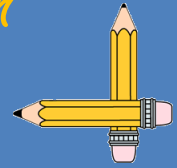


Carlstadt Public School in Action

September 2017



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Resident:

The students returned on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Full days are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 7th and 8th. It is our hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends and colleagues. This year will represent the tenth September school opening in the Carlstadt Public School. Much thanks to our excellent custodial and secretarial staff for completing the necessary building and organizational work for the new school year.

The staff and students have continued to be afforded the opportunity to become even more acquainted with the state of the art facility and the educational benefits that it has to offer. It has become evident that the housing of all students and staff has resulted in an educationally efficient setting.

Each year when school starts one only has to walk through the building and observe the shining floors, newly created bulletin boards and the “Welcome Back” signs to gain a sense of another new beginning for students, parents/guardians, and staff.

One of our continued goals this year is to continue to utilize all of the technological enhancements that are available. I would ask that you please see the technology article included in this newsletter.

The school district has also changed to trimester report cards for grades K-4. Grades 5-8 will continue to receive quarterly report cards. Pre-K progress reports will be distributed semi-annually.

Additional facility improvements continue to take place. These improvements have added to both the security and appearance of the building and property.

For parents/guardians, we remind you of the arrival and dismissal times for school:

Pre-K

A.M. Session 8:35 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

K – 8

8:35 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

One Session Day - 8:35 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Pre-K - 8:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

All K-8 students are expected to remain in school for lunch. An on site prepared lunch program is available. More detailed information will follow regarding the lunch program.

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank the residents of Carlstadt for making the Carlstadt Public School a reality. We wish all our students, staff, and parents/guardians a happy, healthy, safe and productive 2017/2018 school year.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Kollinok
Superintendent

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The YMCA will continue to have a Child Care Program in our school for the 2017-18 school year.

Enclosed in every notice for Back to School information there will be a YMCA sign-up sheet. If interested, it is important for parents to send this directly to the YMCA as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you must call the YMCA not the school.

For further information, call the YMCA at (201) 955-5300.

TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING

Technology is used throughout our school to enhance instruction for the students, to provide differentiated curriculum and to help students better understand Common Core concepts. Students use the computers on a regular basis in their classrooms and teachers prepare interactive lessons for use on their white boards or in the computer labs. Each teacher has a website or eBoard where students and parents can view classroom information. We have a variety of online tools available to us and are able to share in many ways including blogs, wikis, video-conferencing, and using the collaborative tools in Google Applications.

As part of our curriculum, we educate our students about Digital Citizenship, including Internet Safety, Communicating in an Online Community, Respecting the Work of Others, and Researching Online. Students will be participating in activities to help them to understand about the rights and responsibilities of being an online learner. All students are required to read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy and we ask that parents review this policy with your child to help them understand what it means for them. Please visit our website for other information on Cyber Safety.

Computer activities, online applications and resources are a part of many lessons, the goal being to support the objectives of the Common Core Standards and to increase student achievement. Students may be asked to complete online work at home. They can also complete work during our afterschool extra-help period and should make arrangements with the classroom teacher.

Parents can access our student information system through the Genesis Portal in grades Prek-8 to stay informed about your child's progress. For assistance: parentsupport@carlstadtps.org

We encourage all parents to visit the website at www.carlstadt.org for important information throughout the year. where homework and classroom information is posted. We look forward to an exciting year.

NO COST FUND RAISERS

There are a number of fundraisers that we maintain from year to year. These fundraisers enable us to earn money for such things as educational materials, supplies, playground equipment, etc. The following are just a sample of ways that you can help; Box Tops for Education, send in to school any box top coupon from General Mills products or shop on line through Box Tops Marketplace; sending in your used computer cartridges, these can also be collected from your workplace and brought into school; opening various charge cards such as a Target store card or Target Visa card gets designated school points; Carlstadt Public School Staff and Families can enroll in A+ Rewards Program and earn money for the school.

All of these add up to 100's of dollars that we use to purchase the above. You will be hearing from us again on ways that you can help!

E.S.S.A. -Every Student Succeeds Act

E.S.S.A. is a United States Law passed in December 2015, that governs the U.S. K-12 Public Education Policy across the country.

Every September we are required to make the public aware as to whether or not every staff member is highly qualified based on NCLB standards. I am pleased to report that our staff is 100% in conformance.

The State/Federal Government is presently using PARCC tests in grades 3 to 8, and N.J.A.S.K Science, for grades 4 and 8.

HIB

Board Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying is on the school website ALCOHOL, DRUG AND NARCOTIC USE

Board Policy 5530 will be sent home to each parent/guardian in early September. After your review and evaluation, you are encouraged to share your views with your principal.

