



# Carol Moseley Braun Elementary School

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**School Theme: “Ignite change, illuminate minds, and Spark the future!” Be the Spark!**

**Our 2024-25 District Theme: “L.E.A.N. In For Success” Learn. Extend. Advance and Never give up!**

Welcome Back CMB Families,

On behalf of the Carol Moseley Braun Elementary School staff, Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope you've all had a fantastic, healthy, and fun-filled summer break. We're truly looking forward to partnering with you to ensure our students reach their highest potential.

Exciting news: We're opening two Kindergarten classes! Due to construction, we will welcome Diekman's incoming Kindergarten class for school year 2024-2025. To our new families, get ready for a year full of learning, fun, and incredible growth for your child. We look forward to our partnership with the Diekman staff and school community.

Our mission is to inspire every student to think, learn, dream, achieve, and care. Our vision is for all students to obtain the necessary knowledge, skills, and self-motivation to become lifelong learners, be socially responsible citizens, and active participants in their ever-changing world. Our focus remains on carefully planning small-group instruction to better cater to our students' academic needs.

We are proud to share that student growth has increased on the NWEA MAP Assessment, moving from the 38th quintile to the 61st quintile in math, and 43% of students meeting growth RIT targets in reading. The goal is 100% and closing the achievement gap for all students! To achieve this, we will continue to use student academic achievement data to assist with planning small groups based on each student's individual needs in reading and math.

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, August 3, 2024**, District 149 will be hosting our annual **Back to School "Lotta Palooza"** at Caroline Sibley School, 1550 Sibley Blvd, Calumet City, IL 60409, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together and kick off the new school year. We look forward to seeing our families in attendance!

We can't wait to welcome all of our children on **Wednesday, August 14**, for the first day of school, a full day of student attendance from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. After arriving at school, students will be served breakfast in their classrooms. We've put in place strict safety protocols, including a light backpack check, to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The safety of our students and staff is one of my top priorities. Our School Board has made provisions for all students to receive one FREE clear backpack on the first day of school. Let's talk about uniforms! District 149 has a specific "Uniform Policy" for all our students. Students are to wear light blue tops and navy blue bottoms. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be navy blue or light blue. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies.

We are pleased to inform you that Dolton School District 149 will continue implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), an option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, for the 2024-2025 school year. Schools that participate in CEP can provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for all students enrolled in that CEP school.

We recognize that continuing to serve you and your child/children is an honor and privilege. We cannot do this work without you; we strive to strengthen our parent partnership. Please attend family school events and monthly Coffee Talk meetings with the Principal. The support that parents provide makes a huge difference!

We welcome you to another great year at CMB!!!

In partnership,

Principal Sparkle Tiffith