

## Carbondale Attendance Center Parent Informer – May 2018

**A Message from Mr. Flax** – This will be the last newsletter for the school year. I hope it finds us in nice spring weather for a change. The students and staff have spent the year engaged in many activities, some routine but several that were new to many of us. I hope the students have experienced success this year, and that you have been able to share in those successes with your children. There will be many events packed into the last twelve days of school. (Unbelievable we are talking in terms of days now, and not weeks.) The teachers will do their best to keep students engaged, and I will try to protect instructional time when we are not in activity. The last day of school is Tuesday, May 15, with an early dismissal. The students who ride the shuttles back to OAC and SAC will leave at 12:40. Carbondale students will be dismissed at 1:00. You will receive an alert this summer regarding enrollment and next year's information.

**BILLS/FEES** – As we get close to the end of the year it is time for a reminder about fees and bills and library books. If your child still has outstanding fees from this or any previous year, please make arrangements with the office staff for those to be paid. Angie Mercer in the office can tell you what lunches and/or breakfasts will cost through the end of the year. Theresa Courtwright will manage other outstanding bills and fees. Give either of them a call (785-836-7188 or an email ([amercer@usd434.us](mailto:amercer@usd434.us) [tcourtwright@usd434.us](mailto:tcourtwright@usd434.us))). According to district policy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony or the Worlds of Fun trip until their accounts are completely clear. I have asked Angie and Theresa to send out a reminder at the end of next week if necessary to all grades. Thanks for taking care of this.

**WASHBURN TECH** – Our students have been invited to participate in the summer programming at Washburn Tech. I sent out an alert earlier with that information, and we sent forms home with students who showed an interest. Currently we have 41 students headed there for workshops this summer. The district provides transportation to and from, and there are no costs to families for this opportunity. Additionally, WT provides meals and snacks for the participants. You should have received an alert for last call, as the deadline for enrollment was Friday, April 27.

**STOCK MARKET** – Our students continue to excel in many areas. Earlier this semester our 8<sup>th</sup> grade technology classes participated in The Stock Market Game as we do each year. Six of our teams placed in the top 25 for all junior high participants. You can find a picture of these on the district website. Additionally, the team that won first place in the junior high division, Alex Conus and Kaci Bayless, placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of all junior high and senior high student teams. What an amazing accomplishment for this team. All the students who participated learned valuable lessons on how the stock market works, and had to apply that to their strategy in playing the game. Congrats to the students and to Mrs. Michaelis. And speaking of congrats, on Wednesday, April 25, Mrs. Michaelis accompanied five students to Wichita for the Financial Literacy Championship Finals. One of the electives available to junior high students is Financial Literacy. Students enrolled participated in a statewide challenge. We had a group qualify for the finals. The students who attended are Rhys Fund, Eyan Leighty, Marley McIntyre, Robbie Page, and Abigail Rowe.

**ACTIVITIES UPDATE** – The track season is quickly winding down. We have one track meet left and that is the Pioneer League Track Meet. We are hosting that meet at Santa Fe Trail High School on Thursday, May 3. It begins at 2:00. That is the last athletic activity we have planned for this school year. I am hopeful that we can earn another league championship banner for the gymnasium walls. May of our

students have continued to improve their distance and time for their personal events, and every track meet so far has seen changes to our records board. If you have a chance to stop in at the track next Thursday, we would love to see the stands full. It really does make a difference to our students to hear the crowd cheering for them at our events, not just track. Thanks to so many parents and patrons who continue to support our building activities.

**STAFF CHANGES** – There will be a few changes to the building staff next fall when the students return. Mrs. Lori Puckett, a special education teacher, will be transferring to the Santa Fe Trail High School next year. She has been with us three years, and has really impacted the lives of several students, staff, and family members. Mrs. Amanda Kolbek, 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher, is leaving us to pursue some additional education. She has been a strong staff member, and her work on the Building Leadership Team will be missed. We wish them both good luck as they leave CAC. Mrs. Kristy Hamit will be moving into the role of principal next year. An assistant principal/activities director has been hired. Mr. T.J. Meyer will be coming to work in July. He made a statement for us as an introduction: *TJ Meyer is a graduate of Fort Hays State University, majoring in Physical Education K-12 and Secondary Education. He recently received his Masters in Education Administration from FHSU as well. Mr. Meyer has 6 years of teaching and 10 years of coaching experience at all grade levels. Mr. Meyer and his wife, Kari, have two children; Beckham (8) and Brettley (9 mo). He will tell you that his family is his motivation and what drives him to be better in all areas. "I'm very excited for this opportunity and I'm looking forward to meeting the students, faculty, staff, and community members of CAC."* I want to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Meyer, and I hope you all spend some time getting to know him next fall.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TRIP AND INFORMATION** – Mrs. Kayla Chiddix has sent out a note to all of you regarding the information for graduation and for the Worlds of Fun trip coming up in May. The graduation ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11 out at Santa Fe Trail High School. The information about pictures is included in that. Then on Monday, May 14, the eighth graders will head to Worlds of Fun for a full day. This is one of my favorite activities of the year, and the students always have a great time. I will be sending an alert out as a reminder for all of these as we get closer.

**Items for your Calendars:** (I am always worried that I will leave a bunch off since we don't have the paper calendar anymore. I am sure I did so in this list.☺ Please check the district website for a more complete list.)

- 5/1 Grade 6 Band and Choir Concert at CAC 7:00
- 5/1 SFTJH Art Show at CAC 5:00
- 5/1 PTO Meeting at SAC 6:30
- 5/3 League Track Meet at SFTHS 2:00
- 5/4 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration to Hug Farm
- 5/4 4-6 Field Day at CAC Football Field in the Afternoon
- 5/5 E-Waste Day at SFTHS 10:00
- 5/9 BOE Meeting at SAC 6:00
- 5/11 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion at SFTHS 7:00
- 5/14 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Worlds of Fun
- 5/14 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration to Hug Farm
- 5/15 Last Day of School – Dismissal at 1:00 (Shuttles at 12:40)

Have you read to your child today? Have you read with your child today?