

# Carver Elementary School

## February, 2011 Newsletter



*“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.” Albert Schweitzer*

Dear Families,

Here we are at the half-way mark of the 2010~2011 school year! Everyone has been working hard at the Elementary School. For many students, this is a time when the information they have been taking in suddenly seems to make sense. It seems like magic! Many become better readers, writers and mathematicians. We take great pride in the progress so many of our students are making. As always, thank you for your support and making school a priority.

**Congratulations** to Associate Principal, Mrs. Foley, and all the kindergarten teachers: Ms. Harju, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Ross, and Mrs. Sexton for all the hours and hours of hard work to prepare for the **NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)** Accreditation. We are delighted to announce that after 2 1/2 years of preparation, we have been awarded accreditation. This is a significant milestone for our full day kindergarten program and staff. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment.

**For the love of reading:** There will be 2 reading initiatives taking place during the winter and spring. Thanks in advance to all the parents who encourage and support their children to read each and every day, even during school vacation.

- **Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2** students will have the opportunity to participate in the vacation reading program during February vacation. Reading Logs will be going home with the students on Friday, February 18. The students who read books during the February vacation, complete the reading logs, and return them to school will receive books and certificates. We ask that the logs be returned to school by **Friday, March 4**. December readers are listed in this newsletter.
- **Grade 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 **Monday, February 28** and be completed on **Monday, April 11**. Students who participate every week will earn a reading medal which will be presented to them at a ceremony in June. A letter explaining the details will go home before February vacation.


**School Attendance:** We have attached the Attendance/Vacation section from the Student Handbook. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. It is important for your child to understand that good attendance is necessary to succeed in school. Direct instruction, class discussions, and collaborative learning take place throughout the day. When your child is absent, (s)he misses many crucial learning opportunities. Please read the *Report to Parents: Attendance* in this newsletter.

**Community Readers Day:** On Friday, March 4, we will be inviting members of the community to pick one of their favorite books to read to the students. We are very excited about inviting community members into our school to share their love of reading with us.

Although the weather is cold and snowy, we encourage you to spend some time outside sledding, making snowmen and building snow forts. This also is a great time to share a book with your child over a cup of hot cocoa. Have fun with your child!

# Calendar of Events...February, 2011



31 Have you called to make your Kindergarten Registration/Hearing and Vision Appointment???	1 Elem. Chorus Begins  Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons  Grs. 4 & 5 Chess Club – 2:45 pm	2 Groundhog Day  Advanced Band	3 Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit  Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	4
7 Advanced Band  Building Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm, IMC	8 Elem. Chorus  Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons  Grs. 4 & 5 Chess Club – 2:45 pm	9 Advanced Band	10 Early Release Day/11:45 am Dismissal  Orff Rehearsal Begins Before School  Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	11
14  Advanced Band  School Council Meeting – 3:00 pm	15 Elem. Chorus  Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons  Grs. 4 & 5 Chess Club – 2:45 pm	16 Advanced Band	17 Orff Rehearsal Before School  Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	18 Marks Close for Term II
21	22	23	24	25
WINTER RECESS				
28 Advanced Band  Grades 3, 4 & 5 Read-A-Thon Begins	1 Elem. Chorus  Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons  Grs. 4 & 5 Chess Club – 2:45 pm – Tournaments Begin	2 Advanced Band	3 Orff Rehearsal Before School  Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	4 Report Cards Issued for Term II  Community Readers Day
ATTENDANCE/VACATIONS				

According to state regulations, the school year includes 900 hours of instructional time and is in session for 180 days. Every school-age child is expected to attend school on a daily basis. When a child is absent from school, a note written and signed by the parent/guardian must be brought to the homeroom teacher when returning to school. The note should specify why the child was absent; indicating the specific type of illness, so outbreaks of common illness can be monitored. If the child is absent for five or more consecutive days, a doctor's note (certificate) is

Tuesday, 3/1/11  
Thursday, 3/3/11  
Friday, 3/11/11  
Wednesday, 3/16/11

Wednesday, 3/2/11  
Thursday, 3/10/11  
Monday, 3/14/11  
Thursday, 3/24/11

➤ Only children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011 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 31, 2011 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The phone number is 866-6210. Please note that due to the winter recess, February 21 through February 25, 2011, 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: Massachusetts driver's license, purchase and sales of house/condo, two consecutive months of a utility bill, rental agreement including landlords contact information.
- 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 Primary Building at 866-6210.



