



Carver Elementary School Newsletter December 2011



“May the candle you light at this season be repeated in all the windows of the world.”

Dear Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last newsletter to you! As you know, I am retiring and my last day will be Thursday, December 22nd. I am honored to have been the Principal here for 13 ½ years. It has been a pleasure working with so many wonderful families. Thank you for sharing your children with me. I have enjoyed my time here and will miss all of you. I have so many fond memories of the Carver Elementary School and everyone here. I am already looking forward to coming back to see everyone during field day in June. Fondly, Mrs. Weiler

New Associate Principal: We are delighted to announce that the newly appointed Associate Principal is Mr. Zachary Waddicor. Presently, he is a third grade teacher in the Dighton Rehobeth School district. His first day will be Monday, December 19. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome as he begins his administrative career here.

Merrily we roll along: 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 go on 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 on 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!

Winter Wonderland: We are all looking forward to the Winter Wonderland, sponsored by the PTO, which will take place on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m in the cafeteria of the EKW building. There will be many fun activities for your child including seeing Santa Claus arrive by helicopter. 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 tight schedules and need to have the child(ren) standing outside. 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 14 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 21st**, 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 2:00 p.m. Both will be held in the EKW 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

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Principal

Ruby Maestas

Ruby Maestas
Associate Principal

Paula Foley

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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 2011 Calendar of Events

28	29	30	1 Elementary Orff Before School Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	2 Last Friday Floor Hockey – 2:45 pm Term 1 Report Cards Issued 12/3/11-PTO Winter Wonderland 10-2 EKW Building Cafeteria
5 No Advanced Band	6 Elementary Chorus Before School Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Early Release Day – 11:45 am dismissal	7 Advanced Band	8 Elementary Orff Before School Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	9
12 Advanced Band School Council, 3 pm School Committee Meeting, 7 pm, MLLC	13 Elementary Chorus Before School No Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Winter Concert K-2 @ 9:30 Winter Concert 3-5 @ 1:30 pm	14 No Advanced Band Elementary Winter Concert, 7 pm, CMHS Auditorium	15 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons PTO Meeting, 7 pm	16
19 No Advanced Band	20 Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons High School Winter Concert, 7 pm	21 No Advanced Band Grade 1 Singalong – 10:30 am, EKW building gym Grade 2 Singalong – 2:00 pm, EKW building gym	22 No Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	23 Holiday Recess
26 Holiday Recess	27 Holiday Recess	28 Holiday Recess	29 Holiday Recess	30 Holiday Recess
2 Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2012!	3 School Resumes	4	5	6

Power a Bright Future – CES Grant Opportunity
PLEASE VOTE!!



Carver Elementary School has been nominated for a grant opportunity from the Clorox Company for up to \$50,000 for funding new playground equipment. Cast your votes for Carver to win the grand prize until December 9, 2011. Vote on line at: www.PowerABrightFuture.com.

Smile Programs...the Mobile Dentists

Carver Elementary School is hosting Smile Programs...the mobile dentists on **1/26/2012**. We have again invited the mobile dentists to coordinate on-site dental care at the school because we know how important taking care of your children's teeth is to keeping them healthy. Best of all, your child can receive dental care at **NO COST TO YOU**, as Medicare, CHIP, and most other insurances cover 100% of prevention treatment. The dental team will set up a mini-dental office in our building and provide dental services for all children who return completed forms. If you want your child to see the dentist on 1/26/2012, just fill out the permission slip and return it to the school. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Pooler, MSCNS, School Nurse Leader, at (508) 866-6225.

Carver Elementary PTO Information



On Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Carver Elementary's PTO welcomes all Carver Elementary families to the school for **our second annual Winter Wonderland!**

Much planning has gone on to make the **Winter Wonderland** a success, and we hope everyone can attend. We are pleased, once again, with the generosity of the elementary families. The raffle and bake sale donations were very generous along with the volunteers that have offered their time to help out with this event.

All Primary and Elementary children are invited to come create a holiday craft for someone special. Santa will be arriving, via helicopter, at 11:30 a.m. and will be visiting with all the boys and girls until 1:30 p.m. It will be a great photo opportunity! The children will also have the opportunity to make food for Santa's reindeers while enjoying songs of the season. The event is for the entire family!

