



Carver Elementary School

April 2012

"The three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for."

Joseph Addison

Please visit us on the web:

www.carver.org

Dear Families:

March has been a very busy month with so many activities taking place throughout the school days as well as the evenings. Parent Teacher Conferences took place on March 15. We hope you all took the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss current performance. It is our goal to provide you with communication and to continue to work with you to meet the academic needs of your child. The students have been working very hard and we are all very proud of their progress. In addition, for the past two weeks our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have been taking the MCAS. They have been working diligently and we appreciate all the support you have given both to the students and to the Carver Elementary School community during this time.

Math Night was held on March 8. Throughout the evening, the students and their families were involved in many mathematical activities. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable evening.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making **Community Readers' Day** an enjoyable one. We welcomed 38 community members to read a fairy tale in the classrooms. The students, teachers and readers appreciated the opportunity to participate in this event.

Grade 5 **Science Fair** was held on March 22. The 5th graders did a wonderful job with their projects and were very excited to explain their procedures to their families and visitors. We welcomed Mrs. Weiler who was thrilled to see their hard work displayed in the classrooms.

The **bottle people** in Grade 3 have also been on display. Students read an approved biography and using a graphic organizer completed a report about the person. Students created a model of their person using a two liter bottle. We hope you had an opportunity to view them.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maestas Principal	Mrs. Foley Associate Principal	Mr. Waddicor Associate Principal
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MCAS INFORMATION

Important MCAS dates - please mark your calendars. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your children arrive to school on time.

Science & Technology Testing Dates

Tuesday, May 8 - Grade 5
Wednesday, May 9 - Grade 5

Math Testing Dates

Thursday, May 10 - Grade 3
Friday, May 11 - Grade 3
Tuesday, May 15 - Grade 4
Wednesday, May 16 - Grade 4
Thursday, May 17 - Grade 5
Friday, May 18 - Grade 5

Empowering our Writers at Carver Elementary School

The Empowering Writers program teaches students the craft of writing as an outlet for self-expression, creative ideas, sharing information or voicing opinions. The program is based on providing common experiences for students upon which to draw out background knowledge, rich vocabulary, and sensory details to strengthen student writing. Another unique feature of this program is the way in which it highlights "things good authors do" through interactive read-alouds. Students are cued to notice how an author builds suspense through robust vocabulary and word referents, while at the same time identifying the author's purpose and the intended audience.

In the classroom rather than using a formulaic approach where students construct an essay based on a specified structure such as number of paragraphs, teachers model and guide students to take an idea and elaborate on it one step at a time. This program is taught in elements or segments. One week a class may work on brainstorming sensory details and the next week they are incorporating these phrases into a suspense building "opening". Soon, they add adjectives and word referents to lead a reader to a conclusion by "showing not telling". Some lessons conclude with a word splash or a graphic organizer, while others walk a writer through the development of one complete sentence or paragraph.

This innovative approach to writing instruction has been an infusion of creativity and lively thinking. Check out these samples of writing segments, sentences, and paragraphs from Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade. See how our teachers are using this new approach to writing instruction to empower your young writers!

Samples of students' writing:

"My Grampi hips me rid my bick." **Kindergarten sample**

"I gaped at her pink glasses and map in her hand. Her hair is a teny bit wavey and her hair is pitch black. I could barely take my eyes off of her brit purple earrings on her ear. A eye patch covered her brit grassy green eye. **Excerpt from grade 1 Pirate Tales**

"In the blink of an eye, I saw a hairy, dirty and stinky mad man!"

"All of a sudden, I saw a humongous, smelly, and mean earthquake causing man!"

"My blood stopped flowing in my body as I stared at the despicable, hairy beast!"

"Fee, fi, fo fum,' I hear as the big, overweight sloth comes towards me..." **excerpts from grade 2 descriptions of a Jack & the Beanstalk style Giant**

REMINDERS

Thursday, 4/5/12 is an Early Release Day. Dismissal is at 11:45 am. Lunches are not served.

Thursday, 4/5/12—Half Day: Stay "n" Play, 12-3 pm. Contact Chris Tresca at (508) 866-6328 with any questions.