## REPORT TO PARENTS

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### Attendance

It's really pretty simple: The more school a child misses, the more likely he or she is to fall behind academically. Although most teachers allow students to make up the work they missed, nothing can make up for losing a valuable day of instruction. Therefore, it's your responsibility, as parents and caregivers, to minimize the number of days your child misses school. Here are some tips that can help:

#### When They Don't Want to Go to School

Virtually every parent has heard, "I just don't want to go to school today." If your child says this occasionally, firmly insist that attending school is a responsibility and that he or she must go. If complaints become more frequent, you need to discover the cause. One or more of the following situations may apply:

- **"The dog ate my homework."** Many times children will resist going to school if they have neglected to study for a test, complete homework, or finish a project. First, explain to them that staying home won't solve the problem. Then, working with your child, set up a system to keep track of tests and assignments.

- **Fear of bullies.** If your child actually seems afraid to go to school, encourage him or her to open up and share why they are scared. Tell your child

- **"My teacher hates me."** In this situation, it's best to overcome your reluctance and schedule a conference with the teacher. The key is to have an open and honest discussion of the reasons for the child's feelings, and ways to improve the teacher-child relationship.

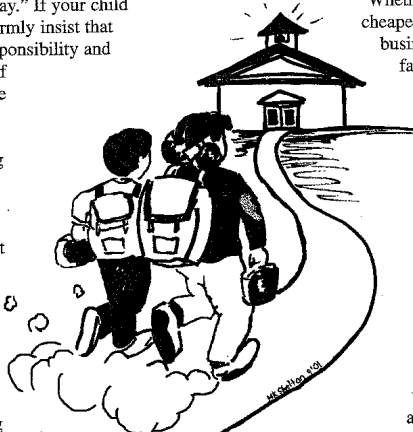
- **Set a good example.** Parents who are habitually late to work, or take "sick days" when they aren't really sick, set a wrong example for their children.

#### When It's Your Fault

Whether it's to avoid crowds, get cheaper airfares, or coattail on a parent's business trip, a disturbing number of families take their children out of school to go on vacations. It's a trend that is very disruptive to their children's education. If possible, try to schedule vacations, doctors' appointments, and other commitments during school breaks. If you must pull your kids out of class, do the following:

- **Give plenty of notice.** It's difficult, and sometimes impossible, for a teacher to prepare assignments and make-up work on short notice. Let the teacher know at least two weeks in advance if your child will be missing class.

- **Take responsibility.** Simply having the assignments isn't good enough. Make sure your child thoroughly completes the assignments instead of rushing through them at the last minute.



