



Carver Elementary School February 2012 Newsletter



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
-Maya Angelou

Dear Families,

On February 9, 2012, we will have reached the 100th day of school! Time seems to be flying by quicker than ever. Our Elementary School is buzzing with the wonderful sounds of learning. For many students, so much of what they have been working on suddenly begins to make sense and they begin to put all their skills together. We are proud of the effort and progress our students are making. Thank you for your support in making school a priority.

READING INITIATIVES

There will be two reading initiatives taking place during the winter and spring. Thank you to all the parents who encourage and support their children with reading every day even during school vacation.

- Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will have the opportunity to participate in the vacation reading initiative during February vacation. Reading logs will be going home with the students on Friday, February 17. Students who read during the February vacation should complete the reading log and return it to school. These students will receive a book and certificate. Reading logs must be returned to school by Friday, March 2. We have listed all the December readers in this newsletter.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in our READ-A-THON to promote and foster reading in school and at home. The READ-A-THON will begin on Monday, February 27 and end on Monday, April 9. Students who participate every week will earn a reading award in June. A letter explaining the details will be sent home with the students before February vacation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please make every effort to have your child attend school every day. It is important for your child to understand that good attendance and getting to school on time is necessary to succeed in school. We have attached the Attendance/Vacation section from the Student Handbook for your review.

SCIENCE WEEK

During January and early February, students will participate in a full week of Science. The students will participate in science units ranging from Motion and Balance in Grade 1 to Variables in Grade 5. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who have given endless hours to support the teachers with preparation for Science Week and for volunteering in the classroom during this time.

MATH MANIA NIGHT

Math Mania Night will be held on March 1 in the Erwin K. Washburn building. This exciting evening is open to all Carver Elementary School students in grades K-5 and their guardians. There will be exciting math activities and games for the students. This event will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for grades K, 1, and 2 and from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. for Grades 3, 4 and 5. To reserve a slot, please complete and return the bottom portion of the Math Night flyer. We must receive your information by **Friday, February 10**.

COMMUNITY READERS' DAY

Community Readers' Day is coming in March. We will be inviting members of the school community in to our school to share their love of reading with us. Stay tuned for more information.

Reminder: February 9 is an early release day and February 20-24 is school vacation week.

With the weather being inconsistent lately, there may be times when our classrooms may be colder than usual. Please be sure to send your child with a sweater or sweatshirt that he/she can keep at school to put on when needed.

Sincerely,

Ruby C. Maestas
Principal

Paula S. Foley
Associate Principal

Zachary S. Waddicor
Associate Principal

IMPORTANT MCAS DATES

Grade 3:	Wednesday, March 21	Reading
	Thursday, March 22	Reading
Grade 4:	Tuesday, March 20	ELA Long Composition
	Monday, March 26	ELA
	Tuesday, March 27	ELA
Grade 5:	Wednesday, March 28	ELA
	Thursday, March 29	ELA
Grades 3 -5	May 7 through May 22	Math
Grade 5	May 8 through May 22	Science & Technology

SUBSTITUTE NURSES NEEDED

If you are a registered nurse and would like to substitute for the Carver Public Schools, please contact Annmarie Metrano at 508-866-6101.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. Giokas is looking for some volunteers to help with a special music project for students in Grades K-2. Please contact her at: 508-866-6311 if you are able to help.

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 lower building and near the cafeteria in the Gov. John Carver upper building.

MORNING DROP OFF

For the safety of all students and staff, we respectfully request your cooperation with this procedure. If you are dropping off a 4th or 5th grade student, please do so at the Governor John Carver Building Cafeteria. If you are dropping off a Kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 student, please do so in the side parking lot and be sure your child walks on the sidewalk, **NOT BETWEEN THE BUSES**. We understand that this procedure may take a little longer when dropping your student(s) off, but it will ensure the safety of all.

ATTENDANCE

A student is tardy if he/she arrives late to school (i.e., later than the official school starting time of 8:15 a.m.). In such cases, the student **and** parent must report directly to the office before the student can go to the classroom. Parents **must** sign their children in at the office.

Early Dismissal: If a child is to be dismissed early from school, a note must be brought or sent in on the day of dismissal, explaining the reason for dismissal and the time to be dismissed. Only a signed note by a parent or legal guardian is acceptable. A parent or guardian must be present for the school to release a child, unless a signed note from the parent or legal guardian allows the release of the child to another adult. Every student must be signed out from the school office or health office. Parents or guardians must report to the office and not go directly to the classroom. The child will be called from the classroom for dismissal. Please allow sufficient time for your child to gather his/her belongings from the classroom before they are dismissed. Identification will be required. For student safety, telephone calls to the office to change dismissal procedures will not be permitted except for cases of extreme emergency.

