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Arleta Ingram wins DRIVE Award

The first question on the DRIVE nomination form asks, “How does this teacher go “above and beyond” to provide educational opportunities for students?” It was hard to limit the answer to the 1.5 pages that they allotted. Arleta Ingram is the science lab teacher who officially serves students in grades 4 – 8; however, due to her passion for teaching she makes herself, classroom and resources available for all students. The lab is inviting, attractive and nurturing. You can always find inquisitive students lurking around the lab after school. Because Ms. Ingram believes that it takes everyone to educate children, she uses her knowledge of resources to provide educational opportunities for all students. She is not restricted by quitting time or time off, but makes education an around the clock process. Just this past quarter, Ms. Ingram took a group of students to the Museum of Science & Industry for the “*Asleep under the Stars*” overnight excursion. A trip to a night game of the Chicago Bulls turned into a lesson on math and physics. Thanks to Ms. Ingram, Carnegie students were the only elementary school students in the state to be involved in Six Flags Physics Day. She is responsible for bringing in problem-solving and team building experiences such as the Lego’s Engineers on site field trip where students had to engineer a vehicle using Lego blocks.

Because of Ms. Ingram and her consistent encouragement of students to push themselves to the limit in all they do, as a school, we have received numerous recognitions beyond our school walls. Pictures of our students were featured on large posters advertising the 2009 CMSI Annual Conference that was attended by Bill Kurtis, Art Norman and Diane Briars. Ms. Ingram spearheaded the process of students in earning participation points and our school was featured as School of the Month with the National Aerospace Initiative for the month of May in 2009, and our school was awarded the GEO Explorers honor as one of 10 schools through the Office of Math & Science. As coach of the Academic Bowl Team, she led the students to a second place victory.

Thank you Ms. Stem for nominating Ms. Ingram.



For Your Information

Parents of 6th-8th grade students are invited to one of three identical information sessions at

locations across the city to learn what types of high schools and programs are available and how to apply. One additional session will be held on a Saturday. The sessions run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following days:

November 8: TBA (South Side)
November 9: Lane Tech High School, Western & Addison
November 10: Saucedo Elementary School, 23rd Place and California

Check cps.edu for details on the November 8 location. Representatives from the offices of College and Career Preparation, Career and Technical Education, Academic Enhancement, and Special Education and Supports will attend to answer questions.



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.

Report Card Pickup

On Wednesday, November 17, 2010, Chicago Public Schools will hold the first-quarter report-card pickup for elementary schools. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the

importance of picking up report cards and talking to teachers. This is the time to address any difficulties your children might be having before we advance too far into the school year. These conferences are particularly important to make sure that students are not having difficulties that might affect them on the upcoming ISAT or with other promotion criteria.



Double Dutch Competition

The following teams advanced to the Regional Double Dutch competition: 5/6 singles, 7/8

singles, 7/8 doubles. The regional competition will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at King High School, 4445 S. King Drive at 9:00 a.m. Thank you coaches, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Roberson.

Cross Country Competition

The boys' 7/8 cross country team advanced to the city championship. The competition will be held Saturday, October 30, 2010 at Horner Park located at Melrose and California Streets.



Happy Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is the time of year when we pause and consider the things for which we are thankful for our wonderful, hard

working children. We are thankful for a staff that goes above and beyond the call of duty as they teach and inspire our children. We are thankful for parents who continuously partner with us to ensure that children receive the best education possible. Have a happy, restful Thanksgiving



Important November Dates

- 8 Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9 LSC, 6:00 p.m.
- 10-19 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11 Veterans Day
School Closed
- 12 End of Quarter 1
Staff Day Only
- 17 Report Card Pickup
12:00 – 3:00 Conferences
3:00 – 3:45 Lunch Break
3:45 – 6:15 Conferences
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday