

# April 2012 Report to the Carroll County Board of Education

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## Grants

- **Project Lead the Way Fund Grant**—We received notification that we have been awarded a three-year \$35,000 grant from the Project Lead the Way Fund. PLTW officials will be meeting via webinar with Mr. Hogan and other school and district personnel this week to discuss details of the grant.
- **RUS Grant**—With board approval in April, we sent a letter from Ms. James to request a change to our USDA Rural Utilities Systems (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant, which we received in 2009. We requested permission to purchase newer, less expensive models of video conferencing equipment rather than the originally planned equipment, which is now older and less up-to-date. We have not yet heard from the USDA approving our request.

## Publications and other Projects

- **Chalk Dust, etc.**—I continue to write my Chalk Dust column for the News-Democrat this school year with recent articles about a variety of activities the schools engaged in prior to K-PREP testing and the US News and World Report recognition of Carroll County High Schools as a Bronze Medal Winner, one of only 40 in Kentucky. There were 5 gold medal schools and 13 silver medal schools.
- **Summer Program**—We are finalizing details of the summer learning program. Currently, we have approximately 142 students currently enrolled. We have planned six weeks of programming, four days a week. In the three weeks of June we will attend Thursday field trips to the Cincinnati Zoo, Derby Dinner Playhouse, and the Cincinnati Children's Museum. In July, we plan to provide each child with swimming lessons at the Switzerland County YMCA. Winn children go on Mondays and Wednesday. Cartmell children go on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Superintendent's Voice**—I have produced and released Ms. James' first two "Superintendent's Voice" videos on YouTube. The second one focused on our implementation of the Denver Thinking Strategies. I am working on the next one, featuring the arts.
- **Link**—I am finalizing an edition of the Link to focus on our district STEM initiative.
- **STEM Brochure**—Ms. James has asked me to compile a booklet about what our district is doing in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **Yearly Calendar**—I am beginning the process of compiling the annual wall calendar.