

## CARL SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **Important Dates**

Please see the calendar on page 3 for additional dates.

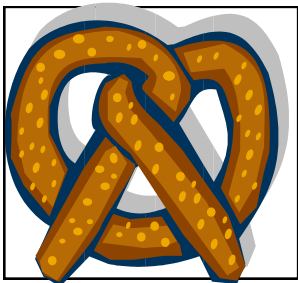
- March 28th —April 13th, PARCC Testing
- April 14th—Special Holiday, No School
- April 17th—No School
- April 27th—Early Release Day, 7:45—11:00 am
- April 28th—Spring Pictures



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We are a Box Tops for Education participating school. Box tops can be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Dach our building coordinator.



Dear Carl Sandburg Families,

The third quarter has ended and report cards will be sent. We are now setting our sights on the upcoming PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) exams. The PARCC will be taken during the weeks of March 27th through April 21st. The exams have been scheduled by grade levels and have been broken down into different sessions so that the students are not testing for extended periods of time in one day. Our teachers and staff have done an excellent job of helping to prepare our students to be successful on these exams. As always, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's life.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jenkins  
Carl Sandburg  
Principal

Box Tops for Education



We would like to thank those who brought in Box Tops for Education! We turned in \$71.10! Thank you for all of your support!

### **Free Dental Clinic**



This is to remind you that a dental exam is required for all Illinois students in **sixth grade by May 15th**. Students who do not have a dental exam on file may have their report card withheld until an exam is received. If your child has seen the dentist in the last 18 months (November 15, 2015 to present), please call the dental office for a copy of the exam report and bring it to the school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Did you know** that breakfast is considered the most important meal of the day? The brain needs glucose to perform, and without breakfast the body will have low energy and students may have trouble concentrating in class. It is important to make sure all students are eating a hearty, healthy breakfast in the morning, especially with PARCC testing coming up.

## MEDIEVAL TIMES-SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP MAY 5, 2017



The sixth grade team is planning its annual field trip to Medieval Times in Schaumburg, IL. Our trips have been extremely successful, and the kids and families had a blast!

The date of the field trip is Friday, **May 5, 2017**. The cost is \$60.00. Included in this price is the charter bus, matinee show, chicken, bread, corn on the cob, potatoes, a beverage, and a cookie. We recognize that this is pricy. However, you may start paying at any time for the field trip. It may be helpful to pay a little at a time so that you don't have to pay the greater amount all at once. Also, there are fundraising opportunities that could lower this cost. All payments must be made by April 21, 2017. Due to the fact that we have to pay for the charter buses whether your child is in attendance that day or not, payments are non-refundable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

### Payment Plan Ideas

All payment plans are calculated with the start date of 9/11/16.

Weekly: \$5

Every two weeks: \$10

Monthly: \$20.00

### Parent Chaperones

Parents or adult family members who want to join us on our trip to Medieval Times will need to pay the full cost. Chaperones will be taken on a first come, first served basis with an equitable amount per homeroom. Chaperones are always welcome to drive themselves/follow the buses to Medieval Times and still enjoy the day with us! However, students in attendance must ride the charter bus to and from Medieval Times. Chaperones who drive still have to pay \$40 for the show and meal.

**Contact your child's teacher if interested.**

### IN THE NEWS....

#### **FREEPORT BAND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

The annual Freeport Band Ice Cream Social will be held Wednesday, May 3 in the FHS cafeteria/west gym. The Middle School Jazz Band will perform at 5:15 and the main concert begins at 6:30. Cake, pie, ice cream, and beverages are available from 5:00-6:30 and again following the performances. Tickets are \$2.00 and available at the door. Come out and celebrate with the Freeport Bands in their final performance of the school year!

#### **8th Grade Fines**

**Attention Parents/Guardians:** All fines need to be paid no later than May 26, 2017 by 2:30 pm. If fines are not paid, the 8th grade student who incurred the fine(s) will not be allowed to participate in the 8th grade promotion on June 2. Please also note that these fines will continue to accrue in high school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Blast off to Summer Family Engagement Night!**



The FSD 145 Family Resource Coordinator's along with the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County, will again host Blast off to Summer! This event will take place, Thursday, May 18th from 5:00—6:30pm at the Boys & Girls Club Campus, 511 South Liberty Avenue, this event will feature various agencies in the community offering summer programs, the 7/8 chorus will sing, and you will have an opportunity to sign your students up for summer programs. Please see your school's FRC for more information.

#### **CSMS Spring Fling**



It's that time again! CSMS will host Spring Fling, Thursday, May 11th from 5:00—6:30 p.m. in the CSMS lower level. We will have food, games and this year's newest attraction, "The Dunk Tank". There is no cost to attend this event! We look forward to seeing you here!

# CSMS in April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <i>Golf Parent Meeting @ 5 pm at FMS cafeteria</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Golf 1st practice at Jets Observatory</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>No School</i>	15
16 <i>Easter</i>	17 <i>No School</i>	18	19 <i>AVID 7/8 Field Trip to UW-Platteville</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>7th Grade Mall of Life Early Release Day</i>	28 <i>Spring Pictures</i>	29
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CSMS



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**Student Hours**

Breakfast	7:20-7:35 AM
First bell	7:35 AM
Tardy bell	7:45 AM
Dismissal	2:50 PM

On Wednesdays, school hours for students begin at 7:55 AM

**School Attendance Goal**

Students will have an attendance rate of 95%.

Schedule appointments early in the year so you can get them after school is dismissed or on non attendance days.  
If your child will need to miss school, please notify the office as soon as possible with either a note, e-mail or phone call.

**Why is regular attendance Important?**

- Students who attend classes are more likely to succeed.
- Frequently absent students often slow down their own learning and that of others.
- Missing class increases the risk of falling behind.
- Chronic Truancy is linked to higher dropout rates

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**8th Grade Promotion**



It's that Time of year again! The 8th Grade Promotion festivities will take place on **Friday, June 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Jeanette Lloyd Theatre. Students need to be there by 6:00 pm. Students can enter at 5:45 pm and doors open at 6:00 pm for parents.

**Clothing:**

- Dresses must cover their back up to the bottom of the shoulder blades
- All dresses must have straps at least ONE INCH THICK
- Blue jeans are not to be worn
- Collared shirt must be worn
- Shorts are not allowed
- No hats are allowed
- 2" above knee for dresses

**Please remember that your daughters will be sitting at a higher level than the audience and short dresses are best avoided.**

**Tickets:**

Due to the number of 8th grader students this year, we will not be able to provide extra tickets beyond the three that students are allotted.

**\*\*As a reminder, all fines must be paid no later than Friday, May 26th by 2:30 p.m.**