Thursday, 4/5/12—Home Alone Safety Course, 12:15-3:15 pm, IMC....see page 4

Friday, 4/6/12

No School—Good Friday

4/16/12 through 4/20/12

April Recess





2 Advanced Band Read-A-Thon Week # 5 Due	3 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Chess Club Awards 2:45 pm	4 Advanced Band	5 Elementary Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons (At regular times) <u>Early Release Day</u>	6 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u>
9 Advanced Band Read-A-Thon Week # 6 Due School Council Meet- ing, 3 pm School Committee Meeting, 7 pm	10 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	11 Advanced Band	12 Elementary Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons PTO Meeting, 7 PM	13
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SPRING RECESS				
23 Advanced Band Spring Picture Day	24 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	25 Advanced Band <u>Nutri-Kids System</u> <u>Starts Today (see be-</u> <u>low)</u>	26 Elementary Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	27
30 Advanced Band Grade 2 Field Trip to Zieterion Theater	May 1 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	May 2 Advanced Band Annual Art Festival 5-7 pm Recorder Concert 7 pm	May 3 Elementary Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	May 4

Lunchroom Update ~ April 2012

April 25th is our “go-live” date for NutriKids POS at Carver Elementary School. Beginning Monday, April 16th you will be able to log onto www.MyNutriKids.com to pre-register your child(ren) and if you wish, pre-pay for lunch. Once registered, you will be able to see just what your child has purchased at lunchtime. You can also set limits. Students will still be able to pay at the register. We have eliminated the need of paper tickets. Students will be issued a 4-digit ID card to use at lunchtime. Eventually, they will receive a picture ID card similar to a license. Detailed instructions can be found on our website www.carver.org – click on the Lunch Program tab. There you will find frequently asked questions w/answers as well as lunch menus and an application for our Free and Reduced Priced Meal Program. We are looking for volunteers to assist during the implementation of this program. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact the office. Thank you.



OLD COLONY YMCA PROGRAM

Old Colony YMCA provides child care for before and afterschool hours, school vacation weeks and during summer vacations. The Y is committed to nurturing every child’s potential, promoting healthy living, and helping them grow and thrive. If you need child care or just looking for a place for your child to grow, call 508-833-4796 to find out about any of our programs.

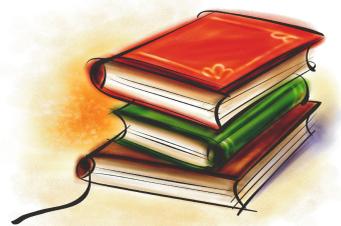
Carver Elementary School—April, 2012
Readers from February Recess

Amadon, Stephen
Arendt, Delaney
Artiano, Chance
Artiano, Paige
Attaya, Patrick
Attaya, Paul
Baker, William
Baldwin, Jessica
Balzarini, Keira
Barkowsky, Anthony
Barros, Jack
Beliveau, George
Bell, Michele
Bellefeuille, Acadia
Bellefeuille, Julia
Bellew, Victoria
Bent, Juliana
Berkobein, Nicholas
Best, Ethan
Bienvenue, Grace
Biggieri, Trinity
Blotner, Kathleen
Booth, Jack
Boughter, Jared
Bradford, Meadow
Brennan, Nicole
Brooks, Jillian
Bumpus, Allison
Burch, Camden
Butler, Jack
Byrne, Savannah
Callahan, James
Camardella, Libby
Carey, Allyson
Carey, Ciara
Carey, Colby
Carpender, Tyler
Carpenter, Jonathan
Carpenter, Marisol
Carr, Georgia
Cervini, Alexia
Chandler, Madison
Chaupetta, Maxwell
Cheverie, Benjamin
Cheverie, Patrick
Cipullo, Maxwell
Clark, McKenna
Clougherty, Corin
Coletta, Matthew
Condon, Charles
Conner, Allison
Corbin, Aiden
Correa, Olivia
Costa, Isley
D'Olimpia, Tessa
Darcy, Christopher
DeAlmeida, Gabriella
Deignan, Rylee
Desisto, Lynsey
Desisto, Matthew
Detrani, Anthony
Dirado, Alexander
Dirado, Nathan
Doherty, Tyler

