

# February 2013 Report to the Carroll County Board of Education

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## Grants

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**—We are in the process of advertising for the site coordinator positions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant to serve kindergarten through third grade students with afterschool and summer programming. We are still awaiting contracts from the state, but the state program director visited our district in January and said that the contract would state that the period of funding would begin February 1.
- **Project Lead the Way**—I have not yet received any notification on the status of our PLTW application. We applied for \$50,000 to implement the Biomedical Sciences component of Project Lead the Way.
- **Early Head Start Modular**—I am working on a pre-application checklist, a first step in acquiring a modular facility to serve preschool children of teen parents enrolled in our school district. The Early Head Start budget has been revised to spend up to \$150,000 on the facility. I am working with Head Start on this project.

## Publications and other Projects

- **Digital School District Survey 2012**—We have not heard of any results of our application for the 2012 Digital School District Survey, which is awarded to districts for outstanding application of school technology.
- **Nominations and Awards**—I have not heard of any results of our application for our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) program to be recognized through the NSBA Magna Awards.
- **Safety Brochure**—I am working with Mr. Curell to produce a safety brochure for the district to inform parents of steps they should take in a school emergency.
- **CCHS College and Career Readiness Brochure**—to promote Early College, giving Carroll County High School juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn up to 12 college credit hours per year while still in high school, I have been working with CCHS to create a brochure providing information about the program.
- **English 101 and 102**—I have also agreed to teach English 101 and 102 next year if there is sufficient interest among qualifying high school students. Because I have a master's degree in English, as well as certification to teach secondary English, I am qualified to teach the courses. Students will not have to pay tuition, only a \$50 administrative fee. If the student's family receives Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), their administrative fees can be paid by a grant from the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE).
- **Chalk Dust, etc.**—Chalk Dust columns have been written about reading 20 minutes a night as a New Year's resolution, our Lindamood Bell

reading intervention program, and our district's participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Digital Learning Day.

- **ID Tags**—I continue to update employees' identification tags. I have also been producing ID badges for regular substitute teachers and volunteers.
- **Panther Tots Club**—I have been participating in the Panther Tots events to promote ways that parents can use everyday items around their homes to help prepare their preschool children for kindergarten. The next event is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash on March 2 at Winn Primary from 10-1.
- **Summer Learning**—Although I will not be coordinating the summer learning effort this summer, I am assisting the schools in their efforts to plan and coordinate their own summer learning programs. I will be creating a brochure/booklet for parents to let them know what will be available this summer.