End of Day Dismissal: A parent who wishes his/her child to be dismissed (rather than taking the bus home) needs to send in a signed note to the office. If a student is to be dismissed daily, a permanent note may be written and sent to the school office. Parents who pick up a child at the end of the school day are to park in the rear of the EKW building in front of the cafeteria where parking spaces have been reserved for parents. Parents may enter the cafeteria at 2:35 p.m. Students will be called to the cafeteria at 2:40 p.m. Students **MUST** be signed out at the cafeteria by a parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian is unable to dismiss the child, a signed note by the parent must be sent in with the child stating who will be allowed to dismiss the child. Identification will be required.

Similar to attendance policies, the fewer times a child is released from school, the better it is for his/her education. A student will be considered absent from school if he/she arrives after or leaves before the mid-point (11:30 AM) of any school day.

Excessive tardiness or early dismissal will be followed up by the school administration, may be investigated by the attendance officer, and may result in poor academic performance, which could lead to retention.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Mutual Bank in Carver is sponsoring a contest to benefit the Carver Elementary School playground as part of the bank's celebration of 33 years in town.

Visitors to the Carver branch at 74 Main Street will see a big "Crystal Box" full to the brim with golf tees. The bank has challenged Carver residents to come in and guess the number of tees in the box. The contest began Friday, January 20. The person with the closest guess will receive a \$100 prize. For every guess, Mutual Bank will donate \$3 to the "All for Fun, Fun for All" Carver Elementary School Playground Fund. A copy of the contest rules can be seen at the Carver branch or on the web at www.MyMutalBank.com/celebrate-carver.

"All for Fun, Fun For All" Carver Elementary School Playground Fund is a grassroots group of parents and teachers working to make the playground more fun and inclusive for all Carver children. For more information or to volunteer or donate, please call (508) 866-4232.

HEIFER PROJECT

Heifer International is a non-profit organization that helps needy families around the world. The organization gives gifts of cattle, sheep, rabbits, honeybees, pigs, llamas and other regionally appropriate livestock. The gift of each animal is to eventually help an entire community to become self-sustaining.

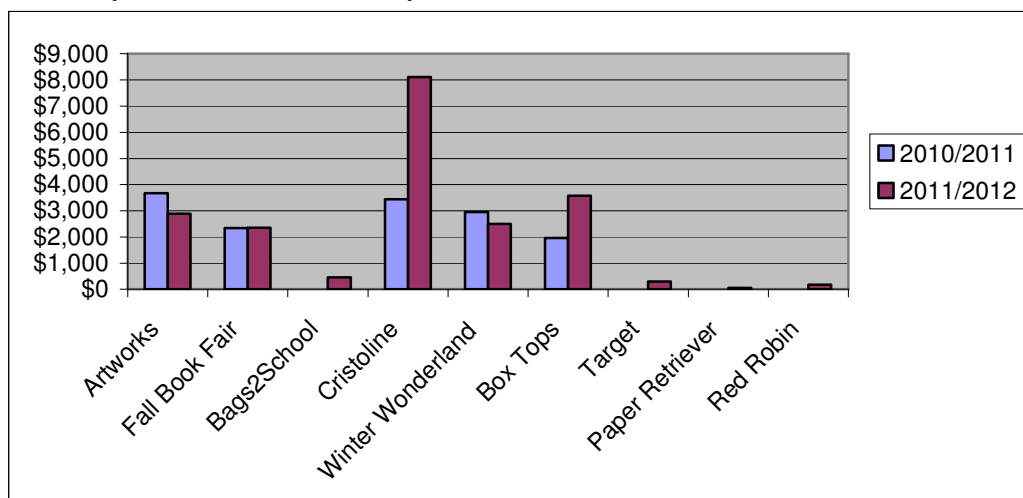
Thank you to all fourth and fifth graders who donated pennies to support the fundraiser for Heifer International. Because of your generosity, we raised a grand total of \$350. Fourth and fifth graders voted to purchase a pig, a goat, and a share of an animal, (a large animal such as a water buffalo or a camel are more expensive to purchase, therefore, we were able to purchase a share of one of the larger animals) and the funds were submitted to Heifer International at the beginning of January. Thank you again for helping to make a difference in the lives of needy families around the world.