Doll, Emma
Donaldson, Samantha
Drum, Matthew
Dzierwa, Julie
Eaton, Breyden
Egan, Daniel
Elias, Hope
Farrell, Lauren
Ferrari, Lauren
Foster, Julia
Fox, Michael
Fratu, Elizabeth
Freitas, Ava
Gadles, Justin
Gagnon, Gracie
Gaine, Brandon
Gardner, Travis
Giogio, Aria
Greally, Luke
Griffin, Alicia
Halunen, Deanna
Hanlon, Charles
Harrington, Bradley
Helms, Jameson
Herman, Nathan
Higginbotham, Juliet
Holden, Luke
Holder, Terry
Hutchison, Alana
Johnson, Abrielle
Jones, Gwen
Jones-McDavid, Adam
Kemlage, Justin
Kennedy, Abigail
Kilgrew, Robert
King, Nathan
Langtry, Sarah
Leone, Peter
Lopes, Derek
Lopes, Mia
Lucas, Brandon
Lucas, Joshua
Lynch, Jillian
Macallister, Maria
MacMillan, Adam
Macrina, Dominic
Maloney, McKenna
Manning, Aine
Mannix, Joseph
Mansani, Aidan
Marino, Abigail
Markham, Shawn
Martins, Isabella
McAllister, Andrew
McCarthy, Braden
McCarthy, Brigid
McDonald, David
McDonnell, Martin
McElroy, Ava
McNeil, Eben
Melville, Amanda
Melville, Kyle
Mercer, Isabelle
Miles, Monica

Miller, Jack
Monahan, Heather
Morales, India
Mosher, Amanda
Mueller, Lucas
Mullins, Matthew
Murdock, Mason
Murphy, Avery
Murray, Samantha
Murray, William
Nelson, Hailey
Newell, Jenna
Nunes, Travis
O'Brien, Cullen
O'Brien, Raven
Olson, Harmonie
Olson, Jaden
Ortiz, Dominic
Orzechowski, Abigail
Osswald, Baylee
Parent, Victoria
Pearlman, Luke
Peirce, Claudia
Pelletier, Jack
Pelletier, James
Perry, Alexandria
Perry, Robert
Peters, Jay
Peterson, Niklas
Peterson, Robert
Pflaumer, Abigail
Phillips, Brooke
Piekarski, Bella
Place, Olivia
Poirier, Alexia
Pratt, Xavier
Preston, Lucas
Quigley, Samantha
Ray, William
Raymond, Nicholas
Reed-Davis, Morgan
Reed-Davis, Riley
Reichert, Brandon
Reopell, Ashley
Rogers, Ethan
Roussel, Jonathan
Ryan, Ashley
Ryan, Caitlin
Ryan, Jacqueline
Sampson, Kevin
Sanna, Ryan
Sanson, Emma
Sears, Steven
Sheehan, Sydney
Shott, Kyle
Silvia, Jacob
Simmons, Matthew
Simmons, Olivia
Slavin, Brooke
Sologaistoa, Isabella
Sontag, Olivia
Souza, Alyssa
Stafford, Emily
Stearns, Madelyn

Stidstone, Joshua
Struski, Shana
Sturtevant, Maxwell
Sullivan, Jessica
Tait, Connor
Teebagy, Gabriella
Thevenin, Zachary
Thibeault, Lauren
Thomas, Allison
Thomas, Amber
Thomas, Carlos
Tibbetts, Gemma
Todd, Eliza
Todd, Zachary
Tose, Liliana
Trudeau, Tyler
Tucker, Camille
Tucker, Cassandra
Vincent, Ryan
Wainio, Miah
Waitkus, Natalie
Wall, Mackenzie
Welch, Delaney
Weston, Alyssa
Weston, Holly
Winslow, Payton
Wolter, Emma
Young, Lillian
Zammarchi-Cort, Cody
Zaniboni, Brandon
Zaniboni, Cameron



CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

IMPORTANT!

Our monthly PTO Meeting is **Thursday, April 12th** – this is an important meeting – it's election time for the 2012/2013 school year! We are in need of individuals who would like to show their support of Carver Elementary School by becoming a part of the PTO. You will become part of helping to decide where the monies raised are spent as well as be part of a great group and contribute what you can to the events/activities that take place throughout the school year. If you think you need to attend every PTO Meeting, **you don't** (a fair share of them, yes) but we all have hectic schedules and can't always make everything. A lot of people think this is a huge undertaking, it's NOT if you have enough people willing to contribute and help. So please, seriously think about joining the PTO and making your voice heard! If by chance, you cannot make this meeting and would like to join, please email us at carverpto@hotmail.com!

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair was another great success! **Thank you** everyone who volunteered his/her time the night before and throughout the day/night of the book fair.

We want you to know how much all of us on the PTO appreciate your volunteer service. Volunteers with your passion and dedication are so hard to come by. To give selflessly of your time speaks volumes. You truly are making a difference in the lives of your students/children every day! **THANK YOU!**

We are happy to report that all those donated bags of clothes, stuffed animals, etc... made a profit of **\$280.00** from the Bag2School program! Thank you to everyone who cleaned out his or her closets!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Carver Elementary's CARNIVAL FUN DAY-Saturday, June 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm

The students are invited along with their families to come and enjoy some carnival fun! We will have moonwalks, giant slide, dunk tank (what child doesn't want to dunk one of their parents and / or teachers??), various carnival games/activities, raffle area, the "Snowie" bus, "Fun Day" store, "Fun Day" Snack Hut, etc.... This is just a peak of what's to come, more information will be sent home as the date approaches!

