

# Cougar Chronicle

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**Students are not required to wear uniforms the last week of school, Wednesday, June 8 – 17, 2011. Short-shorts, pajama bottoms, or revealing clothing are not proper school attire.**

As we are coming to the close of another school year, we know that many of you are making plans for your family's summer activities. Equally important is helping your child maintain their academic skills over the summer. No matter what plans you have, please include time for your child to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading.

The end of the year seems to always bring about some changes and this year is no exception. The current economic crisis in this country is affecting many industries and school systems have not been exempt. Presently, CPS is projecting a nearly \$700 million deficit. As of this day, CPS has not released budgets for individual schools. We are working on contingency plans and expect some staffing changes. Please be assured that student achievement remains our first priority. Teachers will be assigned to classrooms according to the certificates held and the need of the school.

The school calendar for next year is included with this newsletter. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. There have been reports that the new CPS administration wants to lengthen the school day and year. As of this date, we do not have confirmation that this will happen. Check the Carnegie Website, [www.carnegieschool.com](http://www.carnegieschool.com), for updates. Remember, this is not just a Carnegie problem; this is reality for every school in the CPS network. We know that you will be understanding and work with us during this most difficult economic time.

Mrs. Sheila Williams and Mrs. Kathy Threat will be retiring at the end of this school year after teaching many years at Carnegie. We send our best wishes with each of these individuals as they begin their new endeavors.

Thanks to each of our staff members for your commitment and dedication to our students. Your extra time and effort, much of which extends beyond the school day, is greatly appreciated!

In addition, we want to take this opportunity to congratulate each of our students on a fantastic year! Best wishes to our 8th grade students as they transition to high school next fall. Each of

## Important June Dates

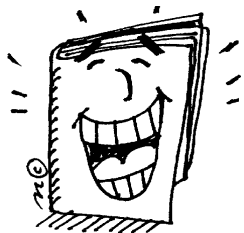
8	Awards Presentations
10	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Luncheon
11	PTA Fun Fair Noon to 4:00 p.m.
13	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
16	No School for Students
17	Last Day of School 10:00 a.m. Dismissal
22	Summer School Begins

you has worked very hard and gained valuable knowledge that will benefit you for the rest of your lives.

Parents, your support and commitment to your child's education are vital and appreciated, thank you. We want to thank you again for all your comments and suggestions this year, on many different topics. We very much appreciate the input; we can't always tell how our actions and responses to issues are perceived by students or parents, so your feedback is very important to us.

We would also encourage you to let us know when something has worked particularly well. One of the major rewards of teaching is knowing that you have made a difference. If your child has had a good year, learned a lot, or appreciated something special about a particular teacher, one of the best and most appreciated things you can do is write a short note to that teacher letting him or her know about it.

### **Book Return**



Please help us out by checking at home for misplaced books. We expect that all student textbooks will be returned in reasonable condition. With the escalating costs of texts and library books, it is essential that books are returned or the cost of the books is recovered. Report cards or transfers will not be issued to students who owe money for books or lunch. We appreciate your help in looking after our resources by helping to find and return school books.

### **Report Cards**

When you receive your child's report card, it will include a one-pager from the new teacher letting you know what supplies are needed for September 2011.

### **Awards Assembly**



Academic Awards Celebration will be held in each classroom on June 8<sup>th</sup>; beginning at 9:30 a.m. Since this is a festive occasion, each classroom will decorate the outside of their door to make it attractive; artwork, banners, flowers, balloons, etc. Junior Mentor, Science, and Sports Awards will be given in the gym beginning at 10:15 a.m.

### **PTA Fun Fair**



The PTA Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 in the Carnegie School playground and parking lot from noon until 4:00 p.m. The Fair is free for Carnegie students. Parent volunteers are needed.

All of us at Carnegie wish you and your family the best for a healthy, happy, safe summer. See you in the fall! **School resumes Tuesday, September 6, 2011.**