Calendar of Events February 2012

		1 Advanced Band	2 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	3
6 Advanced Band	7 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Chess Club	8 Advanced Band	9 Early Release Day 100 th Day of School	10
13 Advanced Band School Council, 3 pm School Committee, 7 pm 100 th Day for Kindergarten	14 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Chess Club Ends	15 Advanced Band	16 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons PTO Meeting, 7 pm	17 PTO Family Bingo Night
20	21	22	23	24
Winter Recess				
27 Advanced Band Grades 3, 4 & 5 Read- A-Thon Begins – Week 1	28 Elementary Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Chess Club Tournaments Begins	29 Advanced Band	1 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	2 Marks Close Term II

CARVER ELEMENTARY PTO

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the 2011/2012 school year! With that said, we thought it would be a good time to share with you the monies raised thus far, through all of our fundraising efforts. We have been busy and are working hard to ensure that the students are provided with the tools needed to have the best learning experience possible. Below is a list of all of the fundraisers that have occurred in this school year. We have compared this year's results with last year's.



We are happy to report that we have raised, so far this year (2011/2012 school year), \$20,560. That is amazing as last year at this time we were at \$14,387. The Artwork and Winter Wonderland did not raise as much money as last year but we doubled the profit from the Cristoline sales! Also, we did not have the Red Robin "Restaurant Night Outs" last year. The Paper Retriever, Bag2School and Target programs were introduced mid-year last year so you will not see a comparison of that profit just yet. We have also rolled out another new program, the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards program where we have currently raised, \$348.32 (this money will not be received until April as the program runs through March and hopefully the amount will continue to grow).

Last year we committed to offering new programs where we aren't asking families for money. So we introduced the Paper Retriever, Bag2School, Target and Stop & Shop A+ programs. We are committed to pursuing these types of programs. Other similar programs already in place are: Box Tops, the Juice Pouch Brigade and Labels For Education.

Speaking of Labels for Education, Labels for Education is having a huge promo and we need you to send in all your labels (UPC codes) from the participating products. A list will be sent home shortly. Please send in by February 29, 2012. This promotion is how we are able to provide all of the recess equipment for the students.

Thus far, with the monies earned from the above-mentioned fundraisers, the PTO has been able to provide for the following:

Enrichment

- Grades K & 1 Theaterworks Performance
- Grade 2 Gingerbread Cookies
- Grades 4 & 5 Visiting Author – MJ Allaire
School Supplies / Tools
- Art Department Art Supplies (paints, stamps, etc...)
- Cafeteria Board Games
- Special Ed Handwriting without Tears
- Grade 1 Ink for color printer
- Grade 2 2 whiteboards, several privacy shields, laminating pouches,
Bingo Math games, Math Skills books
- Grade 5 Games for indoor recess
- Grades K-5 ADHD dvd's

Other

- Grades 3-5 Summer Reading Ice Cream Party

We are extremely happy to report that the 4th grade will be outfitted with **four brand new 77" Diagonal SMART Boards**. The Technology Department is hoping to have these in place by the time the students return from February Vacation! Last year we were able to outfit all of the 1st grade classrooms with new Smart Boards and upgraded technology on existing ones. Our goal is to continue to upgrade the technology throughout the school.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the year. We will continue our efforts to raise money to fund interesting enrichment programs and advance technology.

February PTO events to look forward to:

- PTO Meeting – Thursday Night / February 16th / 7:00pm
- Family Bingo Night - Friday night / February 17th (more information to come).

The PTO would like to thank M.L. Nichols who presented "The Parent Backpack Workshop" at our last PTO meeting.

The PTO would also like to thank the Carver Cultural Council for awarding us a grant for \$950 to go towards the **Discovery Dome Planetarium** in house field trip for all students at our school. ***This is tentatively scheduled to be on display for the students the week of April 9, 2012.***

As always, please contact any of the PTO members if you have questions – the easiest way to get in touch with us is through email at carverpto@hotmail.com. We check email daily! Also, for continuous PTO updates – check out our website @ www.carverpto.org!

Kindergarten Registration

The Carver Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration appointments on the following days by appointment only:

Friday, 3/2/12	Monday, 3/5/12	Wednesday, 3/7/12	Thursday, 3/8/12
Friday, 3/9/12	Tuesday, 3/13/12	Thursday, 3/15/12	

➤ Only children who will be 5 years old on or before **September 1, 2012** are eligible to enroll in kindergarten per Carver Public Schools' entrance age policy.

Parents/guardians need to call the EKW Building to make an appointment to register and for a hearing/vision screening appointment beginning on Monday, January 30, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The phone number is 866-6210. Please note that due to the winter recess, February 20 through February 24, 2012, the office will be closed. After receiving your appointment, a kindergarten registration packet will be mailed to you promptly. In order to register, you need to bring **all completed** forms and the following:

- The child's certified birth certificate (with a raised seal on it).
- Proof of residency. The following is the only acceptable proof of residency: Purchase and sales of house/condo, two consecutive months of a utility bill, rental agreement including landlords contact information. A driver's license will be accepted with one of the above items listed.
- Up-to-date immunizations.

