

Richard B. Cartmell Elementary

Board Report

September 14th, 2011

Here is a rundown of items going on currently at Cartmell:

1. We currently have an enrollment of 445.
2. Construction / Renovation – The renovation is almost FINISHED! We are so excited about all the wonderful aspects of the new building. Our students seem to be much happier and the amount of learning reflects that feeling. We will continue to work on punch list items so that everything is completed. We are working on a modern playground design to place in that area soon.
3. Curriculum / Instruction / Assessment – We have begun MAP testing this week. So far we really like the aspects of this new program. We will be using the information provided to improve the educational experience for all our students. Our intervention / enrichment began this week. We have continued to modify from year to year our process to improve. Our data teams have been meeting to review student academic performance and develop a plan for continuous improvement.
4. Arts – Last week we had an artist in residence come to work with our students on sculpting. Our students really enjoyed the process and got to make a necklace for themselves. Also, they helped to create monuments that are now outside our main entrance. Special thanks to Mrs. Felicia Clause for organizing this great event.
5. Liberty Garden – As a memorial to the events of September 11, 2001 our history club has created a “Liberty Garden” under one of the oak trees along our school road. Our students held a dedication ceremony on Monday to officially name it a Liberty Garden. Special thanks to all the students and Ms. Mary Louden for all her hard work.
6. Dates:
 - a. Panther Party Sept. 30