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Jefferson

County Public Schools

From the Desk of the Principal

Participation, Progression, and Mastery—Important Parts of the Journey of **Continuous Improvement!**

Greetings, Carrithers families!

At Carrithers, we love our jobs, and we are really good at what we do! We will make a difference in the lives of our students.

The school year is in full swing, and we are excited. We have attended several professionaldevelopment (PD) workshops, made changes to our master schedule to meet students' needs, and continued true professional learning communities amongst our teachers. Feel free to call us or to come see us-we have an open-door policy.

This year, we are continuing our Title I status and Community Eligibility (CE) status, which means all students have the opportunity to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch every day. We never want our students to be hungry during the school day. We know that if students are concerned about food or worried that they may not have enough lunch money, less time is focused on their education.

We've held town hall meetings and visited classrooms, making sure that our students know the Carrithers expectations for academics and

behavior. We want the best for students and expect them to come to school on time and prepared to learn. We ask that you be aware of our expectations, procedures, and policies. Let's work together to ensure that students are academically and behaviorally successful! Remember, middle school is where we expect students to take responsibility for their own learning.

Make sure to sign up for our Remind communication system so that you are notified of upcoming events. Check out our school website, and keep up with your child's grades by regularly visiting Parent Portal.

Thank you for a great start to the school year. Remember that our goal is student achievement through a challenging curriculum, engaging lessons, and formative assessments. We want students to work hard and become contributing members of society and lifelong learners.

Thank you,

M. alerise 7. Williams Principal



The Beta Club will be opening enrollment for any new sixth, seventh, or eighth graders who would like to join for the 2017-18 school year. We will be forming groups for our newsletter and our thematic book collection as well as recruiting members to compete at the Beta Club Convention in Lexington in February. We will also be encouraging our members to participate in academic or scholastic competitions for the school.



Congratulations to our retired physical education (PE) teacher and basketball coach, Jim Pass. He is now a permanent part of Carrithers Middle School-the basketball court has been named in his honor! Coach Pass has won many victories on this floor and has taught many students the importance of PE. Thank you, Coach Pass, for all your years of service.

Carrithers Middle School

Library Notes

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one. - Neil Gaiman

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Downs, and I am the new librarian at Carrithers Middle School. I am so excited to become a part of this school and to challenge your child to read beyond his or her expectations. I come to Carrithers with more than 15 years of library experience and a tremendous passion for reading and sharing with others. I look forward to connecting with you and your child this year. Feel free to check out happenings through the library webpage at http://jcpsky.libguides .com/c.php?g=682109.

Nuts and Bolts of the Library

- Students are scheduled to come to the library every two weeks with their English/Language Arts (ELA) teachers.
- Students who are in good standing are allowed to check out two books each visit.
- Due dates are clearly stamped in the back of each book.
- Students who return books late are required to pay an overdue fine of \$.05 a day. Fines max out at \$2 a book.
- Students are allowed to check out books in between visits with permission from their teachers.

The fall Scholastic book fair is taking place Oct. 20 through 27 in the library. Proceeds from the book fair are used to purchase additional books for the library.



Jessica Downs

Librarian



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Counselors' Corner

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! Your child's school counselors are Robbyn LaFollette and Jessica Pike. Mrs. LaFollette is the counselor for the sixth grade and Team Jedi. Ms. Pike is the counselor for the eighth grade, Team Leaping Lizards, and Team Broadway.

Progression Within Middle School—A middle school student must pass a minimum of twothirds of courses taken. In addition, students must pass the courses in the content areas listed below as aligned with state assessments:

- Sixth Grade-Language Arts and Math
- Seventh Grade—Language Arts, Math, and Science
- Eighth Grade—Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies

Parent Portal—We strongly encourage you to track your child's progress through Parent Portal. If you do not currently have a Campus Portal User Account, send an email to campus .portal@jefferson.kyschools.us, providing your name, child's name, child's school, and contact phone number. Once your information is verified, you will receive an email with login instructions.

Showcase of Schools—The Showcase of Schools will be held on October 28 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. This is a great way to get information on high schools and talk with representatives about what their school has to offer. Eighth-grade parents, the application period to apply to a high school other than your child's resides school begins that weekend and closes the first week in January. Sixth- and seventh-grade parents, it's never too early to start gathering information about Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District high schools. Be sure to attend!

