

January 2013 Report to the Carroll County Board of Education

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Grants

- **21st Century Community Learning Center**—We have been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant to start an afterschool program for students in kindergarten through third grade. Pending acceptance by the Carroll County Board of Education, we will receive \$150,000 per year for three years. Then funding will be incrementally decreased to \$112,500 in year four and \$75,000 in year five. The grant will pay half of the cost of an interventionist/after-school site coordinator at Winn and Cartmell. The site coordinators will work as interventionists from 9:30 am-1:30 pm and as 21st Century Community Learning Center Coordinators from 2-6 pm. The site-coordinators will also help to coordinate the summer learning programs.
- **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.
- **World Language Immersion Planning Grant**—We did not submit this application.
- **Playground Equipment**—I am researching grant possibilities to encourage health and fitness, possibly through playground equipment.

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.
- **Champion Reader Photos**—After the installation of the new poster printer, we have printed all of the Champion Reader posters.
- **Chalk Dust, etc.**—Chalk Dust columns have been written about reading 20 minutes a night as a New Year's resolution, School Board Recognition Month, the Race to the Top Grant, arts showcases, students learning about citizenship through the food collection program, and the Energy Star Award at Cartmell, and STEAM activities.
- **ID Tags**—I have been updating employees' identification tags
- **Panther Tots Club**—I have printed 100 membership cards for the Panther Tots Club, which organizes activities for young children which demonstrate how to teach basic concepts in reading, math, and science using everyday household items.