Failure to provide this information will delay the placement of your child.

An evening orientation will be held in the spring at the Carver Elementary School IMC. At this time, information about our kindergarten program will be presented. Details (including date and time) will be given out at registration.


Please note that students who currently attend the Carver Public Schools' Preschool Program are required to register for kindergarten, if they are age appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact the EKW Building at 866-6210.

December 2011 Recess Reading Log Participants (K-2)

Amadon, Stephen	Hanlon, Charles	Reed-Davis, Morgan
Andrews-Liadis, Cassidy	Harrington, Bradley	Reed-Davis, Riley
Arendt, Delaney	Helms, Jameson	Reichert, Brandon
Artiano, Paige	Herman, Nathan	Reopell, Ashley
Attaya, Patrick	Holmes, Derek	Roach, Madison
Attaya, Paul	Hutchison, Alana	Rogers, Ethan
Baker, William	Johnson, Abrielle	Rooney, Robert
Baldwin, Jessica	Jones, Gwen	Roussel, Jonathan
Balzarini, Keira	Jones-McDavid, Adam	Ryan, Ashley
Barkowsky, Anthony	Kaiser, Nolan	Ryan, Caitlin
Barros, Jack	Kendrick, Leon	Salazar, Devin
Beliveau, George	Kennedy, Haley	Sampson, Kevin
Beliveau, James	King, Nathan	Sanna, Ryan
Bellefeuille, Acadia	Langtry, Sarah	Sears, Steven
Bellefeuille, Julia	Leone, Peter	Sheehan, Sydney
Bellew, Victoria	Lopes, Derek	Shott, Kyle
Bent, Juliana	Lopes, Mia	Simmons, Matthew
Berkobein, Nicholas	Lynch, Summer	Simmons, Olivia
Berry, Josiah	Macallister, Maria	Slavin, Brooke
Best, Ethan	Mackenzie, Amy	Sologaistoa, Isabella
Bienvenue, Grace	Macrina, Dominic	Sontag, Olivia
Blotner, Kathleen	Maggie, Conners	Stafford, Emily
Borgesen, Noah	Mahan, Sarah	Stearns, Madelyn
Boughter, Jared	Mahoney, Emma	Strojny, Allison
Brennan, Nicole	Maloney, McKenna	Struski, Shana
Brooks, Jillian	Mannix, Joseph	Sullivan, Noah
Bumpus, Allison	Manning, Aine	Tait, Connor
Burch, Camden	Mansani, Aidan	Teebagy, Gabriella
Butler, Jack	Marino, Abigail	Thibeault, Lauren
Byrne, Savannah	Martins, Isabella	Thomas, Allison
Callahan, James	McAllister, Andrew	Thomas, Amber
Carey, Allyson	McDonald, David	Thomas, Carlos
Carey, Ciara	McElroy, Ava	Tibbetts, Gemma
Carey, Colby	McGuiggan, Matthew	Todd, Eliza
Carpender, Tyler	McManus, Madison	Todd, Zachary
Carr, Georgia	McManus, Sophia	Toomey, James
Cervini, Alexia	McNeil, Eben	Tose, Lilyana
Chandler, Madison	Melville, Amanda	Trudeau, Tyler
Chappetta, Maxwell	Melville, Kyle	Vincent, Ryan
Cipullo, Maxwell	Mercer, Isabelle	Wainio, Miah
Clark, William	Miller, Jack	Waitkus, Natalie
Clougherty, Corin	Mossman, Emma	Wall, Mackenzie
Coletta, Matthew	Mossman, Nicholas	Welch, Delaney
Colon, Reese	Moulton, Emily	Weston, Alyssa
Condon, Charles	Murphy, Avery	Weston, Holly
Corbin, Aiden	Murray, Samantha	Winslow, Payton
Correa, Olivia	Murray, William	Young, Dylan
Cretinon, Carly	Nunes, Travis	Young, Lillian
D'Olimpia, Tessa	Nunes-Schaller, Kaylee	Zammarchi-Cort, Cody
Darcy, Christopher	O'Brien, Cullen	Zaniboni, Brandon
De Almeida, Gabriela	O'Brien, Raven	Zaniboni, Cameron
Deignan, Rylee	O'Connor, Casey	
Desisto, Lynsey	Olson, Harmonie	
Desisto, Matthew	Olson, Jaden	
Dirado, Alexander	Ortiz, Dominic	
Doherty, Tyler	Orzechowski, Abigail	
Doll, Emma	Osswald, Baylee	
Drum, Matthew	Panzer, Kaylie	
Dzierwa, Julie	Parent, Victoria	
Eaton, Breyden	Paterni, Skylar	
Egan, Daniel	Pearlman, Luke	
Elias, Hope	Pelletier, Jack	
Emerson, Kaylee	Pelletier, James	
Erickson, Nathan	Perry, Alexandria	
Farrell, Lauren	Peters, Jay	
Ferrari, Lauren	Peterson, Niklas	
Flood, Derek	Peterson, Robert	
Fox, Michael	Pflaumer, Abigail	
Fratius, Elizabeth	Phillips, Brooke	
Gadles, Justin	Piekarski, Bella	
Gagnon, Gracie	Place, Olivia	
Gainey, Brandon	Prado, Madison	
Gardner, Travis	Preston, Andrew	
Giallongo, Kyle	Preston, Lucas	
Gilbert, Caleigh	Putney, Thomas	
Gioglio, Aria	Quigley, Samantha	
Giorgio, Haley	Ramsdell, Edward	
Gould, Sarah		
Griffin, Alicia		