We will be having a huge bake sale. All our goodies are hand-made and are sure to be delicious. There will also be a Holiday store where the children can purchase inexpensive Holiday gifts.

Additionally, we are grateful to the community and some major corporations who donated some truly unique items that will be raffled off at the end of the celebration. **The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 tickets for \$10.00.** Some of the items include: a Lottery Tree full of scratch tickets; 2 Patriots Tickets to the Christmas Eve day game; Keurig Coffee Maker; a session of gymnastics at the Middleboro YMCA; free residential pump from Southeast Septic; free loaf of bread a month for a year from Panera Bread; tickets to: Santa's Village, Storyland, Water Wizz, South Shore Music Circus Children's Theatre, Lake Compounce Family Park, Pilgrim Belle Cruises, Pawtucket Red Sox game, etc.; as well as many baskets of goodies from Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Cabot Cheese, NESN, etc. You need not be in attendance to win.

There will also be a raffle for 4 Walt Disney World Park Hopper passes. **The tickets are \$5.00 a chance or 5 tickets for \$20.00.** The value of the tickets is approximately \$500. They are good for two years and are transferable.

We will also have available for sale, the **"Colony Place Shop & Share" coupon packets** which sell for \$5.00 each. The "Colony Place Shop & Share" takes place all weekend at Colony Place (December 3rd & 4th). Great savings in this coupon packet!

Original Works Artwork Orders will be available for pickup on Friday evening (December 2nd) from 6:00pm-8:00pm as well as during the Winter Wonderland from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday (December 3rd).

So please stop by and enjoy this festive celebration! The Winter Wonderland is one of the school's biggest fundraisers. The money raised at this event is used to support the PTO's mission of enhancing the educational and community experience at the Carver Elementary School by supporting enrichment programs and other activities that are not normally provided by the school system. We look forward to another great turnout! ☺

We hope to see many of you there!

OTHER PTO NEWS The next **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 15th from 7:00pm-9:00pm** and will be held at the Primary Building's IMC. Hope to see many of you there!

Holiday Babysitting by the Carver High School Student Council

Are you looking for an afternoon to go holiday shopping? Don't you wish you could have some free time without worrying about entertaining your children? Then drop them off at Carver Middle High School's Holiday Babysitting on **Saturday, December 10th from 11:00AM until 4:00PM**. Your children will be entertained with holiday coloring, lunch, a movie, crafts, and games; and you will be rewarded with an afternoon to yourself! Sponsored by the High School Student Council, members will babysit your children for the whole afternoon for the small fee of \$20. There will be a family cap of \$30, if you have more than one child attending this event. If you register early (before December 6) by email or telephone the cost will be reduced to \$17 or \$27 for a family! If you register by e-mail or telephone be sure to provide the following information (**Your name and contact phone number, your child's name and grade, and please notify us if your child has any food allergies**).

- To register by email either contact Melissa Gray at graym@carver.org or Chris Tresca at trescac@carver.org. - To register by telephone either call Melissa Gray at (508) 866-6174 or Chris Tresca at (508) 866-6328. **We look forward to hearing from you and watching your children on December 10th!!!**


Carver Elementary School

Lunch Menu

12/5/11 ~ 12/9/11

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~12/5/11 Baked chicken nuggets Dipping sauces Seasoned rice Sweet peas Sliced pears	Tuna salad on wholegrain white w/ lettuce Fritos corn chips Pickle Sliced pears
Tuesday ~12/6/11 In -Service Day	
Wednesday ~12/7/11 Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun Smart Food popcorn Carrot sticks w/ dip Fruit cup or apple	Bacon/Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun Smart Food popcorn Carrot sticks w/ dip Fruit cup or apple
Thursday ~12/8/11 Ham, egg & cheese on a bagel Baked potato puffs Steamed mixed vegetables Applesauce	Bowl of Chicken Noodle soup Snowman pretzel Yogurt cup Applesauce
Friday ~ 12/9/11 Wholegrain Maxx Pizza/ square Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad	

