



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

**Board of Education Report**

**February 2019**

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

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

**Date:** January 31

**Re:** February BOE Report

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first semester of the year and are well into the second. Boys' basketball is in full swing and our student clubs, KAY and FBLA, have been active as well. The CAC staff has been flexible, making adjustments due to the extra days off and our janitors have worked very hard battling the snow and ice to keep everyone safe.

**Behaviors:** Throughout the month of January four students were issued in-school suspensions and 15 served lunch or afterschool detentions.

We have some teachers and classes participating in the Great Kindness Challenge taking place January 28-February 1<sup>st</sup>. Simple things such as giving a kind smile and slipping a complement to others can make a huge difference in the life of others and require little effort on our part.

**Sports:** The boys' basketball teams have completed the first half of their season. The 7<sup>th</sup>-grade teams have had more wins than losses. The 8<sup>th</sup>-grade and Instructional teams have played hard but have not achieved as many wins. The season will wrap-up on February 21<sup>st</sup> at home against Iola. Track practice will begin at the end of the month!

**Scholars Bowl:** Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students have begun practicing once or twice a week during Charger Time for the scholars bowl events. Their first competition will be in Burlington on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**KAY Events:** Ten JH KAY members attended the Unit Conference in Osawatomie on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The kids participated in several break-out sessions and brought home numerous ideas for they hope to implement at CAC. KAY students have also provided helping hands during Grandparent/VIP Days guiding guests to the appropriate classrooms. They are also gearing up for the Valentine sucker sales which will take place February 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Profits will help offset the expenses for KAY members to attend the Kansas Leadership Camp this summer.

**FBLA:** 50 JH members planned to attend the District VII FBLA conference at Emporia State University on January 30<sup>th</sup> to participate in a variety of business competitions. However, due to school cancellation the students did not make the trip. They will have the opportunity to go to the State Conference, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Kansas ExpoCentre. The number of entries will be limited at this competition, but the sponsors will make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate.

**STARBASE 2.0:** The spring STARBASE 2.0 session is focusing on crime scene investigations and engineering. This is very different from the fall semester but the students really seem to enjoy the activities. Mrs. Dobbs has done a great job working with the STARBASE personnel and with the students to get this program established as an opportunity at CAC.

**National Holidays:** A few classes have chosen holiday to recognize in February. However, the staff is starting off the month by enjoying National Homemade Soup Day, February 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure there will be plenty of soup to taste and we welcome you to stop by for lunch.

**Student Recognition:** The grade-level spelling bee took place on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and three winners from each grade participated in the school spelling bee on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>-grader Tristan Spangler and 4<sup>th</sup>-grader Elizabeth Molt will be representing Carbondale Attendance Center at the Osage County Spelling Bee in Melvern on February 7<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>-grade student, Owen Lattimer is the second runner up and will attend if Tristan or Elizabeth are not able to.

**Leader In Me:** The Action Teams are beginning to meet on a regular basis and have established their current focus areas and goals. The Shared Leadership Action Team has identified two building leadership roles for students. The application process has been set-up, students have applied, and those selected will begin their building leadership responsibilities soon.

Several Advanced Art students are working on a mural in the north entrance of our building. Many students submitted ideas and along with Mrs. Riggs, TJ and I chose the design. A couple of the other ideas we felt would be great in other locations and have set them aside to work on at a later time.