Advance Program Test—The Advance Program test will be given in early October. If you would like your child to take this test, call the counseling office at **485-8224** by **September 30**. Students who are participating in the Advance Program as a sit-in will automatically take the test.

Individual Learning Plan (ILP)—All students will take part in developing their own ILP an online career and education exploration program that helps students and parents track student progress and achievement as well as develop concrete plans for success. Students and parents will be able to access this information from home and update accordingly as the years progress.

We encourage you to follow us on Twitter and Facebook!

- Twitter-@CarrithersMS
- Facebook—Carrithers Middle School

We look forward to a fantastic school year full of learning, growth, and fun! If there is anything we can do to make your child's year more successful, call the counseling office at **485-8224**.

Robbyn LaFollette and Jessica Pike School Counselors

Youth Services Center Happenings

Wow! Can you believe we are into our second month of school already? Time really does fly when you're having fun. We have begun our Youth Services Center (YSC) Advisory Council meetings. Our next meeting will be on **Nov. 2**; please call for more information. We welcome parents and students to join.

As always, we are asking for any donations of gently used uniforms. Carrithers students benefit from all donations. Also, be on the lookout for information on upcoming events, such as Young Ladies Like Us for our sixth-grade girls and parent nights. We are excited to see where this new school year will take us. Feel free to call with any concerns or questions.

STLP/Engineering

Cheryl Gilbert

YSC

Our first meeting was September 7, but it is not too late to join. All students interested in Robotics; 3D printers; Digital Art; and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Challenges are welcome to come on Thursday afternoons until 4 p.m. for our meetings. We are excited about our new year of learning together and our competitions in the spring. This group also helps work the concession stand at dances and ball games to fundraise for needed materials. See Mrs. Fentress in Room 128 or Mrs. Dever in Room 101 for more information.

Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome to another new and exciting school year here at Carrithers! We are off to a fantastic start, and we are glad your child is here. We take a lot of pride in how we do things at Carrithers, and we want every student to receive the best education possible. With that being said, here are a few reminders from the assistant principals.

Dress Code

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- Any solid-color polo or oxford-style shirt may be worn daily.
- Pants or shorts must be navy blue, black, or khaki.
- No cargo shorts or cargo pants are allowed.
- Jackets or hoodies should be left in lockers and not worn in class.
- Any Carrithers team/club shirt may be worn daily.

Bus Transportation

- Safety is the top priority when it comes to transporting students.
- The bus is still considered part of the school even though it is not always located on our campus. Any issues on the bus or bus stop are still the responsibility of the school until the student arrives home.
- Riding the bus to school is a privilege, and if a student misbehaves on a bus, that privilege can be taken away.

Also, remember to sign up for the Carrithers text message system. This communication tool allows students and parents to receive text messages directly from the school. The process is very simple. Simply text the message @carrit to the number 81010, and then follow the prompts to confirm your identity. Once you have done that, you will receive a text message from the school about news and upcoming events. You can opt out at any time by texting 'unsubscribe @carrit' to 81010. It is our hope that this system will increase communication and keep everyone on the same page about things happening at Carrithers. If you have any questions, contact your assistant principal at **485-8224**.

Parents, we appreciate your support regarding these issues and all the other school policies. Contact us about any issue you or your child may have here at Carrithers. We are always here to help! Thank you, and we are looking forward to a **great** school year!

Jenniber Slaton and Jason Watts

Mathematics Department

Sixth Grade

The sixth-grade department has been reviewing fifth-grade standards along with the following new content:

- Ratios, Rates, and Proportions
- Numbers and Operations of Fractions and Decimals
- Calculating Order of Operations
- Applying Distributive Property
- Identifying and Graphing Rational Numbers to Include Integers

Students will learn through student-led strategic work groups, independent work, teacher-directed instruction, and collaboration. They will be assessed via formative assessments, quizzes, tests, homework, observations, Formative Assessment Lessons (FALs), and math tasks. Your child should have homework at least two to three times a week in math.

