April 4, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It’s that time of year again for Carnegie’s Annual School-wide Speech Arts Competition. The competition will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016. The purpose of this activity is to give students the opportunity to engage in skill building and mastery of effective communication processes. The competition category is “POETRY”. Students are required to recite a published poem. All students are required to participate in their classroom’s Speech Arts Competition. This activity will be incorporated in each student’s 4th Quarter Language Arts grade.

Each teacher (K-8th) will host a classroom Speech Arts Competition by Thursday, April 14, 2016. The first and second ranked students from each classroom will advance to the school-wide level competition on Thursday, April 28th. First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Primary (K-2nd)
- Intermediate (3rd– 5th)
- Upper (6th–8th)

Students will be judged in the following areas:

- **Quality** - the distinct character of an individual’s voice.
- **Pitch** - the height or depth of tone of the voice.
- **Articulation** - the shaping, molding, and modeling of sounds into clear and distinct speech syllables.
- **Pronunciation** - (usage) proper placement of syllables.
- **Enunciation** - proper and clear utterance.
- **Resonance** - the deep, full richness of voice.

Please, support your child in selecting a published, age-appropriate poem. Students cannot read their poem from paper. STUDENTS MUST MEMORIZE THE ENTIRE POEM. Microphones, costumes, and props are not allowed. Students are limited to 5 minutes. Students will be disqualified if time limit is exceeded, use costumes, props and/or does not recite a published poem.

Encourage your child during preparation for the Speech Arts Competition by listening to them, practicing with them, and by providing them with feedback before they compete at the classroom level.

Best of luck to all students!

Join us during the School-wide Speech Arts Competition:
Thursday, April 28, 2016/Gymnasium

Kindergarten–2nd Grades-9:30 a.m. Assembly
3rd–5th Grades-11:30 a.m. Assembly
6th–8th Grades-2:00 p.m. Assembly