Thank you to those who came to the "Brainstorming" meeting! If you have ideas/suggestions for this event, please forward to carverpto@hotmail.com as we are still in the planning stages so any help we can get is welcome!

The **Dutch Mill Bulb** fundraiser was a big success! We placed an order for over 800 bulb products, a profit of about **\$2,500.00!** Thank you to everyone who decided to spruce up their gardens!

The **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards** program has come to an end and has brought in **\$694.50**. Thank you to everyone who registered their cards! Nice and easy way to earn money for the school! We will re-instate this program next year, it typically runs from October through to March!

OTHER PTO NEWS:

Jordan Hospital presents "Home Alone Staying Safe" Course on **Thursday, April 5th** from **12:15pm-3:15pm**. This is being offered to our 4th & 5th grade students and the cost is \$25 per student. This course helps to prepare students for situations that can happen when staying home alone, from the unexpected knock on the door to the 911 emergency call. It will also help ease the minds of parents who decide the time has come to leave their kids home alone or with siblings. Students will bring their lunches (as this is a half day for the Elementary School) and will eat prior to the program. No late bus – parents are responsible for picking the students up at the end of the program.

We have **CANCELED** the Red Robin Night that was scheduled for **Monday, April 9th**!

Through the Carver Cultural Council, we are happy to present the Discovery Dome, an in house field trip for all of the students to enjoy. All students, K-5, will be able to spend 35 minutes inside the dome to watch a science related / age appropriate show. The teachers can choose from over 100 shows that fit into their curriculum. After each show, the students will also enjoy a question and answer session with a dome specialist. The "Dome" will be taking over the gym in the primary building from **April 11-13th**.

School pictures are scheduled for **Monday, April 23rd** (back by popular demand is *Lifetouch*)! More information will be sent home as the date approaches!

The "**Carver Cooks**" cookbook is available for purchase for \$10.00.

We also have our new "**Note to School**" form. This is a pre-printed form (pads of 50) where you can simply check whether your child needs to be dismissed, is late, or is absent. Easier than writing a note to school, it's already done for you....These pads are **\$3.00 each**.

If you would like to order a Cookbook or a "Note to School" pad – please send a note along with the money – addressed to the PTO (please make sure your child's name/teacher/grade are listed as well). We can easily place either/both in your child's backpack.

As always, thank you for supporting Carver Elementary PTO!

LUNCH MENU

Monday, 4/2/12	Popcorn chicken Dipping sauces, Oven baked fries Steamed peas Raisins, Pepperidge Farm Graham Cookie	Deli tuna w/lettuce in a wheat wrap Oven baked fries Raisins Pepperidge Farm Graham Cookie
Tuesday, 4/3/12	Sliced turkey in a wheat wrap Carrot sticks with reduced fat ranch dip Baked Cape Cod chips Danimals Yogurt cup	Mini cheese burger sliders Carrot sticks with reduced fat ranch dip Baked Cape Cod chips Danimals Yogurt cup
Wednesday, 4/4/12	Maxx— wholegrain pizza square Cheese or pepperoni Pasta salad Chocolate mousse w/topping	Fish fillet on a whole grain bun Pasta salad Chocolate mousse w/topping
Thursday, 4/5/12	Early Release Day—No lunches served	
Friday, 4/6/12	Good Friday	

Monday, 4/9/12	Chicken tacos Seasoned chicken in a hard shell taco Lettuce, tomatoes & cheddar cheese Corn and peaches	Oriental chicken salad Wheat pita bread Assorted dressings Peaches
Tuesday, 4/10/12	Chicken patty on a wheat bun Oven baked potato puffs Green beans Fruit cup	Buffalo chicken patty on a wheat bun Oven baked potato puffs Green beans Fruit cup
Wednesday, 4/11/12	Cheeseburger on a wheat bun Lettuce, tomato & pickles Fritos corn chips Strawberry cup	Italian sub Lettuce, tomato & pickles Fritos corn chips Strawberry cup
Thursday, 4/12/12	Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Pears	
Friday, 4/13/12	RED SOX OPENING DAY Hot dog in a wheat roll Smart Food Popcorn Carrot sticks with dip Hoodsie cup	

