

Board meeting summary

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

March 15-16 No school

April 2-6 Spring Break, no school

Assessment: The teachers continue to prepare unit plans and create formative assessments for the new common core standards. High School Juniors met with Mrs. Edging and Mrs. Angel last week and set their ACT goals. They have set a goal of 21.5 for this year, which would be an increase of over two points. Learning clubs are meeting in all three schools and sharing ideas as well as studying strategies from the CASL book. With testing beginning in approximately two months, review sessions are gearing up and teachers are making final preparations. High school will be testing for the first time this year using ACT end of course exams. The exams will be given on-line and we will get immediate feedback on the multiple choice portion of the test. The testing window for the end of course exams will be April 30-May 11 and at the middle and elementary school, it will be May 7-11.

College & Career Readiness indicators- The 5th and 6th grade students will participate in a career fair with Hickman county students on March 27th. The high school will participate in the state initiative Operation Preparation during the week of March 12-14.

Carlisle County will be participating in this State initiative in several ways. Seniors will be asked to sign a banner showing where they are going to school or what branch of the military they are going into, an announcement will be made by the guidance counselor each day with information on college/career readiness and facts about the benefits of post-secondary education, a letter will be sent home to parents outlining all activities for the week, several post-secondary institutions will be on hand one day to advise students on college choices and benefits, and finally, mentors in several different professions will be present one day during the week to counsel underclassmen on career choices.

The dates for Operation Preparation are March 12-14 and all events will be held at the high school. We encourage anyone who wants to volunteer to get involved in this opportunity to help all the students at Carlisle County to reach their potential. For more information, please call 628-3800 and ask to talk to either Angel Thompson (ext. 4400), Jay Simmons (ext. 7002), or Lisa Adams (ext. 6031)

COMPASS testing is also continuing at the High School. This is an ACT type test that is give after the ACT for students who did not meet the bench marks to qualify in college. The students are given interventions in areas they did not qualify in and then if they pass the compass, they can take college courses without remediation. In house testing continues in the Elementary and Middle schools and the results at both schools show significant improvement since the beginning of the year, especially in the early grades at the elementary school.

Special education: The Kentucky Continuous Monitoring Process (KCMP) document for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 reporting periods have been submitted to KDE for approval. The district

continues to maintain 100% compliance in all Indicators. Indicators include transition, evaluation timelines, successful graduation rate of students with IEPs, dropout rate of students with special needs, and proficient rates and progress of students with special needs. Preschool indicators are also included on the KCMP document.

Middle/High School Life Skills Special education teacher Amanda Cox presented Response to Intervention training to the middle school staff in November 2011 during a teacher planning day. Response to Intervention involves making accommodations in the classroom and providing intensive intervention to students struggling in the classroom. Dr. Pam Matlock, Murray State University, presented to the middle school staff differentiated instruction and inclusion of all students in the regular education classroom

CSI: CSI has had its best year so far with around 30 students attending 30 days or more. 21st CCLC considers 30 days to be the important mark for impacting a student's success with the following highlights:

- Our afterschool year program will end on March 19th.
- CSI represented Carlisle Co in the 1st Region Archery tournament at Trigg Co High School. Our students performed very well and are excited about competing in the future.
- Guitar lessons are going well with Ken Jewell and Kathleen Webb teaching.
- Students are taking their last Saturday trip for the year to Cardinal Lanes for a bowling trip.
- We have already planned three of our four weeks in the summer. Jason Lindsey (Hooked on Science) is leading one week. Teri Lampkins with Takeoffs is leading a week all about aeronautics. Week three is Survivor week with lots of outdoor stuff. Week four will focus on the students using their imaginations to create art projects.

Operation Preparation Update: Operation Preparation is off to a great start here! Monday morning started with 11 community mentors meeting individually with sophomores discussing their career interests while reviewing the students' ILPs. Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Adams who contacted the community members and organized the day's event. The teachers spent time during first period reflecting with students about the importance of being college and career ready. Pepsi provided us an enormous banner to hang in the hallway, and tomorrow, our seniors will be signing it sharing where they are going to college and planned major. On Wednesday, Mrs. Thompson has planned a mini college/career/military fair. The Air Evac Life team members will land their helicopter on the soccer and provide our students a tour while discussing careers available in the medical field. Wednesday is a Alma Mater day, the faculty and staff have been asked to wear a shirt representing their alma maters.

July 31, August 1-2 Professional Development, teachers only

August

7 Opening day

8 First Day for students

31 Planning Day, no school

September

3 Labor Day, no school

October

1-5 Fall Break, no school

8 Planning Day, no school

November

6 Planning Day, no school

21-23 Thanksgiving, no school

December

19 Dismiss at noon

20-31 No school

January

1-2 No school

21 MLK Day, no school

February

15 No school, possible make-up day

18 No school, possible make-up day

March

7 Planning Day, no school, possible make-up day

8 No school, possible make-up day

April

1-5 Spring Break, no school

May

22 Last day for students (subject to change)

23 Closing Day

(Graduation date is not established until last day of school is determined depending on make-up days)

The amended school calendar for the current year was approved. Make up time has been completed and provided there are no weather issues the remainder of the year will follow the school calendar. May 16 is the last day for students, May 17 Closing Day for teachers, and May 18 is graduation. Approval was given for maintenance on the middle school roof with Garland Company that extends the warranty 10 years. Change order #2 was proved for the construction project for kitchen equipment accessories. While the superintendent screening committee is still reviewing the 10 applications received, the board did discuss the process and planned on potential interview dates once the committee's recommendation is received.

A look back at the March 3, 1961 meeting of the Carlisle County School Board: Representatives of the Bardwell PTA requested that running water and indoor rest rooms be added to the Bardwell Colored Elementary. Carl Anderson was requested to inspect the high school library skylight for water leaks and make repairs. A request for early graduation was tabled until a recommendation was received from Principal O.J. Mitchell.