Week of: 12/12/11 ~ 12/ 16/11

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~12/12/11 Meatballs and gravy Whipped potatoes Steamed corn Orange wedges	BLT on whole grain white Fritos corn chips Pickles Orange wedges
Tuesday ~ 12/13/11 Chicken Parmesan sandwich Celery sticks w/ ranch dip Baked Doritos Blueberry cup	Buffalo chicken sandwich Celery sticks w/ blue cheese or ranch dressing Baked Doritos Blueberry cup
Wednesday ~ 12/14/11 Beefy nacho platter Cheddar cheese sauce Baby carrots w/ dip Pineapple tidbits	Tuna salad roll Tiny twist pretzels Baby carrots w/ dip Pineapple tidbits
Thursday~12/15/11 Baked chicken tenders Dipping sauces Oven baked fries Steamed green beans Peaches	Oriental chicken salad w/pita bread Honey mustard or Ranch dressing Peaches
Friday ~ 12/16/11 Sal's whole wheat pizza Cheese or pepperoni Pasta salad Holiday cookie Fruit cup	

Week of: 12/19/11 ~ 12/22/11

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
<p>Monday ~12/19/11 <i>Cheesy Chicken Fajita wrap</i> <i>Seasoned chicken & cheddar cheese in a soft taco</i> <i>Steamed rice</i> <i>Green beans</i> <i>Salsa</i> <i>Cinnamon applesauce</i></p>	<p><i>Vegetarian chili w/ cheddar cheese</i> <i>Baked Scoops corn chips for dipping</i> <i>Cucumber slices w/ dip</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Cinnamon applesauce</i></p>
<p>Tuesday ~12/20/11 <i>Waffle sticks w/ warm syrup</i> <i>Crispy bacon</i> <i>Scrambled egg patty</i> <i>Apple or fruit cup</i></p>	<p><i>Bologna & cheese sub</i> <i>Baked Doritos</i> <i>Baby carrots w/ ranch dip</i> <i>Apple or fruit cup</i></p>
<p>Wednesday ~12/21/11 <i>Hotdog in a wholegrain bun</i> <i>Baked potato wedges</i> <i>Pickles</i> <i>Sliced peaches</i></p>	<p><i>Chicken Caesar salad</i> <i>Low fat dressings</i> <i>Sliced peaches</i></p>
<p>Thursday ~12/22/11 <i>Wholegrain Maxx Pizza/ square</i> <i>Cheese or pepperoni</i> <i>Baby carrots w/ dip</i> <i>Jell-O w/ topping</i></p>	
<p>Friday <i>Winter Recess</i></p>	
<p align="center"><u>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</u></p> <p align="center">Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese, margarine, jelly or sun-butter Assorted Cereals <i>Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>All lunches include</u> Choice of <i>TruMoo</i> Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk Juice/Fruit <i>Menus are subject to change upon availability of products</i> Available for purchase separately – Milk .50 8 oz. Bottle Water .75 Ice Cream & Snacks .75</p>

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**

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES



Picture this

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your youngster's comprehension, read a book without letting him see it. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. *Examples:* How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

Raising good sports

You can teach your child to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

Line them up

Sometimes kids get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. Try this. Have your child work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once she gets used to this system, she'll be able to transfer her lining-up skills to regular paper.

Worth quoting

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."
H. Jackson Brown Jr.

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: Name one important thing we have today that we didn't have 10 years ago.

Brian: Me!



Homework time

Nathan likes to start homework right after school. Elise prefers to relax first. Luis listens to soft music when he studies, while Bella needs silence.

Which homework routine is best? They're all fine! With help from their parents, these students have discovered what works for them. Use these strategies to help your child find a winning homework routine.

When and where?

Try planning a regular time each day when family members do quiet activities. You'll help your youngster focus by limiting distractions. For example, she can do homework in the kitchen after school while you pay bills or cook. Or everyone can read in the living room at night while she works in her room.

Take a break

Schedule short periods of work to fit your child's attention span. If she has an hour of homework, she can do



30 minutes and then take a break (shoot hoops, have a healthy snack) before finishing up. *Tip:* Have her keep track of time—and stay on task—by setting an alarm clock to signal her break.

First things first

Before she starts, help your youngster put her assignments in order. Have you noticed she gets more done when she does written work first? If so, she can complete her math worksheet, then practice spelling words and, finally, study science. *Idea:* Suggest that she rank homework from hardest to easiest and tackle the more complicated work first.♥

Parent power

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or an e-mail.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your youngster succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.♥