Our goal is for all students to develop and apply an enthusiasm for math by viewing it in everyday situations. If there are any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email the following teachers:

lori.waldrop@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Hobbit

jennifer.daugherty@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Hobbit

derek.rivera@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Awesome

Seventh Grade

In grade seven, we will be focusing on four critical areas during instructional time. First, we will develop an understanding of and apply proportional relationships. We will also focus on developing an understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations. Seventh-grade students will also solve problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions and work with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume. Lastly, seventh-grade students will focus on drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

We will learn these focus topics during the first half of the school year:

Cycle 1 Focus Topics

- Proportional Reasoning
- Proportional Relationships in Graphs, Tables, and Equations
- Proportional Relationships With Percentages

Cycle 2 Focus Topics

- Adding and Subtracting Rational Numbers
- Multiplying and Dividing Rational Numbers
- Equivalent Expressions and Properties of Operations

april.simpson@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Leaping Lizards

thomas.hicks@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Jedi

Eighth Grade

It has been a great start for the eighth-grade students! This year, we are focusing on understanding graphs, functions, and linear equations. We are just completing our Transformation Unit and are now exploring congruency and similarities within transformed shapes in a coordinate plane.

The Algebra 1 students are working extremely hard to earn high school credit for their math class this year. They have been very busy reviewing the eighth-grade material, while learning about linear functions and solving multistep linear equations/inequalities.

Feel free to call or email us if you have any questions or concerns.

erin.trussell@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Blue Steel

joshua.thornton2@jefferson.kyschools.us Team Hogwarts

Social Studies Department

The goal of social studies education is to help students become contributing, participating, and knowledgeable citizens. To achieve this goal, students must know, understand, and apply the content and concepts of the various sub-disciplines of social studies (government and civics, history, geography, economics, and culture and society).

We'd like to welcome all new sixth graders. We hope you all have a wonderful experience here. In social studies this year, we will be covering geography, forms of government, cultures all around the world, and some economics. Our best advice for this year is: Keep an open mind, look, and listen, and you will learn. The teachers and staff will help you through. And here's a study tip for the year: Take your notebook home every night, and review it for ten minutes each night. Good luck!

Seventh-grade social studies allows students to learn about the ancient past. This semester, we will focus on the four River Valley Civilizations, including Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China as well as the civilization of Ancient Greece. Students are expected to keep up with all materials and assignments so that they can be effective learners. We invite you to use the seventh-grade social studies website (http://carrithers7ss.weebly.com) for access to PowerPoint presentations, assignments, the World History textbook, and tests from previous years.

Eighth-grade social studies students have already reviewed geography themes and map skills as well as Native-American cultures, including the Aztec and Inca, followed by the Age of Discovery. Our next topics will include the American colonies and reasons for the Revolutionary War.

English/Language Arts Department

Sixth Grade

Sixth-grade students will be wrapping up a novel study on *Hatchet* and discussing character traits, motivation, and development. We will focus on how characters use their personal talents, intelligence, and strengths to overcome obstacles and be successful in life. We will begin writing about how an individual also has unique characteristics and abilities that he or she must tap into in order to be successful in life.

Seventh Grade

Welcome to seventh-grade language arts! We so are excited for another great year. This fall, we will spend a lot of time on our Global Crises unit. We will read novels and articles and will have in-depth discussions about the many issues facing our world today and, specifically, how characters react and can make a difference with these issues. We have begun our biweekly visits to the library to find independent reading novels. Students are also welcome to bring a novel from home for independent reading time. Please encourage your child to read every night!

Eighth Grade

Eighth-grade ELA students will be working on characterization and how the character of a person can shape or have an impact on our lives. We will be reading *Forged by Fire* by Sharon Draper and working on projects upon completion of the unit on character. A *Dracula* field trip to Actors Theatre for Team Blue Steel will be **Sep. 21**. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Science Department

The students are off to a great start to the school year in science! In sixth grade, the students have been working on Newton's 3 Laws of Motion and how they can be applied to everyday occurrences. In the next unit, sixth graders will focus on space sciences and how the Earth, Sun, and Moon interact.

The seventh-grade science students have been learning microscope skills to look at cells. Next, the seventh graders will be focused on plant structures and different processes that plants use to survive.

In eighth grade, the students have been working on how humans have an impact on ecosystems. We are learning the different ways that humans are hurting certain ecosystems but also learning ways that humans can help fix problems in ecosystems.

Information has been sent home with students regarding the science fair. Check with your child for specific dates and requirements from

Team Jedi

Seventh-Grade Team

Welcome to a new year with the seventh grade, Team Jedi. We look forward to working with all students and parents to reach the highest academic performance possible. We all need to work collaboratively to be successful during the 2017-18 school year. The seventh-grade year is an especially important one involving the writing portfolio, the state test, and beginning preparations for high school. By working together, we can all achieve success.

