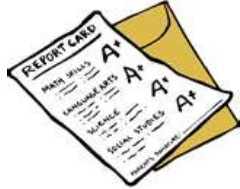


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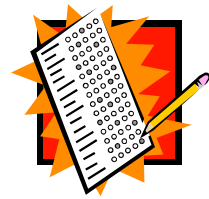
Reports Card Distribution

Report Cards will go home on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. You are encouraged to make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher if you want to discuss the report card.

Congratulations Carnegie Students!

Carnegie students participated in the Catch People Reading Literacy Contest during the winter break. On Wednesday, January 19, 2011 we were notified that Carnegie won. Our prize is a concert by Che "Rhymefest" Smith. The date of the concert is to be determined.

Steps for Testing Success



The Illinois State Assessment Test will be administered February 28, 2011 through March 11, 2011. Students in grades 3 – 8 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and writing. Students in grades 4 and 7 will also take a science test.

There are many ways, as a parent, that you can help your child to be successful:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats properly the day of a test.
- Maintain a pleasant home environment; avoid conflicts.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Wish your child good luck. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- Get your child to school on time the days of the test.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.



February

2	Report Cards Sent Home
11	Staff Development No Classes
21	Presidents' Day No Classes
28	ISAT Testing Begins



Playground Supervision

Playground supervision does not begin until 8:30 a.m., and students are expected to leave for home immediately after school unless they are involved in an extra-curricular activity supervised by a teacher. The school cannot take responsibility for students who are left on their own before 8:30 a.m. or after school is dismissed



Visitors

Parents, please help us to ensure student safety by always using the main doors to enter and exit the school. All parents and visitors to the school must report to the office upon arrival to sign in and pick up a badge to show students that you are a known visitor. When you leave the school, please return your badge to the office and sign out.

Teachers are not permitted to hold parent conferences after 8:55 a.m. or any time the children are present. Conferences held after 8:55 a.m. must be scheduled with the teacher during his/her break.



No Grades ... No Sports ... No Kidding

Andrew Carnegie School is proud of its academic and sports records, but we must remember that our first priority is to provide the best education possible to our students.

If any athlete receives a failing grade at the end of a marking period, the student shall not be permitted to participate on any Carnegie athletic team in any way (practices, travel, etc.) until grades have reached acceptable levels, C or better.

Our mission is to prepare children for educational success beyond Carnegie. Your child doesn't have to be a "phenom" to play sports in high school and college. The only absolute qualification is academic standards.

State of Illinois Mandates Period of Silence

On January 12, 2011, the United States District Court lifted its injunction on the implementation of the Illinois Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. This means that the Act is now in effect and that all Chicago Public Schools must comply with its requirements.

The Act states:

In each public school classroom the teacher in charge shall observe a brief period of silence with the participation of all the pupils therein assembled at the opening of every school day. This period shall not be conducted as a religious exercise but shall be an opportunity for silent prayer or for silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

CPS suggests 15 seconds be allocated for the period of silence.