



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

**Board of Education Report**

**September 2019**

**To:** Mr. John Denk, Superintendent and Board of Education

**From:** Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. Zach Harwood, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

**Date:** October 2, 2019

**Re:** October BOE Report

September was a very busy month at Carbondale Attendance Center and we have lots of activity planned throughout the October as well.

**Enrollment:** As of September 20<sup>th</sup>- State Count Day, the enrollment at Carbondale was 388 students which does include the five attending Project Plus and Frameworks. We have a sixth-grade student returning to us on October 1<sup>st</sup>, a fifth-grade student starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a seventh-grade student who will begin once all legal paperwork has been taken care of.

**SPED Staff:** All of the SPED para positions have finally been filled at the Carbondale Attendance Center.

**Charger Time/Bolt Buddies:** The September Bolt Buddy game day was a great success. There were Buddies playing games inside and outside with some snacks involved as well! October 30<sup>th</sup> is the next planned Bolt Buddy activity day.

**Behaviors:** During the month of September there were 53 office referrals made by staff. 36 of these referrals involved sixth-grade students. As the month has progressed and students have become more respectful of the behavior expectations the referrals have slowed a bit. There has been one eighth-grader who served an in-school suspension for putting hands on another students and one served an out-of-school suspension for repeated bullying.

Three lunch groups have seating chosen for them including fourth, sixth, and one junior high group. This has helped with the volume in the lunch room. When you have 140 students or more in a small concrete space it doesn't take long before the volume gets too loud and this can cause some students to become uncomfortable and can create an unsafe environment for our students.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students are asked to transition through the building in a quiet manner and the junior high have been reminded to be respectful of classes that are in session when they move through the halls as well.

**Truancy:** There are two students on our radar regarding truancy. Letters have been sent home to both families with the attendance policy included and the County has been contacted regarding the absences of one student who has missed thirteen full-days and three partial-days this quarter.

**Sports:** The junior high volleyball team will wrap-up their season Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> with the League Tournament at Osawatomie. Girls' basketball practice will begin on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. League cross country will be held at Anderson County on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The football teams finish their season on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Wellsville and wrestling practice starts the next day, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cross country, football, and volleyball have all had great seasons and all three teams have made us very proud.

**Coke Rewards & Box Tops:** The non-band sixth-grade students are going to take on the task of entering the Coke Rewards and Box Tops this year. This will benefit the students next year as the profits have been used to pay for participants to attend FBLA events.

**Student Leadership Series:** Greenbush is offering a Leadership Council for Middle School Students. The CAC Shared Leadership Action Team will be sponsoring a student from each sixth-grade class and seventh-grade Charger Time class to attend. The group will take part in this opportunity in November, January, and March at the Lawrence Greenbush facility. The students and sponsor will work on designing high-impact service projects with the goal of helping them become effective leaders and a positive influence in the school community.

**School Redesign:** Mr. Denk has asked CAC to join OAC and the HS in the school redesign process. By 2023 redesign will be used as a component of accreditation for all Kansas Public schools so we will be ahead of the game. Tiffany Burget and Carrie Hawks are the co-pilots for CAC. The co-pilots and Mrs. Hamit are participating in the monthly redesign meeting held at Greenbush. During the professional development day on October 14<sup>th</sup> Tiffany and Carrie will be guiding the staff through the first two assignments and plan to share the outcome of these activities with the Board at the November meeting.

**Youth Truth Survey:** CAC students will be taking the Youth Truth survey between October 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year we obtained some interesting information from the results. We will video conference on the 31<sup>st</sup> with Sonya Heister to go over the survey data.

#### **October Activities:**

- October 1 – Kansas People 7 Places Class Capitol Tour, PTO & SITE Council Meeting
- October 2 – Red Wheel Fundraiser Delivery
- October 4 – Petro Pro Lessons 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades, JH Choir to ESU Big Sing
- October 10 – JH Human Trafficking Presentation
- October 18 – JH Q1 Rewards Activities
- October 21-25 – Red Ribbon Week
- October 28 – 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade ESU Campus Visit
- October 29 – Fall Conferences
- October 30 – Fall Conferences
- October 31 – Elementary Halloween Parade