The team members who will be working with your child this year are as follows: Mr. Hicks (math), Ms. Adams (language arts), Ms. Dever (science), Mr. House (social studies), and Ms. Self (ECE). As a team, we work to make sure that you stay informed. We encourage you to check Parent Portal weekly so you can be aware of your child's progress. Either Progress Reports or Report Cards will be sent home every three weeks to allow students and parents to be aware of current academic and behavioral standing. We have great expectations for your child's success this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Ken House Seventh-Grade Social Studies Team Jedi Lead

each individual teacher.

Team Blue Steel

Eighth-Grade Team

The eighth-grade Blue Steel Team is excited to meet all of our eighth graders and welcome those who are new to Carrithers. The Blue Steel Team teachers are Chuck Snider (social studies), Molly Mershon (science), Jill McKinney (ELA), Erin Trussell (math), and Gary Fisher (Exceptional Child Education [ECE] resource). We have enjoyed getting to know the students, and we have spent time making sure they know the procedures and expectations at Carrithers for a successful year. We had a great time at Dracula at Actors Theatre. Thanks, Mrs. McKinney! The students enjoyed the visit from the actors prior to the performance.

Chuck Snider

Blue Steel Team Lead/Eighth-Grade Social Studies/School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)

Team Hobbit

Sixth-Grade Team

Thank you to those of you who attended Orientation and Open House for this year. By now, our sixth graders are starting to settle into middle school life, including the routines, procedures, and expectations of the classrooms and school. As with all new school years, it takes a while to work out the kinks. Students need to be reminded to complete homework when assigned, check on grades via the student and Parent Portal, be at school on time (7:40 a.m.), be prepared by bringing materials to class, and follow the dress code. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Again, thank you for your support and a great start to the year.

Team Leader/Math lori.waldrop@jefferson.kyschools.us Collaborating Teacher jennifer.daugherty@jefferson.kyschools.us Science david.noonan@jefferson.kyschools.us Social Studies james.anderson@jefferson.kyschools.us Language Arts michelle.vickers@jefferson.kyschools.us

Team Awesome

Sixth-Grade Team

Welcome to Carrithers Middle School. We are happy to have your child at Carrithers, and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing. Cobra guidelines for success include the following:

- Cooperating with others
- Observing others' right to learn
- Being responsible
- Respecting rules
- · Always trying your best

Please feel free to contact one of the team teachers if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to partner with you in this walk through middle school.

Ben Blatz, Social Studies Tessaat Khufu, Language Arts Lorrie Vinson, Science Derek Rivera, Math

Team Hogwarts

Eighth-Grade Team

Team Hogwarts has had an excellent start to the school year! We are very excited to have the students for their last year in middle school. We would like to welcome our new math teacher, Mr. Thornton, to the team as well as to the school. Returning team teachers include Ms. Florence (language arts), Dr. Fisher (ECE/ resource), Mr. Korfhage (social studies/team leader), and Ms. Wolters (science). We are really enjoying getting to know our students. We feel like this is going to be a great year.

As you already know, we recently took a field trip to Actors Theatre to see Dracula. Thank you to Ms. Florence for organizing this trip for us! We had a really great time. Stay tuned for more updates on possible field trips as well as other exciting opportunities throughout the year.

This year, students have the exciting opportunity to use technology in the classroom daily since they do most of their science and social studies work on their Chromebook laptops. This is both a privilege as well as a great responsibility, so please make sure you discuss the importance of digital citizenship and respect for others with your child. Also, please sign up as a guardian on Google Classroom so you can keep track of your child's work in our classes!

Team Marvel

Related Arts Team

Photography

Photography students will explore picture composition as well as editing and downloading pictures. We will take pictures around the school, our neighborhoods, and outside. We will work on our focus and creating a photo that tells a story. Here are a few examples of student work from last year.









Hello, Music Families!