## DECEMBER RECESS READERS

Adduci, Kevin	Doll, Emma	Marois, Daniel	Rudnik, Sarah
Andrews-Liadis, Cassidy	Doll, Frederick	Martin, Dylan	Rush, Olivia
Arendt, Delaney	Donahue, Jordan	McAllister, Andrew	Russell, Ella
Aresta, Shane	Donaldson, Samantha	McCarthy, Grace	Ryan, Caitlin
Arnold, Quinton	Egan, Christopher	McDonald, David	Sampson, Kevin
Ayers, Aireonna	Eldridge, Hunter	McElroy, Ava	Sampson, Tyler
Balzarini, Keira	Farrell, Cole	McGuiggan, Ryan	Sanna, Ryan
Beliveau, George	Farrell, Lauren	Melville, Amanda	Sawicki, Michael
Beliveau, James	Ferrari, Lauren	Melville, Kyle	Scott, Ryan
Bellew, Jacob	Fisher, Zachary	Mercer, Isabelle	Sears, William
Bellew, Victoria	Fletcher, Autumn	Miles, Monica	Seery, Gregory
Bent, Juliana	Foley-McDonald, Codan	Miller, Jack	Sheehan, Isabella
Benting, Brodin	Fontes, Dominic	Miller, Luke	Sheehan, Sydney
Berkobein, Alexander	Fratrus, Patrick	Miller, Samantha	Shott, Kyle
Bertocchi, Victoria	Gallagher, Lexi	Morales, India	Simmons, Matthaw
Best, Ethan	Gardner, Travis	Mossman, Emma	Simmons, Oliva
Billings, Alexis	Gaynor, Lorelai	Mossman, Nicholas	Sologaistoa, Isabella
Bishop, Holly	Gilbert, Caleigh	Mueller, Madelyn	Sontag, Olivia
Blankenship, Carson	Gilgrew, Robert	Mullins, Sara	Sousa, Cora
Boughter, Jared	Gleason, Emma	Murray, William	Souza, Stephen
Boughter, Meghan	Goodrow, Trenton	Neilsen, Brooke	Sproul, David
Box, Michael	Gould, Ryan	Nelson, Caitlyn	Stagnitta, Emilee
Bradford, Meadow	Grant, Julian	Nelson, Hailey	Strogny, Alison
Bradshaw, Nathaniel	Greally, Maeve	Northrup, Cheyanne	Struski, Shana
Brooks, Jillian	Grimes, Emma	Nunes, Travis	Sturtevant, Abigail
Bumpus, Allison	Grimes, Madeline	O'Brien, Raven	Sullivan, Noah
Burch, Camden	Grimes, Megan	Olson, Jaden	Sylvester, Jackson
Burns, Emily	Hall, Brittney	Orzechowski, Abigail	Tait, Connor
Burns, Victoria	Halunen, Deanna	Pangione, Mario	Teebagy, Gabriella
Butler, Jack	Harrington, Sydney	Panzer, Kaylie	Tibbetts, Gemma
Byrne, Savannah	Henderson, Julia	Paradis, Sage	Todd, Lauren
Callahan, James	Herman, Nathan	Patel, Mahi	Toomey, James
Camardella, Libby	Hermenau, Caroline	Paterni, Skylar	Trudeau, Tyler
Carey, Allyson	Higginbotham, Juliet	Pauze, McKenzie	Turner, Tyler
Carey, Chace	Holder, Terry	Pearlman, Jacob	Umbrianna, Allison
Carey, Ciara	Holmes, Derek	Pelletier, Jack	Vincent, Ryan
Carey, Colby	Hutchison, Alana	Pelletier, Matthew	Vitale, Jordan
Caron, Tyler	Ieronimo, Gianna	Perkins, Violet	Wainio, Miah
Carpender, Tyler	Ieronimo, Zachary	Perry, Robert	Weston, Alyssa
Carpenter, Jonathan	Izzo, Jack	Peters, Jay	Weston, Brenna
Cipullo, Maxwell	Jablonski, Tiffany	Peterson, Austin	Weston, Holly
Clark, William	Johnson, Abigail	Peterson, Niklas	Weston, Mitchell
Colon, Reese	Johnson, Abrielle	Peterson, Sydney	Wolter, Brien
Condon, Ava	Johnson, Ashleigh	Pina, Havannah	Wood, Shawn
Condon, Charles	Kaslauskas, Devin	Place, Nicholas	Zaniboni, Brandon
Connors, Maggie	Kaufman, Laura	Pompei, Isabella	
Corr, Alexxis	Keller, Jacob	Pompeo, Allyson	
Correa, Hannah	Kelly, Elizabeth	Prado, Madison	
Corrigan, Tyler	Kennedy, Abigail	Preston, Andrew	
Cotter, Emma	King, Nathan	Preston, Lucas	
Cotti, Mattelyn	Kuchinsky, Haley	Quigley, Samantha	
Cretinon, Carly	LaFountain, Addison	Ramos, Kylie	
Crump, Michael	Landolfi, Haley	Raymond, Nicholas	
D'Olimpia, Barret	Lane, Kaylee	Reed-Davis, Morgan	
	LeBlanc, Camille		

**CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
LUNCH MENU

Monday, Jan. 31	Cheeseburger on a bun Lettuce & tomato Oven baked potato wedges Blueberries w/ topping	Hamburger on a bun Lettuce & tomato Oven baked potato wedges Blueberries w/ topping
Tuesday, Feb. 1	French toast w/ warm syrup Cheese omelet Cinnamon apple slices Juice cup	Crispy Chicken Wrap W/ lettuce & ranch dressing Baked chips Carrot sticks Cinnamon apple slices
Wednesday, Feb. 2	Elbows in tomato sauce w/ meatballs Parmesan cheese Mixed vegetables Warm bread stick Apricots	Ham & cheese sub Smart Food popcorn Pickles Apricots
Thursday, Feb.3	<b>Super Bowl Sports</b> nuggets With dipping sauces (Football & helmet shapes) Oven baked fries Green beans Jell-O w/ topping	Sliced turkey sub w/ lettuce Oven baked fries Green beans Jell-O w/topping
Friday, Feb. 4	Sal's pizza cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Fruit cup	
Monday, Feb. 7	Pancakes w/syrup Baked sausage links Banana or raisins Juice cup	Italian sub Lettuce, tomatoes & pickles Baked Sun chips Banana or raisins
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Chicken & rice soup Warm pretzel Cheese stick Carrot sticks, Peaches	Chicken salad roll w/ lettuce Smart Food popcorn Carrot sticks Peaches
Wednesday, Feb.9	Baked chicken tenders Whipped potatoes w/ gravy Corn Dinner roll Mixed fruit cup	Bologna & cheese sub Baked Doritos Pickles Mixed fruit cup
Thursday, Feb.10	Early Release Day	
Friday, Feb.11	Wholegrain Stuffed Crust Pizza- cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Mocha whip dessert w/ topping	

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Pears

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Thursday, Feb.17  
Homemade beef chili  
Shredded cheddar cheese  
Warm breadstick  
Steamed green beans  
Sundae cup

Bowl of Tomato soup  
Warm bread stick  
Cheese stick  
Sundae cup

Friday, Feb.18  
Cheesy pizza sticks w/ pizza sauce for dipping  
Garden salad  
Peaches

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Feb.21-25

**Winter Recess**

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Monday, Feb. 28  
French toast w/ syrup  
Baked sausage links  
Cinnamon applesauce  
Apple juice cup

**Breakfast sandwich**  
Egg & cheese on a bagel  
Baked sausage links  
Cinnamon applesauce  
Apple juice cup

Tuesday, March 1  
Beef taco's  
Lettuce & cheddar cheese  
Seasoned rice  
Green beans  
Salsa  
Fruit cup

Chicken Caesar salad  
Warm pretzel  
Fruit cup

Wednesday, March 2

**Dr. Seuss Birthday**

ABC/123 Baked chicken nuggets  
Dipping sauces  
Baked Smile fries  
Corn  
Green Egg cookie

Ham & cheese on wheat  
Baked Smile fries  
Corn  
Green Egg cookie

Thursday, March 3  
Hotdog in a bun  
Smart Food popcorn  
Carrot sticks w/ dip  
Apple or Raisins

BLT sandwich  
Smart Food popcorn  
Carrot sticks w/ dip  
Apple or raisins

Friday, March 4  
Sal's pizza- cheese or pepperoni  
Pasta salad  
Whipped mousse desert w/ topping

**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**