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MSD Highlights

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County

Carlin Park Elementary



Carlin Park Elementary School is very excited to welcome everyone back from Winter Break and can't wait to begin making 2021 a great year! The students and staff are working very hard and are back in the swing.

Our super team of educators and support staff are focused on meeting the needs of our students where they are and getting them to grow to their fullest potential while observing all the recommended safety measures in place due to the pandemic.

We are very lucky to be a part of a supportive community! Again, teams of ladies who have shared their talents with Carlin Park have contributed a wide variety of beautiful masks for our students. These very caring individuals help to make our school a safe and wonderfully colorful place!

Our students have been working diligently on their team building skills, and as you can see by the pictures, it is paying off!

Carlin Park students take great pride in celebrating its recognition of those who practice "Good Character" i.e. responsibility, fairness, caring, respect and good citizenship. The month of December we recognized 180 students who received this honor. Keep up the great work, Cardinals!

We are all looking forward to an exciting second semester this year and recognize how lucky we are to be a part of this outstanding community!

Hendry Park Elementary



Hendry Park has experienced a year like no other with Covid procedures and precautions. Many of our usual activities, clubs, and assemblies had to be cancelled for this school year.

This year we added STEAM classes taught by Austin Van to replace Art classes. We are grateful for everyday we are able to be in our classrooms with our students wearing masks, frequently using hand sanitizer, and practicing social distancing. Virtual learning through our chromebooks has been the new norm for Roadrunners. Teachers received training and present their daily lessons through Google Meet for in-person students and those attending virtually from home. We started the year with 82 virtual students and now have 34 doing virtual assignments. We continue to work with our families to provide our students with challenging, engaging, and safe educational experiences.

Ryan Park Elementary



Welcome 2021! This past year was a difficult one, however, Ryan Park Elementary staff, students, and families have risen to the challenge and we have amazing learning going on! We are so proud of our students in how they have handled all of the protocol changes in the school to keep everyone safe. Our families have been incredibly supportive. We are thankful for each day we have school in person and the wonderful support in continued learning during virtual learning as well. Thank you!

Ryan Park has seen new faces throughout the first semester. Our Applied Skills classrooms welcomed Nancy Jack and Jessica Hutton. We also are welcoming student teachers in various classrooms this spring. Welcome to Miss Slaughterbeck, Miss Pandres, Miss Day, and Miss West. Each new staff member always brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled they are now Rhinos!

Despite it all, we had a successful science fair, with 14 projects moving on to the district science fair in February! Thank you to everyone for making this possible! We were also able to complete the 5th grade spelling bee and congratulate the students for their hard work! As we begin 2021, we are looking for more creative ways to experience school, with different learning opportunities in the classroom.

Pleasant Lake Elementary

We are all ready to welcome 2021! I want to give a HUGE shout out to the teachers and staff for making in person learning possible! Your hard work has not gone unnoticed! Everyday is truly a gift.

Pleasant Lake is excited to start a few Extra-Curricular Activities after school. Due to social distancing space will be limited but we will have the STEAM Club, Drama Club, Running Club and Garden Club. Several will be outside and more information will be coming home. We are going to put the best effort forward to create opportunities for students to continue to experience these activities. We will continue to follow all guidelines put forth by the CDC during the clubs activities.

I would like to welcome two student teachers to Pleasant Lake. Kandee Stroud is student teaching in first grade with Hailee Snyder. Kandee is studying at WGU. Josie Padget is student teaching in Kindergarten with Mrs. Miller. Josie is studying at Trine University.



We have another new face at Pleasant Lake. I would like to welcome our new second grade teacher Alexis Elwood. She is a first year teacher and graduated from Grace College with her education degree. She is from Defiance, Ohio but will be living in Hamilton. We are excited to have her at Pleasant Lake. We wish all three the best of luck as they begin their teaching journeys.

Alexis Elwood

Angola High School

As the second semester of the school year begins, AHS starts to lay the foundation for the 2021-2022 school year.

AHS Guidance Counselors Mrs. Taya Fordanish (Student Last Names A-G), Mr. Dave Police (Student Last Names H-O), and Mr. Jack Vrana (Student Last Names P-Z) begin planning and meeting with current 8th graders. Below is a list of upcoming dates and events for our current 8th graders, the class of 2025.

- Wednesday, January 27th, Class of 2025 students and ONE parent are invited to the Freshman Orientation in the AHS Main Gym at 6:30 p.m. Watch for more information in the mail.
- Friday, February 5th, the AHS Guidance Counselors will spend the day at AMS to help current 8th graders develop their four-year plans.
- Friday, February 12th, the AHS Guidance Counselors will return to AMS to assist current 8th graders with their online course selections for the 2021-22 school year.