Monday, 4/23/12	French toast with warm syrup Scrambled egg patty Crispy turkey bacon Juice cup, applesauce	BLT on wheat bread Reduced fat Doritos Dill pickles Applesauce
Tuesday, 4/24/12	BBQ beef on a wheat bun (Sloppy Joes) Baked smiley fries Steamed carrots, Raisins	Chicken Caesar wrap Baked smiley fries Raisins
Wednesday, 4/25/12	Baked chicken tenders Dipping sauces Seasoned rice Peas Pineapple chunks	Ham & cheese on wheat Cucumber slices w/low fat ranch dip Tiny twist pretzels Pineapple chunks
Thursday, 4/26/12	Toasted cheese sandwich Veggie sticks w/low fat ranch dip Reduced Fat Cape Cod chips Fruit cup	Crispy chicken ranch wrap w/lettuce Veggie sticks w/low fat ranch dip Reduced Fat Cape Cod chips Fruit cup
Friday, 4/27/12	Maxx wholegrain pizza square Cheese or pepperoni Pasta Salad Jell-o with topping	

Monday, 4/30/12	Baked chicken nuggets w/dipping sauces Buttered pasta Steamed broccoli with or without cheese sauce Pears	Deli tuna sub Lettuce & tomato Pickles, Fritos Pears
Tuesday, 5/1/12	Hot dog in a wheat roll Oven baked fries Mixed vegetables Cinnamon & sugar apple slices	Bologna & cheese on wheat bread Baked Cape Cod chips Dill pickles Cinnamon & sugar apple slices
Wednesday, 5/2/12	BBQ baked chicken Seasoned roasted sweet potatoes Wheat dinner roll Orange wedges	Buffalo chicken wrap Veggie sticks with dip Baked chips Orange wedges
Thursday, 5/3/12	Cheeseburger on a wheat bun Lettuce & tomato Baked potato puffs Strawberry Hoodsie Cup	Bacon/cheeseburger on a wheat bun with lettuce & tomato Baked potato puffs Strawberry Hoodsie Cup
Friday, 5/4/12	Sal's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Garden Salad Peaches	

<p><i>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</i></p> <p><i>Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day</i> <i>Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese, margarine, jelly or sun-butter</i> <i>Assorted Cereals</i> <i>Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</i></p>	<p><u>All lunches include</u> Choice of TruMoo Fat Free Chocolate Or 1% White Milk Juice/Fruit Menus are subject to change upon Availability of products Available for purchase separately – Milk .50 8 oz. Bottle Water .75 Ice Cream & Snacks .75</p>
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Tickets may be purchased in strips of 5 for \$10.00

Eligible Reduced Priced Tickets 5 for \$2.00

Free or Reduced Priced Meal Applications are available in the school office, on our website
www.carver.org or by calling (508) 866-6137

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CARVER PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

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| April 4 <u>Big Ryan's Writing Workshop Week 2</u> | April 5 <u>Make it Take it Sport Cat Craft</u> (all ages, drop in 6:30 pm) |
| April 7 <u>Egg Decorating</u> (all ages, please register, 11 am) | April 10 <u>Clay Critter Workshop</u> (all ages, please register, 6:30 pm) |
| April 11 <u>Big Ryan's Writing Workshop Week 3</u> | April 12 <u>Spring Craft</u> (ages 5 and up, please register, 6:30 pm) |
| April 14 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND | |

- April 17 Marble Run Challenge (work in teams to complete the challenge and see whose engineering skills measure up to the best run). Ages 5 and up, please register. 6:30 pm
- April 18 Chess Mates (come play in our low-key chess tournament, or come to learn, or come to tedch, but if you enjoy playing chess, come to the library today). Ages 8 and up, drop in, 11:00 am

Big Ryan's Writing Workshop: Presentation Week

April 19 Jean Pocket Purses (session 2). For all those who didn't get to make the cool jean pocket purses over February vacation, we are running this craft workshop again. Ages 8 and up, please register. 11:00 am

Candy Bar Bingo: Entry fee: 1 regular sized candy bar per participant. All ages, 6:30 pm. First come, first seated.

April 21 Earth Day Celebration. Celebrate Earth Day with nature inspired games, activities and crafts. All ages, please register. 11 am.

April 24 Preteen craft: Art folio. Ages 8 and up, please register. 6:30 pm.

April 26 Win, Lose or Draw. Family Fun Night. All ages, please register, 6:30 pm.

April 28 Science Saturday: Foaming monsters. Ages 5 and up, please register, 11 am.

Join us for Toddler Story time on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or Preschool Story time on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.