



Carver Elementary School

December, 2010 Newsletter

The miracle is...the more we share, the more we have. Share your happiness...it's contagious.

Dear Families,

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 10, for all students, K-5. The delay is due to the fact that all report cards are being done electronically and we need a few more days to work out all the glitches. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

This month will roll along quickly as it is a short month in school due to our December vacation. Although this is a busy time of year, the students still need to come to school ready to learn and to work hard. We ask for your support also. Please join us in stressing to your child that learning needs to take place even during the hectic holiday season.

Thanksgiving songfest: A special thanks to music teachers, Mr. Barakat and Mrs. Giokas for the wonderful job they did preparing our kindergarten students for the Thanksgiving songfest. Also, thank you to the kindergarten teachers for practicing the songs in their classrooms. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents, and other friends and relatives here!

PTO activities: We appreciate your participation in the PTO fundraisers - the Scholastic Book Fair, the Original Works Art Program, and the Cristoline fundraiser. The PTO members have worked hard on these fundraisers as well as collecting box tops and drink pouches. We are all looking forward to the Winter Wonderland which will take place on Saturday, December 4. Please see the invitation in this newsletter with more information. Hope to see you all there!

A reminder from the Transportation Department: Please remember that your child should be outside waiting for the bus. We realize that on cold mornings it may be difficult to have your child standing outside, but the bus drivers are on a tight schedule and need to have the children ready to board the bus. They cannot sit and wait for your child to be ready. Thank you for your cooperation!

December Winter Concert and Holiday Singalong:

You are cordially invited to attend The Carver Elementary School winter concert on **Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Carver Middle High School auditorium. We are looking forward to seeing our 4th and 5th graders' performance. On **Wednesday, December 22**, you are cordially invited to our 1st and 2nd grade holiday sing-alongs. The 1st graders will be performing at 10:30 a.m., and our 2nd graders' sing-along will be at 12:30 p.m. Both will be held in the E.K.Washburn building gym. These performances are sure to put you in the holiday spirit!

Happy Holidays! All of us at the Carver Elementary School wish all our families a happy and healthy new year. Enjoy the school vacation and send your child(ren) back to school refreshed and ready to continue to work hard. Many thanks to you for your ongoing support. Educating children is made so much easier when both home and school work together.

Sincerely,

Candace E. Weiler
Principal

Ruby Maestas
Associate Principal

Paula Foley
Associate Principal

Lost and Found

The items in our lost and found area are increasing daily. If your child is missing an item of clothing, hats, mittens, etc., please check the lost and found area located in the front foyer in the Erwin K. Washburn building and near the cafeteria in the Gov. John Carver building.



DECEMBER 2010				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Advanced Band Monday Floor Hockey	30 Chorus Rehearsal <u>Last</u> Tuesday Floor Hockey Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	1 Advanced Band <u>Last</u> Wednesday Floor Hockey	2 Orff Rehearsal Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons HAPPY HANUKKAH!	3 <u>Last</u> Friday Floor Hockey
6 Advanced Band <u>Last</u> Monday Floor Hockey School Council Meeting @ 3 pm School Comm. Meeting @ 7:00 pm CHS	7 Chorus Rehearsal Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	8 Advanced Band	9 Orff Rehearsal Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Term I Assembly Gr. 4 @ 10:00 am Elementary Gym <i>Early Release Day Student Dismissal @ 11:45 am</i>	10 Report Cards Issued for Term I
13 Advanced Band Building Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm, EKW Building IMC	14 Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	15 Elementary Winter Concert CMHS Auditorium 7:00 pm	16 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM	17 Term I Assembly Gr. 5 @ 2:00 pm Elementary Gym
20 Advanced Band	21 Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Winter Begins	22 Advanced Band December Sing-Along Gr. 1 @ 10:30 am Gr. 2 @ 12:30 pm	23 <i>Early Release Day Student Dismissal @ 11:45 am</i>	24 DECEMBER RECESS BEGINS 25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i> 26 <i>HAPPY KWANZAA!</i>
27 DECEMBER RECESS	28 DECEMBER RECESS	29 DECEMBER RECESS	30 DECEMBER RECESS	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday
December 1

Chicken Noodle Soup
Warm soft pretzel
Carrot sticks with dip
Applesauce

Veggie Boat
Carrot & celery sticks
cucumber slices with a cheddar cheese wedge
Ranch dressing
Warm soft pretzel
Applesauce

Thursday
December 2

Waffle dippers with syrup
Crispy bacon strips
Yogurt Cup
Juice Cup

Italian sub
Lettuce & tomato
Baked Doritos
Yogurt Cup

Friday
December 3

Whole grain stuffed crust pizza (cheese or pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Jell-O with topping