What a great start to the school year! As we prepare for our Veterans Day performance, be on the lookout for information we will send home regarding that program. The Carrithers Program will be at 9 a.m. on **November 10, 2017**, and will feature the seventh- and eighth-grade band and seventh- and eighthgrade orchestra as well as the sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade chorus. The Carrithers seventh- and eighth-grade band will be doing a combined concert with Newburg Middle School on **November 11** at the park located behind Newburg Middle. More information will be provided later. Please also note the following winter concert dates:

- **Tuesday, December 12**, 7 p.m. at Carrithers Middle School—sixth-, seventh-, and eighthgrade band
- Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m. @ Jeffersontown High School Auditorium—sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade orchestra
- Friday, December 15, 7 p.m. @ Fern Creek Baptist Church—sixth-, seventh-, and eighthgrade chorus

School Assembly Performance, Friday, December 15, at 9 a.m. (Carrithers cafeteria)

Adam Bullock, Band Director

Caia Cross, Orchestra Director

Alisha Bruce, Chorus Director

Computer Education

Sixth-grade students have completed their first unit about careers and making financial decisions. We have learned a lot about making wise choices when spending our money and being a responsible saver and spender. We have also discussed careers and investing money. We have begun working on our Tech 101 Unit about the history of computers and taking a look inside a computer tower.

Seventh-grade students have completed the Ignition Unit, from which they learned about computers and how to purchase one. The unit also dealt with parts of the computer, copyright and plagiarism laws, Internet safety, and technology of the future. We have enjoyed some of our projects in the multimedia/database unit and are getting ready to learn more about spreadsheets.

All students participate in keyboarding activities to help them build their keyboarding skills and improve their typing speed. Students are encouraged to be RARE as they demonstrate respect, acceptance, responsibility, and excellence. A website was used to create Word Clouds to visually demonstrate what they learned.



Please check Parent Portal to keep up with your child's progress. Contact Mrs. Fentress at **carla.fentress@jefferson.kyschools.us** if you have any questions.

Life Skills

The Life Skills class will be using the curriculum provided from the text *Life Skills Training: Promoting Health and Personal Development* by Dr. Botvin. This is a training class for middle schoolers to provide them with the life skills needed to reduce drug, alcohol, and substance abuse. Included in this training are the following topics: Self-Image and Self-Improvement, Making Decisions, Drug Myths and Realities, Coping With Anxiety and Anger, Communication Skills, Social Skills, Assertiveness, and Resolving Conflict.

This training will help students understand how to deal with real-life situations when they are exposed to unhealthy and harmful environments and substances. Students will actively participate in discussions on important issues and how to best handle them when they occur.

Teresa Bartley

Physical Education

Welcome to Carrithers physical education (PE). I am excited to begin this school year as the new PE teacher. I look forward to keeping this program top-notch, as it has been for numerous years. Throughout each 12-week session, students will be introduced to a number of sports and activities with the goal of lifetime fitness. In the upcoming weeks, we will begin our fitness unit, which will give students an opportunity to self-assess their fitness level.

I look forward to getting to know each student and to making their PE experience a positive one.

Jordan Pass



Team Leaping Lizards

Seventh-Grade Team

Parents, on behalf of the Leaping Lizards team at Carrithers, we are happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, students need support from both the home and school. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for students' success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he or she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time.
- Is prepared for the day's learning experience.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his or her school life.
- Informs you if he or she needs additional support in any area or subject.
- Understands and follows through with school rules and expectations.
- Frequently checks his or her grades on Parent Portal.

Math: Ms. Simpson Language Arts: Ms. Blackburn Social Studies: Ms. Jolley Science/Team Lead: Mr. Blue

The wonderful Carrithers staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Leaping Lizards Team





All students wishing to participate in athletics this school year need to have a current **sports physical** to try out. For sixth graders, this is a different form than the sixth-grade physical form. Physical packets are available in the front office or online at **www.jefferson.kyschools.us**. If you have any questions about athletics, please contact the athletic director at **lori.hays@jefferson.kyschools.us**.



Yearbooks

2017-18 yearbooks can be preordered now. There are order forms in the office, or you can order online at **www.jostensyearbook.com**. The base cost is \$30 for an all-color, 60-page book filled with memories. Personalization is extra. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



Fall/Winter Sports

Tryouts for Dance Team, Step Team, Boys' Varsity Basketball, Girls' Varsity Basketball, and Boys' Sixth-Grade Basketball will be held in late September. Students must have a current **sports physical** and \$5 to try out. Please check with Ms. Hays to see if your child has a current physical on file before the tryout date (**lori .hays@jefferson.kyschools.us**).

Pull-Tabs

Reminder to save metal pulltabs off of soda cans. They are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House. Students may turn them in to Ms. Hays, Room 134, and she will put them in the correct grade tube in the cafeteria. Which grade



this year can turn in more than Ms. Hays?

