



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

**Board of Education Report**

**October 2018**

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent and Board of Education

From: Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. TJ Meyer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Date: October 4

Re: October BOE Report

The 2018-2019 school year is already flying by with the first quarter coming to an end on October 18<sup>th</sup>. CAC conferences will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Behaviors:** We have been dealing with some behavior challenges, but we also have many students taking the initiative to step up and display positive behaviors. Staff members have the opportunity to recognize students by making Positive Office Referrals. Approximately 20 different students have been recognized during Morning Assembly so far this year. Hopefully the pat on the back and a piece of chocolate will encourage many more kids to live up to the Charger Code of Conduct; C-cooperative, H-highly active learners, A-academically successful, R-respectful, G-goal oriented, E-eager to give effort, R-ready to learn, S-self-motivate.

**ESU/Flint Hills Tech:** On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the seventh-grade students made a trip to Emporia to tour the Emporia State University campus and for the first time, visit Flint Hills Technical Institute. Santa Fe Trail has many graduates that attend both of these educational institutions and took the time out of their busy schedules to share with our students and answer questions.

**Red Ribbon Week:** CAC will recognize Red Ribbon Week, October 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, as our school spirit week. The counselors are working with the classes to change-up the themes to be recognized each day.

**Sports:** Fall Sports are wrapping up. The 7<sup>th</sup>-grade volleyball girls placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the League Tournament and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grader took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The girls had a great season of learning with successes scattered throughout.

B-team football players participated in their second official game against Osage City on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The football season come to an end on October 9<sup>th</sup> when they play Prairie View.

League Cross Country will be held at Burlington on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Our runners have made great progress throughout the season improving their finish times each run.

Girls' basketball practice started on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with their first game on the calendar for October 18<sup>th</sup> at Burlington. Wrestling practice will begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> and they will begin their season November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Emporia.

**Junior High Choir:** The junior high choir students attended a workshop in Emporia on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students worked with various vocal experts and there was a joint performance at the end of the clinic. Mrs. Jarrett shared a video of the final song the students worked on and it was amazing. All students and staff enjoyed the video when it was shared during morning assembly. The choir will be headed to the Thomas H. Bowlus Fine Arts and Cultural Center in Iola on October 16<sup>th</sup> for the League Vocal Clinic. The concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

**Nutrition Lessons:** A representative from the Frontier Extension District has begun nutrition lessons with the fourth-grade classes. Each class will receive five forty-five minute lessons regarding health and nutrition. Students in previous years have really enjoyed this opportunity.

**STAR BASE 2.0:** Students participating in the STARBASE 2.0 program are really thriving with their robotics construction and programming. Within the next few weeks the participants will be sharing their creations with the student body during morning assembly. Hopefully this will encourage some additional student to join the program during the spring semester.

**National Holidays:** CAC students and staff continue to recognize national holidays. Mrs. Mitchell's class created and shared with the all classes a Kahoots quiz over food facts for National Cooking Day. Mr. Hug's Charger Time polled the student body about their favorite homemade cookies and shared the results on National Homemade Cookie Day. Mrs. Chiddix's Charger Time class is promoting National Taco Day and have even coordinated with the cooks to have tacos on the menu that day! There are numerous other national recognition days that have been chosen for recognition throughout the month of October.

**Fundraiser:** 972 Red Wheel Fundraiser items were sold by Carbondale Attendance Center students. 46 kids sold ten or more items earning the opportunity to participate in a pizza party. Profits from the fundraiser are used to help support fieldtrip opportunities and class activities.

**Survey / Assessments:** Again this year, students and parents will be participating in the Youth Truth Survey which helps the District obtain information regarding overall school experiences. The data obtained is taken into consideration when considering changes needed to improve the culture of each school and the District as a whole.

The counselors, two junior high teachers, and Mrs. Hamit met with the ACT representative, Sherry Reed, to learn more about the ACT Aspire Periodic: Interim and Classroom Assessment options. These are much less expensive than the Summative assessments and provide much more information throughout the school year to help teacher truly track and meet the needs of students in English, math, reading, and science. We are seriously considering the implementation of this resource. A great benefit is that Sherry Reed lives in the area and can provide guidance to our teachers as needed.

Students who take the Dynamic Learn Maps (DLM) assessments have been activated within the KITE system and teachers may begin working through the testlets and embedded assessments. Students taking the regular State Assessments will be uploaded in January and begin testing mid-March.

**BLT/Action Teams:** The CAC Building Leadership Team has met, reviewed, and updated the Building Action Plan for this school year. BLT members will also be Lighthouse Team Leaders for one of the six Leadership and Culture areas in the Leader In Me implementation process. After receiving input from the staff members, they have been assigned to one of the groups; Professional Learning, Student Learning, Family Learning, Leadership Environment, Shared Leadership, and Leadership Events. The District's LIM Coach, Denicia Padgett, will be meeting with administrators, Lighthouse Coordinators, and Team Leaders on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. November 1<sup>st</sup> all staff will participate in the next professional development opportunity, Launching Leadership.