

TO: Dr. Steve Pegram  
FROM: Mr. Michael Flax  
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RE: May BOE Report

The following is a summary of building activities and reports for the end of the year at the Carbondale Attendance Center / Santa Fe Trail Junior High.

Preparation for Next Year – We are busy thinking through the rearrangement of the building as we prepare for next year. I am excited to bring another grade level to Carbondale, and also at the thought of a full building. There will be a few teachers moving classrooms, and some modifications to classrooms will be necessary to accommodate the needs of the incoming fourth and fifth grade students. We are glad to welcome several of the staff from SAC, as I look forward to working with them again.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition – By the time the BOE meets, we will have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition exercises. Thanks, in advance and in retrospect, to those on the BOE who were able to participate with us. I appreciate the opportunity to use the high school gymnasium for this activity. Thanks go out to the CAC and SFT maintenance crews for their set-up and take-down efforts, and to Mrs. Gates for providing music for us. This is an interesting group of students, and we wish them well as they move on.

Art Show – Due to the anticipation of severe weather we canceled our yearly art show late in April. We did invite parents and students to visit the display in the north wing of the building. The large piece of art that was created by our advanced art students and the high school art class will hang in our gymnasium. Sally Riggs does a tremendous job with the art students at SAC and CAC. Our art program is one of which we should be very proud. The advanced art students, along with a few SFT students, did travel to the Kemper Gallery in Kansas City prior to our art show.

Track – We will complete our track season this afternoon (Thursday, May 5) at the Pioneer League Track Meet. It is at Burlington with a 2:00 starting time. The teams have done very well this season, with many of our athletes breaking personal bests regularly. I am hopeful we will be able to hang a championship banner in the gym after this meet. Thanks to Dr. Pegram, Tom Fenton, Makenzie Heberling, and Eric Lynch for their work with the track team.

End-of-Year Activities – Each grade level will be celebrating achievements this fourth quarter. The seventh and eighth grade students traveled (or will travel) to the Ed and Gretta Hug farm for some outdoor activities. The students' favorite activity there is running and jumping in the creek. Due to the heavy rains we have had this last couple of weeks, the creeks are full and running. The fifth and sixth grade students will participate in both indoor and outdoor activities for a full day the last week of school. Eighth grade students will be headed to Worlds of Fun next Tuesday

for the annual class trip. The annual field day was a great success yesterday, with students from grades K-6 participating. Thanks to the seventh grade students for their help in running the events at field day. And Linda Cunningham and Kayla Chiddix did a great job planning the event. It will be nice to wrap up the year with fun activities and celebrations for the students.

Pat Lira Retirement – It is with sadness that I watch Pat Lira retire. She was on my original staff when I began in the district, and I am gratified that I had fourteen years working with her. At her request there will be no formal retirement reception. As a staff we will be celebrating with cake one day next week. Thank you, Pat, for your work with our students and for our district.

[Submitted by Michael Flax](#)