Monday
December 6

Hot dog in a roll
Smart Food popcorn
Baked beans
Pears

BBQ Chicken Wrap
Smart Food popcorn
Carrot sticks with dip
Pears

Tuesday
December 7

Toasted ham & cheese sandwich
Baked Cape Cod chips
Veggie sticks with dip
Banana or raisins

Chicken Caesar wrap
Baked Cape Cod chips
Veggie sticks with dip
Banana or raisins

Wednesday December 8	Crispy popcorn chicken w/dipping sauces Oven baked fries Corn Fruit cup	Greek salad w/dressing Pita bread Fruit cup
Thursday December 9	Early Release Day	
Friday December 10	Sal's Pizza (cheese or pepperoni) Garden Salad Strawberries with topping	
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Monday December 13	Chicken patty on a bun Lettuce & tomato Baked Cape Cod chips Pickles, pears	Tuna salad roll Lettuce & tomato Baked Cape Cod chips Pickles, pears
Tuesday December 14	Hard shell beef taco Shredded lettuce & cheese Seasoned rice Corn Whipped mousse dessert w/topping	Buffalo chicken sandwich Baked chips Celery sticks Whipped mousse dessert w/topping
Wednesday December 15	Spaghetti & meatballs Green beans Dinner roll Chocolate graham bears	Italian Sub Lettuce, tomatoes & pickles Baked Doritos Chocolate graham bears
Thursday December 16	Cheeseburger on a bun Oven baked fires Lettuce & tomato Blueberries w/topping	Bacon/Ranch Wrap Bacon, lettuce & tomatoes on a wrap w/ranch dressing Baked Cape Cod chips Blueberries w/topping
Friday December 17	New Item	Uno's Pizza Day Uno's Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garden salad Jell-o w/topping
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Monday December 20	French toast sticks w/syrup Baked sausage links Applesauce Juice cup	Ham & cheese sub Baked chips Pickles Applesauce
Tuesday December 21	Baked chicken nuggets w/dipping sauces Seasoned rice Mixed vegetables Mixed fruit cup	Tuna salad roll Lettuce & tomato Baked Doritos Mixed fruit cup
Wednesday December 22	Whole grain stuffed crust pizza (cheese or pepperoni) Garden Salad Peaches	
Thursday December 23	Early Release Day	

Available Daily Alternative Lunches

Grades 1 & 2

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich (Smucker's Uncrustable)

Bagel Lunch

2.5 oz bagel w/ choice of cream cheese, margarine, or jelly

Assorted cereals

Included with all the above are: milk, juice, fruit, and vegetable of the day

All menus are subject to change upon availability of products.

LUNCH \$2.00

MILK \$.50

**Bottled Water or 100% Juice
SNACKS & ICE CREAM \$.75**

Carver Elementary's PTO
Presents our 1st Annual
Winter Wonderland Celebration



You are cordially invited to attend!

Date: Saturday, December 4th

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Place: Primary Building's Cafeteria

The children can look forward to:

Making a craft for that special someone

Eating some delicious goodies at the Bake Sale

Shopping at our Winter Wonderland Store

Watching Santa arrive via helicopter outside the school and then having the opportunity to visit with him.

Santa arrives at 11:30am - Mom & Dad... bring those cameras!

Browsing various raffle items that have been donated and then deciding on which ones to take a chance on...

(including the 4 Disney One Day Park hopper passes)

Listening to the High School Choir/Chorus sing some holiday songs

Picking up their Original Works artwork orders as well as any Cristoline candy/candle orders.

The Carver Elementary PTO looks forward to
enjoying this day with everyone!

DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

Helping children develop a sense of responsibility is one of the challenging tasks of parenthood. Children often want more freedom - but not necessarily the responsibility that goes with it! Parents need to teach children to understand that privileges must be earned by the demonstration of dependable, reliable behavior. The following suggestions may help children develop a sense of responsibility:

1. Learn to help yourself

Children learn responsibility by caring for themselves. Small chores that are age-appropriate such as emptying the trash, setting the table, putting clothes in the hamper, and getting ready for school help children to develop responsibility for themselves. Children who learn to complete tasks in a timely fashion have a big advantage in the classroom.

2. Learn to help your family

Children have a responsibility as family members. They must understand the importance of sharing and cooperating with other family members to complete tasks that benefit the family as a whole. Assign household chores and explain the interdependence of tasks. For example, one child clears the table, another washes the dishes and a third can sweep the kitchen floor. Children need to understand that their actions have consequences. If they do not make their beds in the morning, they will have to do it after school before running out to play with their friends. The self-discipline learned by understanding that actions have consequences will help insure school success.

3. Learn to help others

Being helpful to others is an important aspect of becoming a responsible member of a community. Children can share old toys and clothes with less fortunate children or care for them or elderly neighbors. They will be enthusiastic about following your example in participating in community activities that are helpful to others. These activities will help them to participate more effectively in the classroom environment and enhance their own learning.