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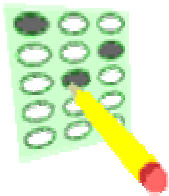
Andrew Carnegie Elementary School
Marlene P. Heath, Principal

March 2011
Jean Pate, Assistant Principal



STUDENTS ENTER THE BUILDING AT 9:00 A.M. INSTRUCTION BEGINS AT 9:10 A.M.
Carnegie does not provide before school care. If you are unable to pick your child up at 2:45, Youth Guidance provides an after-school program until 6:00 p.m. for \$65 per week.

For more information, contact Tarisha Washington, Carnegie Community Resource Coordinator at 312-804-0016.



ISAT Testing

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) will be administered Tuesday, March 8, to Friday, March 18, to students in grades 3 - 8. One 45 minute test will be given each day. These last-minute, test-prep tips and strategies will help them relax and do their

best.

- Remind your child that the test is important.
- Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely.
- Make certain your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast before taking the test.
- Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.
- Remind your child that it is okay to mark in the test booklet as a help in taking the test, but to mark all answers on the answer sheet.



7	Pulaski Day No Classes
8	ISAT Testing Begins LSC Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
9	Progress Reports Sent Home
18	ISAT Testing Ends
21	PAC Meeting, 9:30 a.m.



Breakfast in the Classroom Begins April 5, 2011

Beginning April 5, students will no longer enter the building early to have breakfast. Food service prepares simple yet health menu items.

Students pick up their food when they enter the building.

Students eat at their desk while the teacher takes attendance and does other morning activities.

After 10-15 minutes, students clean up their desk and put the trash into plastic

trash bags.

Breakfast in the Classroom is a great idea and works very well in elementary schools. At the beginning of each school day all students are offered the opportunity to eat breakfast in their classroom at **NO CHARGE** regardless of family income. Only breakfast provided by the school is allowed. (No food from home may be eaten in the classroom during breakfast.)

One advantage of Breakfast in the Classroom is students begin their day nourished and ready to learn. Breakfast improves academic scores while reducing absenteeism, classroom disruptions, and trips to the school nurse.