

## Illini Central Grade School Administrative Report

### Enrollment as of 1.9.26

Year	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Jan. 25/26	61	42	45	52	42	42	46	330
May 24/25	80	45	49	40	44	44	47	349
Sept. 24/25	67	43	49	41	46	42	44	332
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

### Celebrations & Thanks

- Congratulations to our December Students of the Month! They were recognized for demonstrating the quality of being Caring. In January, we'll be looking for students that are Goal-Getters to recognize as students of the month.

## December's Caring Students of the Month

### Kindergarten

Leo Atkins  
Ivy Burks  
Radlee Lynn  
Kamren Miller

### Second Grade

Simon Francis  
Kamden Miller  
Bodyn Myers  
Luella Pope

### Fourth Grade

Cameron Blair  
Sebastian Sanchez  
Santiana White  
Emmery Woods

### First Grade

Griffin Brannan  
Harper Moehring  
Kyelinn Myers  
Lana Toland

### Third Grade

Beau Altshue  
Amelia Hall  
Karliah McGraw  
Audree Schoonover

### Fifth Grade

Jareth Bannister  
Brady Jones  
Kenley Schaub  
Atticus White



## **January In-Service Day & Plans for Our Growth Day**

We had an awesome in-service day to start our school year back. We were able to brainstorm and talk through making a few changes to our morning and afternoon routines, which have had very positive feedback so far! In the morning, we're trying to help students regulate and get "classroom ready" before they leave the Cougar Center to attend class. We've spread classes out, sat classes near their big buddy classes, and we've been fine-tuning music in there so it feels more relaxing. We're also doing our morning announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance as an entire K-5 building before students are dismissed to class. Students are then released by grade to their classrooms. Teachers have reported that students are entering class ready to learn, calmer, and quieter. Also at the in-service day, we had a half-day presentation with activities about stress management that really resonated with staff. Several staff members have had really positive feedback about the activity, and I'm already seeing some of the ideas discussed with our presenters come into practice. I also heard from a staff member that the presentation and focus on wellness helped emphasize that we really do care about our teachers as people first and helped staff members connect with one another on deeper levels.

We're looking forward to another meaningful professional development growth day coming up later this month! Instructional Coach, Kortnie Cooper, will be leading professional development about Building Thinking Classrooms. She and I attended a training that will be similar to what she's putting on, and I'm excited to see the impact that taking part in those activities from the learner's perspective will have on our teachers.

## **PTO's Carnival (March 20th, 6-8pm)**

We had our PTO meeting, and the Carnival is, indeed returning! Our fabulous PreK has also decided to combine their parent night with the Carnival! Our PreK hasn't always been part of the PTO (no idea why), but a couple years ago that changed. The PreK volunteered to help out with Carnival, which will also help to formally transition families to "the big school" and build connections within the community. All elementary grade levels will run a game, and the PTO is planning on opening it up to other groups as well. I am planning to have a game, and if anyone from the School Board wants to have a game, we'll get you on the map! :) Prizes will be handled by the PTO, so if you want to run a game, the only thing you would be responsible for is the game itself. (Students will have punch cards that they redeem for prizes.) The PTO and Alissa List are still working out all the details, but we are eager to bring this event back to the community and continue to expand our family engagement K-5.



It's only been about 6 days since our last board meeting, so I don't have a ton to report. BUT, here's a snapshot of our morning drop-off crew on the last day of school and the first day back! I love getting the chance to greet our students every day, even when it's cold, rainy, or windy!