Carver Elementary School Lunch Menu

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~ 2/6/12 Wholegrain French toast sticks w/ warm syrup Baked sausage patty Cinnamon applesauce Juice cup	Breakfast Sandwich Egg, sausage & cheese on a bagel Hash brown patty Cinnamon applesauce Juice cup
Tuesday ~ 2/7/12 Soft taco w/ grilled chicken Shredded lettuce & cheddar cheese Salsa Seasoned rice Fruit cup	Bologna & cheese on wheat Baked Cape Cod chips Carrot sticks w/ dip Fruit cup
Wednesday ~2/8/12 Spaghetti w/ meatballs Steamed green beans Warm wheat bread stick Diced peaches	Italian Sub Lettuce, tomatoes & pickles Baked Doritos Diced peaches
Thursday~ 2/9/12 In-Service Day	
Friday ~ 2/10/12 Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Pears	

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~ 2/13/12 Baked elbows w/ tomato sauce & cheese Steamed green beans Baked pretzel Fruit cup	Italian sub Lettuce, tomatoes & pickles Baked Doritos Fruit cup
Tuesday ~ 2/14/12 Crispy Popcorn chicken w/ dipping sauces Steamed broccoli w/ cheese Warm wheat roll Cherry Jell-O w/ topping	Oriental chicken salad Assorted dressings Wheat pita bread Cherry Jell-O w/ topping
Wednesday ~ 2/15/12 Lucky Tray Day Fish fillet on a wheat bun w/ or w/o cheese Oven baked fries / sweet potato or crinkle cut Steamed carrots Pineapple chunks	Lucky Tray Day Cheeseburger sliders(mini burgers) Oven baked fries/ sweet potato or crinkle cut Steamed carrots Pineapple chunks
Thursday ~ 2/16/12 Toasted cheese on wheat Veggie sticks w/ dip Tiny twist pretzels Raisins or yogurt cup	Chicken salad roll Veggie sticks w/ dip Tiny twist pretzels Raisins or yogurt cup
Friday ~ 2/17/12 Wholegrain Square pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Cinnamon & sugar apple slices	

Week of: 2/27 ~ 3/2

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~2/27/12 French toast w/ warm syrup Baked sausage links Strawberry cup	Chicken popper wrap Popcorn chicken w/ lettuce in a wheat wrap Tiny twist pretzels Cucumber slices w/ dip Strawberry cup
Tuesday ~ 2/28/12 Chicken patty on a wholegrain bun Lettuce & tomato Smart Food popcorn Diced pears	Spicy chicken patty on a wholegrain bun Lettuce & tomato Smart Food popcorn Diced pears

<p>Wednesday ~ 2/29/12 Hot dog on a wheat roll Smile fries Mixed vegetables Peaches</p>	<p>Bologna & cheese sub Smile fries Mixed vegetables Peaches</p>
<p>Thursday ~ 3/1/12 Sliced turkey w/ gravy Whipped potatoes Corn, Wholegrain roll Blueberry cup</p>	<p>Tuna salad on wheat Tiny twist pretzels Pickles Blueberry cup</p>
<p>Friday ~3/2/12 Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Whipped mousse dessert w/ topping</p>	
<p>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</p> <p>Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese, margarine, jelly or sun-butter Assorted Cereals Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</p>	<p><u>All lunches include</u></p> <p>Choice of TruMoo Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk</p> <p>Juice/Fruit</p> <p>Menus are subject to change upon availability of products</p> <p>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