



Carbondale Attendance Center Board of Education Report Submitted Friday, December 4th, 2020

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USD 434 Board Members,

COVID has once again made things challenging for us in the last few weeks. We have worked our way through remote learning most recently. Staff report that though student work has not been perfect, student engagement with content and attendance for mandatory online sessions with teachers has been much improved. Hats off to the teachers and staff for their tireless work keeping the instructional train running while we have been remotely teaching and learning.

Per Board of Education direction, all parents of junior high students in grades six and seven have been given the option to opt their student into the Summit platform second semester (those results will be presented to the Board on a separate document). We are developing plans for launching both Summit and non-Summit instruction platforms in sixth and seventh grade in January. We are continuing to resolve changing student class schedules according to parent requests, and the shuffling of student schedules will be communicated to parents as soon as it is complete. Concurrently, revisions to the bell schedule for second semester should allow us to stretch the length of the daily core instructional periods by eight minutes per class per staff suggestions to do so.

Through data analysis we have identified a small number of students that still need to complete specific sections of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing as a result of absences. Those makeup sessions should be completed this week. This is important academic data to evaluate placement and implement interventions for students needing additional supports.

The wrestling season is now complete, and Girls basketball will finish this week. We were able to pick up makeup game at home on Tuesday the 8th and on Monday the 14th for our girls, to go with regularly scheduled games on Monday the 7th and Thursday the 10th. KSHSAA has prohibited spectators through January, and arrangements have been made to stream games for our families to watch the action for the rest of both the Girls and Boys seasons. Boys basketball practice is slated to start the week of Monday December 14th.

We wrapped up the annual K.A.Y charity food drive before Thanksgiving. Ms. Amborski was able to deliver over 500 items to the Topeka Rescue Mission for the holidays thanks to the charity of our communities.

With Thanksgiving behind us the end of the second quarter is now less than two weeks away. Staff are helping our students focus on task completion and submission to prepare for the end of the grading period and winter break. As a school we will be reaching out to our parents this week to keep them in the loop on grades as the quarter draws to a close.

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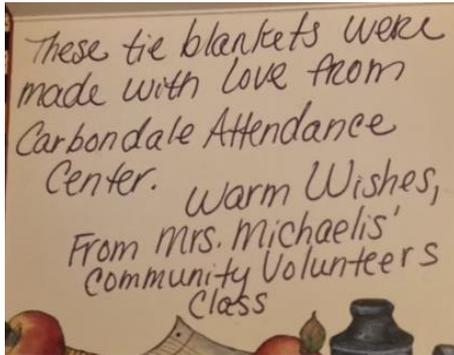
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Ashley Michaelis had her class making tie blankets that were then donated to Brookside Retirement Community in Overbrook recently. Our kids are going out of their way to make the holidays warm for elderly members of our communities.



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Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Ben O'Dell.

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