

Carbondale Attendance Center Parent Informer – October 2017

A Message from Mr. Flax – September has come and gone, and finally it is autumn. October is here and will rush by, I am sure. We have already had a few days of true fall weather, and I am hopeful that summer heat is gone for the year. That being said, the temperature fluctuates so much this time of year. You might remind your children (and I know you do, just as we do) to bring a sweater or a jacket...and to know where it is. Our lost and found is just stacked already with items of clothing. I remind students during morning assembly, but very few of them stop and check. I hope the fall is a great time for you and your families. Let's enjoy it before winter sets in.

Evacuation and Lock-Down Drills – We will be having a lock-down drill in the next few weeks, as well as a building evacuation drill. We have a building crisis plan and a team in place to manage drills and real emergencies. Every year we are supposed to run a drill for these events. I like to wait for a bit cooler weather for the entire building to evacuate to the football field. If there was a real emergency, parents would be notified through the alert system from the district office. I want you all to know that we always follow the protocol in our crisis plan. That includes the way we release students to parents when they request it during an emergency. I will make sure that plan is available to you so you will understand how and why we manage emergency situations the way we do.

Fundraiser – I want to thank everyone for their support of our Red Wheel fundraiser, and to remind everyone that the delivery date is this Wednesday (tomorrow). I will be sending that information in the same alert that I send this newsletter, and then I will send another reminder Wednesday morning. Each student who sold items will have the entire order boxed for them and for you to pick up Wednesday between 3:30-5:30 in the cafeteria. We sold quite a few items, and I am happy that we made a profit of just under \$6000 for our spring semester trips. I am hopeful that we will not ask parents to help pay for any field trips during the second semester this year.

Basketball Season – We are getting ready to begin girls' basketball season, with practice beginning Wednesday after school. We will host several games at Carbondale throughout the rest of the semester. I want our students to attend the games when possible. However, I want to remind parents of the elementary students (grades 4-6 in our building) that those children must attend school activities with a parent or other adult. Every year Mr. Hug, Mrs. Hamit and I spend quite a bit of time at ball games watching and taking care of the young students who are unattended. Please make sure that your child is only at school games with you or someone you have designated to bring them.

Spirit Week – We will be having our SFTJH Spirit Week the week of October 23. The student council and the counseling department will be making plans for that week's activities. This, as every year, is in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Every year there is excitement about the dress-up days. I appreciate that the students participate at a very high level. It does not cost anything for them to participate each day, so I don't want you to think that you have to go out and buy anything for them to wear or bring. The things students come up with are usually very creative and a lot of fun. I know that every day during morning assembly the staff gets a big treat seeing what they come up with and how they interpret the spirit of the day. We hope to get some pictures posted on the website and Facebook during that week so you can enjoy it as well.

Hurricane Relief – You may have read in the Osage County paper that we have made a donation to the Red Cross to assist with the hurricane relief efforts. We designated all proceeds from concessions at two junior high volleyball matches and an evening of football with our teams and the high school freshmen team to go to this effort. I can't tell you off the top of my head (since I am writing this at home during the Chiefs' game) exactly how much we earned for that, but I believe it to be just over \$1000. I am gratified that we can contribute to that. Thanks for always supporting our school activities.

Reminders –

School Pictures – I will be sending an alert about the deadlines for school photo orders in the next couple of weeks.

Homecoming – We had a great time hosting the homecoming parade and pep rally. Thanks to all the parents who greeted everyone as they entered Carbondale on the highways, and for decorating the town and school property so well. It was great to celebrate that at CAC.

Site Council – I am looking for several parents to serve on the site council. The first meeting of the year will be next Tuesday at 6:00. We will meet in the school library. If you have any interest at all please attend. Even if you have no interest, I would be glad to have you at the meeting. There are four meetings a year, two for just CAC and two in combination with the rest of the district site councils. Consider joining.

Items for your Calendars:

- 10/3 PTO Meeting in CAC Library 6:30
- 10/4 Girls' Basketball Practice begins
- 10/4 Red Wheel Fundraiser Pick-Up in CAC Lunch Room 3:30-5:30
- 10/5 Football at Ottawa 4:00
- 10/5 Cross Country at Osage City 4:00
- 10/9 No School – Columbus Day
- 10/10 CAC Site Council Meeting in CAC Library 6:00
- 10/11 BOE Meeting at SAC 6:00
- 10/12 League Cross Country Meet at Wellsville 3:30
- 10/16 League Vocal Clinic at Prairie View 9:00 Departure/ Concert at 7:00
- 10/16 Fifth Grade to Stone Nature Ropes Course 9:30-12:30
- 10/19 GBB vs Burlington at CAC 4:15
- 10/20 No School – Teacher Prep Day
- 10/20 Quarter 1 Report Cards are Printed
- 10/23 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- 10/24 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- 10/26 GBB vs. Anderson County at CAC 4:15
- 10/27 No School
- 10/30 No School – Staff Development Day
- 10/30 Wrestling at Central Heights 4:00
- 10/30 GBB vs. Iola at CAC 4:15
- 10/31 4-6 Halloween Activities