All AHS parents and students can find information about scheduling classes and other AHS course registration resources on our school website, <http://ahs.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/>. Click on "Guidance Info" and scroll down to "Registration Info" or type in the following web address to go directly to the site: <http://ahs.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/index.php/students-and-parents/guidance-page>

This is also a great time to introduce our future Hornets to some of the policies and procedures that set our students up for success, as well as to review those things for our current students. Angola is committed to providing students with a safe and welcoming learning environment, and we are proud of our students and the way they support each other. We have several National Honor Society Students who tutor other students. It is neat to see our students supporting each other academically. Please remember that students can also support each other by speaking up and reporting issues when they arise. Parents and students, please call the AHS office at 260-665-2186 or visit the MSD of Steuben County Homepage to report bullying and other issues. There are links to printable forms as well as a link to email administration to make reports. The web address is: <http://www.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/>

News From Food Service!

Breakfast and lunch continue to be available daily to all students at no charge. Virtual students are able to pre-order meals each week. Meals may be ordered by Wednesday of each week at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Meal pick up options on Monday include: Pleasant Lake Elementary 12:30 – 1:30, Angola Middle School 1:30 – 2:30 and Hendry Park Elementary 3:00 – 4:00. Please join MSDSC Food Service on Remind for information regarding meal availability to virtual students or during extended, unanticipated closers.

Textbook Fees!

All 2020-2021 Textbook Fees were due the first day of school. Any past due accounts will soon be turned over to the court system for further collection. Please contact your child's school secretary to set up payment arrangements.

Substitutes Needed!

MSD of Steuben County is looking for substitutes! We have openings for teachers, instructional assistants, bus drivers, food service, and custodial positions. If you are interested, please fill out the appropriate application from our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/msdsc.us/substitute-instructions/> and submit it to Brigelle Strang, Human Resources.

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Important Dates Coming Up!

2021-2022 District-Wide KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

All children 5 years of age by August 1, 2021, need to pre-register online March 1 – 15.

Information on the process is available at <http://bit.ly/msdsckreg>

Additional information with dates, times, and location to physically submit your child's: legal birth certificate, proof of residence in the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County (utility bill), and immunization record will be available after your pre-registration is processed. This is a **multi-step** process to register your kindergarten.

STATE TESTING

All students must report to their school building for required state testing.

Grade 11

ISTEP+ February 2nd—February 26th

Grade 9

ILEARN Biology April 19th—May 21st

Grades 3—8

ILEARN April 19th—May 14th

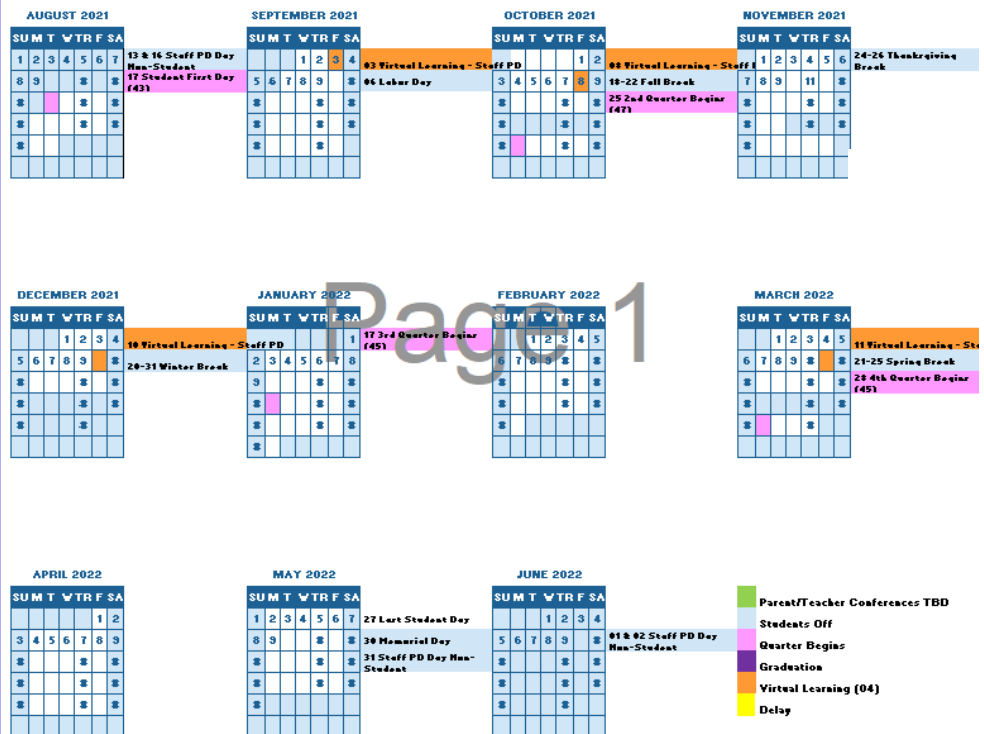
Grade 3

IREAD March 8th—March 19th

2021-2022 Calendar is posted on the MSD Website!

2021-2022 Parent Calendar

(Additional make-up dates may be added after May 27th)



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