00 p.m.
- April 25 - JH Track @ Rossville, 12:30 p.m.
- April 26 - 8th-Grade Transition Day
5th, 7th & 8th-Grade Band Concert @ SFTHS, 7:00 p.m.
- April 27 - 7th-Grade Wright Flight Fly Day # 3 @ Billard Airport
- April 29 - JH B-Team Track @ Wellsville, 3:30 p.m.
- April 30 - JH Theater Showcase @ SFTHS, 7:00 p.m.





If you have any questions, contact us SFTACPTO@gmail.com

And check out our Facebook Page: [santa Fe Trail Attendance Centers' PTO](#)

Dates to Remember:

April 2nd - PTO Meeting
@OAC

May 6th - May 10th - Teacher
Appreciation Week! Don't
forget to thank your
teachers!

NEXT PTO MEETING:

Tuesday, April 2nd
Overbrook Attendance Center
6 p.m.
FREE childcare provided!

We hope to see you there!

Notes:

Thank you to everyone who came
out and supported our first annual
Student Art Auction! It was a huge
success! Thank you for all your
donations and support!



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