

Illini Central Grade School Administrative Report

Enrollment as of 9.11.26

Year	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Sept. 26/27	51	31	51	52	50	41	42	318
May 25/26	63	43	46	51	42	41	45	331
August 25/26	57	44	47	50	42	42	48	330
Sept. 24/25	67	43	49	41	46	42	44	332
Aug. 23/24	73	48	41	42	41	47	40	332
22/23	80	37	38	44	42	38	50	329
21/22	62	270						332

New students are still enrolling, particularly in PreK, where we have many screenings scheduled in the coming month or two. We had a large influx of new students, especially in 2nd grade, and several classes have grown to over fifty.

Celebrations & Thanks

- Thank you to Christ Church in Springfield for the school supply donation! We have been able to supplement student supplies for students who do not have them.
- Megan Nissen & Rachel Golden from our Kindergarten Team will be attending the Pump Up Primary Conference again this year as presenters! I'm excited to share that their proposal for a session was accepted. We're so proud of them!
- Thank you to all of our staff for the amazing effort that they have put in to help our school year start strong! This year's theme is that "Our Team is Second to None," and we've been trying to build in more opportunities for celebration and thanks. Each month, Liz and I are doing a little staff celebration to celebrate our awesome team! This past month, we did a concession stand for them with popcorn, candy, and nachos. Thanks also to Jillian Clark for helping out with the setup and the cheese warmer!
- Thanks to the PTO for putting on the Kindergarten Play Date over the summer! While we got rained out, it was a nice opportunity for students and families to meet each other!



What a Difference a Dean Makes



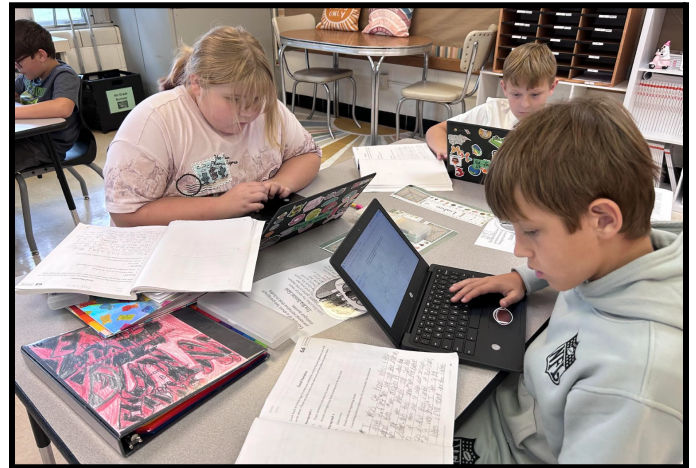
I feel like this deserves to be in the celebration and thanks section, but I knew it was going to take up a little more real estate to give you a snapshot of all the amazing things that Liz Heubner has been helping our building with. Thank you again for adding this position. It makes such a meaningful impact on our building for students and teachers. Liz has been integral in bringing back and adding new positive behavior incentives for students. She has also worked to form a committee, the Cougar CREW (Kathy Banister, Julia Hischke, Kortnie Cooper, Valerie Henning, Janel Ripper, Kaitlyn Lynn, Sammy Lasecke), to help her plan student incentives and celebrations. Some of the things she is working on include Class Compliments and Cougar MVP Boards in each homeroom. In addition, Liz has been working with specific teachers and students to implement behavior plans, check-in/outs, perform student observations for feedback, etc. She has also been able to expand administrative presence, as we can tag-team areas (like lunch



and recess). Recently, she has participated in training for CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention), Threat Assessments, and Bullying. She has done an outstanding job handling discipline referrals and communicating with parents and teachers about the outcomes, and she has been another support for our new staff members and a positive and supportive force for all staff. I am excited to continue with our successful start and implementing some additional ideas and interventions we learned about at an MTSS training this summer.

Narrative Writing with CKLA

Our building made the commitment to jump into core instruction on the second day of school to help our students get back in the routine of school and maximize their learning time. We still made time to build relationships during times like Morning Meeting, but prioritizing content and learning helped us to set the tone right away. The feedback from students and teachers has been positive, and it's excellent to see our fourth and fifth grade students already getting into writing exploration this early in September! Both grades start off with narrative writing tasks. In the pictures on the right, Mrs. Banister's 4th grade class is polishing narrative drafts.

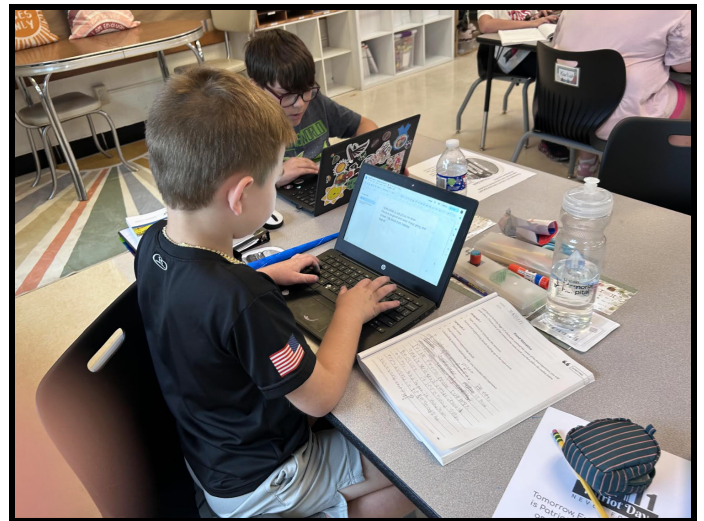


New Collaborations

This year, at least 3 staff members (Cassy Carey, Kortnie Cooper, & Traci Brown) are working with the Early Childhood Professional Learning organization in Communities of Practice to better support our PreK program, increase participation and engagement with the community and families, and advance academic achievement within the best practices of the Early Childhood program.

I have been working with Michelle Coconate at the ROE and have joined the Social Emotional Collaborative with ROE 48 & 53. The Collaborative is meant to strengthen supportive learning environments, collaboration, and community partnerships. A major focus will be how we can implement research-based practices to support educator well-being to help staff and students thrive.

I also applied and was accepted to be a member of Region 53's Birth to Five Illinois Action Council. This council's purpose is to support Early Childhood services, improve local services, and connect local programs with an outlet to speak with policymakers and legislators about their local needs. It should also increase awareness of grant opportunities and other support we might be able to access in this region.



Upcoming Events

September 15th: Picture Day
 September 16th: 9:30am Late Start SIP Day
 September 18th: 3rd Grade Discovery Days Field Trip
 September 19th: Fall Festival Parade
 September 30th: 11:30am Early Dismissal SIP Day
 October 7th & 8th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 9th: No School
 October 12th: No School
 October 16th: End of Quarter 1