Plastic Tops



Remember to save all plastic tops off of water bottles, Gatorade bottles, etc. We are saving to get a bench to put in the front of the school. Students may bring them in and put them in the appropriate grade box in the cafeteria.

Snake Pit Shirts

Any parent or student who purchases a Snake Pit shirt for \$15 will be allowed to attend any **home** game (volleyball, basketball, etc.) for **free**! They can be purchased from the bookstore in the mornings.

Hurricane Harvey Donations

Thanks again to everyone who gave money or collected items for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Along with a stage full of donations from Open House that were taken straight to trucks headed to Houston the next day, we collected more items that were taken to the Jeffersontown Fire Department on Wednesday morning. On top of all of that, we collected \$865 that we will be giving to the American Red Cross. Thanks again for all of your kindness and generosity!

THANKS



#GoCobras Window Graphics

Students may purchase #GoCobras window graphics for \$10 from Ms. Hays in the front lobby in the mornings. The first 200 students to purchase one will get the following:

- An entry into a drawing for an MP3 player
- An entry into a drawing for a Carrithers Tshirt/sweatshirt
- A free ticket to a dance or home game
- A free ZAP/Homework pass
- A free pass to "Pick Your Seat at Lunch" for a week

Show your Cobra spirit!



Newsletter Cobra Chronicle

Parents, please make sure that the office has a working email address for you so that you will receive the weekly parent update newsletter, *Cobra Chronicle*. It will have important dates for that week, upcoming dates, school events for that week, and other important reminders.



2017 Volleyball

Junior Varsity: Savannah Bibbs, Stevie Brown, Laila Cooper, Alayna Didier, Ava Hagan, Lillian Hardy, Kennadi Hogue, Kiera King, and Kayley Meyer

Varsity: Caroline Banks, Heather Browne, Mackenzie Engle, Avery Flores, Taylor Mondell-Long, Kiana Oliver, Madyson Revor, and Jaimie Stevens



Empty Ink Cartridges

Carrithers participates in a recycling program through Funding Factory. We send in empty desk-jet and laser-jet cartridges as a small fundraiser sponsored by the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). Please send used items to school with your child, or bring them to the front office for us to recycle through this program. If you go to the Funding Factory website (**www.fundingfactory.com**), you can select a qualifying list to see the items they will accept to help us in this process. Thank you for helping us take care of our environment by recycling in this way.

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Dress-Down Fridays

Most Fridays throughout the school year, students are allowed to dress down for \$2. All money collected goes back into Carrithers Athletics/Clubs/Activities. Students must always remember to follow the Dress-Down Guidelines they were given. When in doubt, do not wear it! Make sure your child listens to announcements in case of any changes.



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Equal Opportunity Public Schools

Equal Employment Opportunity Employees/Applicants

The Jefferson County Public School District shall not discriminate in recruitment or employment on the basis of age, color, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, religion, genetic information, or political affiliations or beliefs. The District shall promote equal opportunities through a vigorous affirmative action program as an integral part of personnel policy and practice in the employment, development, advancement, and treatment of employees of the Jefferson County Public Schools.

In the Event of Questions

Employees or applicants, report to immediate superior, the appropriate personnel administrator, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate enforcement agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Equal Educational Opportunity Students/Parents or Guardians

No student shall be denied equal educational opportunity by the board of education because of his or her age, color, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliations or beliefs, or religion.

Harassment/Discrimination of any type is not permitted. A student has the right to attend school free from harassment and should not be subjected to discrimination for any reason. Schools will strive to ensure that these rights are protected and that appropriate consequences are provided to offenders.

In the Event of Questions

Students and parents/guardians, report to principal, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate government agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Noncompliance with the above policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Discrimination Grievance Procedure

The Jefferson County Public Schools Discrimination Grievance Procedure is available at local schools, on the Jefferson County Public Schools website at **www.jefferson.kyschools.us**, or in the Compliance and Investigations Office, C. B. Young Jr. Service Center, 3001 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY 40209. Contact Dr. Georgia Hampton, Compliance and Investigations director, at **485-3341**, or call or write one of the following enforcement agencies:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Suite 268 Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 582-6082 | www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Wanamaker Building, Suite 515 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107-3323 (215) 656-8541 | www.ed.gov

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

The Heyburn Building, Suite 1400 332 West Broadway Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 595-4024 | http://kchr.ky.gov

Louisville Metro

Human Relations Commission 410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 300A Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 574-3631 | www.louisvilleky.gov/HumanRelations

