

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent
From: Mr. Michael Flax, Principal
Date: 5 March 2015
Re: BOE Report

The following is a report of the activities and events at the Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High from February leading into March.

Activities Update – We have begun the Quiz Bowl season with two meets completed. The seventh grade team, coached by Tina McIver, finished second in the SFTJH Invitational last week and fourth at Holton this past Monday. The eighth grade team, coached by Pat Lira, has not medaled at this time. However, they were in a four-way tie for first place but lost on the tie-breaker system. Today they travel to Jeff West for a 4:00 tournament. The district calendar shows quiz bowl on Monday, March 9 at Atchison County. We will not be attending that as the junior high band students are participating in the League Band Clinic that day at Burlington. We did replace that tournament with the Central Heights event on Tuesday, March 10. We will also begin track practice this next week. At this time approximately 80 students have signed up to participate. Our first track meet is April 7 at Osawatomie.

Eighth Grade Fundraiser – The eighth grade class have just completed their Red Wheel food sales fundraiser. Students sold food items or could opt for the buyout of \$50. Food items will be delivered to school on Wednesday, March 25. Mrs. Kayla Chiddix, eighth grade class sponsor, and Mrs. Theresa Courtwright are managing the fundraiser. The eighth grade class uses this money for their Worlds of Fun trip and the recognition ceremony at the end of the year. On a side note, the PTO began an additional spring fundraiser. It does not require any selling or door-to-door soliciting. Packets were sent out today.

Discipline Report – We have had 35 office referrals this quarter. 28 of those resulted in a detention being assigned. One in-school suspension and two out-of-school suspensions were issued. Four bus referrals were made. This is just about one-half of the number we had last quarter. The staff did give some attention to the sixth grade students regarding their second quarter issues (sixth graders were accountable for more than one-half of the discipline referrals last quarter) and I believe that has made a difference this semester.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – The parent-student-teacher conferences for the seventh and eighth graders are nearing completion. It is our goal to have all of them done by Spring Break. From my own experience, and from feedback from the teachers, these are going very well for the most part. It is a big change in approach for those who are doing conferences in this manner. For seventh grade students the focus of the meetings is a review of the Aspire test results that we took in the fall. After that review, parents and students are signing up for elective classes for next year. The eighth grade conferences spend time in review of Aspire as well. The majority of the eighth grade conference is spent talking about high school, pre-enrollment information, and college and career ready planning. Eighth grade conferences last approximately an hour. Teachers are managing six conferences for eighth graders or twelve conferences for seventh graders. Mrs. Chiddix, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Hamit and I are hosting additional conferences for both grade levels.

Drug Testing - We continue to draw students for the random drug testing weekly. To this point we have had zero positive test results from our submissions. With the limited number of students in the pool we have found had several students' numbers drawn multiple times. We have only tested one student a second time. That was due to my entering the date for the first test in the wrong spot. He was tested two months apart. We are not testing this next week due to Spring Break.