PUPIL DISCIPLINE/CODE OF CONDUCT

Board Policy 5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct is on the school website

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The four-year-old Pre-Kindergarten a.m. program will be from 8:35-11:10 a.m. A certified teacher and aide will be working with the children. To be eligible for this tuition-based program, the child must be four years old by October 1st. If you desire further information, please contact the Principal's Office.

DISABLED STUDENTS-AGES 3-21

The Board recognizes the statutory right of any handicapped child between the ages of 3 and 21 who resides in the school district to a free public education. Ninety days before children reach their 3rd birthday, they are eligible for evaluation and possible placement in a pre-school handicapped program upon written request from the parents or guardian. Children classified as pre-school handicapped shall be recommended for placement in an appropriate program. All other provisions of NJAC 6A: 14.1.1, which guarantee the rights of handicapped pupils, shall apply to the 3 to 21 year old handicapped student population. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diana Silva at 201-672-3000.

DISCRIMINATION

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students from discrimination based on sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance. New Jersey Administrative Code 6:4, in addition, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, or social or economic status. The Board of Education hereby designates Ms. Diana Silva, as Affirmative Action Officer, to coordinate compliance efforts and to investigate any complaints of discrimination in the district. Ms. Silva can be reached at the Carlstadt Public School on 550 Washington Street at 201-672-3000. The Carlstadt Board of Education has policies prohibiting bias, harassment, discrimination and segregation, and ensuring equality in educational programs.

WORK WITH THE TEACHER FIRST IF YOU ENCOUNTER A DISAGREEMENT. . .

Don't like homework assignments? Don't think the teacher has been fair to your child? Think her approach to teaching isn't working?

There are others at school that can help you resolve a problem with your child's teacher – the school counselor or principal. But the first person you should always talk to is the teacher. Following these steps can help resolve a problem quickly:

- Set up an appointment.** Or contact the teacher by phone. The end of the day, when you're both tired, is probably not the best time for a discussion involving strong feelings.
- Seek the facts.** Talk to your child. But try not to draw conclusions or assess blame until you've talked with the teacher.
- Look for misunderstanding.** Sometimes the teacher isn't aware of a child's difficulty or confusion about a rule or assignment. Or your child might misunderstand an assignment.
- Avoid criticizing** the teacher or school in front of your child. This confuses children, and might make them become defiant and rude to teachers.
- Discuss possible solutions.** What might you, the teacher, and your child do to solve the problem at hand?
- Talk about** how best to proceed. Try to work something out with the teacher. But if you can't agree on a solution, discuss who you will talk to next.

Source: Lillian Katz, "Preventing and Resolving Parent-Teacher Differences"

READY TO LEARN

Setting up routines

Tom and Rick are close friends with similar abilities. Tom does well in school, but Rick struggles. He often seems tired and misses assignments.

Why the difference? One reason is that Tom's family establishes daily routines to help him do his best. Consider the routines below to make your child feel more...

Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing tape and ask him to be dressed and ready by the time it's over. *Tip:* On Sundays, have him put each day's outfit for the coming week on hangers labeled Monday through Friday.

Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your youngster healthy choices. *Examples:* a whole-wheat bagel with peanut butter; orange juice blended with fruit and yogurt; instant oatmeal.

Connected. Talking about the school day lets your child know you care: Ask him to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt him with specific questions, such as "Which multiplication tables did you practice?"

Rested. A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Suggest that your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories, or talk quietly with you.

FOR THE LOVE OF READING

What's the best way to create a lifelong reader? *Answer:* Reading together. Reading is free, fun, and will bring you and your child closer. Find a time each day when you and your youngster can get cozy and enjoy a good book.

Here are three tips to help you choose stories:

1. Ask librarians, friends, and teachers for recommendations. *Tip:* If your child doesn't already have a library card, sign him/ her up!

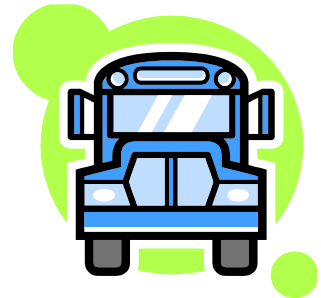
2. Find books that expand your youngster's interests (insects, outer space), deal with an event (a new baby, a visit to the dentist), and build character (friendship, truthfulness).

3. Pick stories for both information and enjoyment. Try real and make-believe stories and poems as well as children's magazines.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

The Carlstadt Board of Education provides a tuition-free education to students who are eligible and who are domiciled in Carlstadt. For this purpose, a student may either reside with his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who reside within Carlstadt.

If you have any question regarding enrolling a student please call 201-672-3000.



**SCHOOL OPENED WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6th 8:35 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

DRIVE SAFELY

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