

Carver Elementary School

January 2012 Newsletter

"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." -- Lady Bird Johnson



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! It is with great excitement that I begin the year as the new principal of the Carver Elementary School. We truly will miss our long time Principal, Mrs. Weiler and we wish her well in her retirement. As her successor I will continue to work diligently with our faculty and staff, families and community to ensure that our students have a wonderful educational experience during their time here.

Please stop by and welcome our new associate principal, Mr. Zach Waddicor. We look forward to working together with our new administrative team and we invite you to an evening of coffee and refreshments with us on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the IMC of the EKW Building.

Thank you to Mrs. Giokas and Mr. Barakat for the terrific job they did on the annual winter concert as well as for the first and second grade sing-a-longs. The students have worked long hours practicing for these special events and once again we were able to sit back and enjoy listening to familiar holiday songs. Our students performed beautifully and we hope that you were able to attend. Stay tuned for future concerts and events from our Music program.

Thank you to all the PTO members! Once again, the annual Winter Wonderland was a well attended event. We thank the PTO for all their time that went into planning and preparing for this memorable day. We appreciate everyone who helped in making this day an enjoyable experience and we look forward to the program's continued success.

Reading Logs for students in kindergarten through grade 2: Reading logs were sent home with students on Monday, 12/19/11. Please be sure to send it into school no later than Friday, January 6. We will be acknowledging every student that participates in this activity.

School-wide Writing Prompt: On Wednesday, January 18, 2012 all students in grades K through 5 will participate in a writing activity. Each grade level has selected a writing prompt to be given to each student. For most grade levels, writing will begin at 9:15 a.m. Students will have the entire school day to complete the assignment, if needed. We are using the writing data to help us determine what strengths our students possess and what areas we need to help our students improve. These writing documents will not be sent home. We respectfully ask that your child arrive at school promptly and well rested after having a nutritious breakfast. Thank you for your cooperation with this important activity.

Volunteer Training: We will be offering a training for volunteers on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The training will take place in the GJC cafeteria and will last approximately 45 minutes. It is mandatory for volunteers to attend one of our trainings prior to volunteering in our school. We have held several other volunteer trainings this school year, all which have been well attended. If you missed one of those dates, this is another opportunity for you to attend.

Sincerely,

Ruby C. Maestas
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Principal

Paula S. Foley
Paula S. Foley
Associate Principal

Zach S. Waddicor
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Associate Principal

No-School Reminder: School will be closed on Friday, January 13, 2012 for professional development and Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Remember to save the dates below for MCAS testing for the 2011-2012 school year for students in Grades 3, 4 & 5.

Reading/English Language Arts – Grades 3-5	March 20 through April 2, 2012
Long Composition – Grade 4	March 20, 2012
Math – Grades 3-5	May 7 through May 22, 2012
Science & Technology – Grade 5	May 8 through May 22, 2012

January 2012 Calendar of Events

2	3 Welcome Back! Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	4 Advanced Band	5 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	6 K-2 reading logs due
9 Advanced Band School Committee Meeting 7 pm Volunteer Training, 2 pm, GJC Cafeteria	10 Elem. Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Grades 4 & 5 Chess Club Begins After School	11 Advanced Band	12 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	13 Teacher Professional Day – No School
16 Martin Luther King Day – No School	17 Elem. Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Grades 4 & 5 Chess Club After School	18 Advanced Band School Wide Writing Prompt	19 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Meet the Administration, IMC 6 pm PTO Meeting 7 pm, IMC	20
23 Advanced Band School Council Meeting, 3 pm	24 Elem. Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Grades 4 & 5 Chess Club After School	25 Advanced Band	26 Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Mobile Dentists	27
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FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Request for parents of PK-Grade 2 students:

Recently, there have been many students have needed to change their clothes for a variety of reasons. Unfortunately, we do not have enough “extra” clothing for all the children who need them. Please send in a change of clothes in a zip loc bag that your child can keep in his/her backpack. Thank you for your assistance.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year

The Carver Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration 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 in the EKW Building Cafeteria. 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.

Carver PTO Information

We hope you enjoy the holidays!

We apologize for this thank you being a little late but we wanted to make sure we sent out a great big THANK YOU for all of you who helped make this year's Winter Wonderland Celebration a HUGE success yet again! Thank you to all of the volunteers (parents, teachers and high school students) who helped set up, work the tables, take pictures, clean up afterwards, etc. Thanks to all of the local businesses as well as the elementary families who donated some really awesome items to our raffle - we can't tell you how excited people were to take a chance on these items! Thank you to all of the people who donated some very delicious baked good items. The bake sale was jam packed with people all day. Thank you to Firefly Inc. for making sure SANTA arrived safely. The kids were fascinated by the helicopter! Thank you to SANTA and MRS. CLAUS for taking the time to come and enjoy the children! They were so thrilled! Thank you to Bryan Griffin for donating his time to play holiday music throughout the festivities. Thank you to the Elementary School's janitorial staff for coming in on a Saturday and cleaning up after the festivities. We know we are forgetting people so we apologize in advance but we truly could not have put on such a great event if it weren't for the people of this town and the elementary school community!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED OUT AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION!

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Cristoline Fundraiser. The students raised over **\$8,100** for the school! The funds will go towards enrichment programs, technology and supplies for our classrooms. The big winner, selling \$672.50 in merchandise, was Michelle Bell of Mrs. Harju's kindergarten class. Michelle will spend 1 minute in the cash machine! The top selling classroom was Mrs. Harju's. They will enjoy a pizza party on January 6, 2012. The three classes that will participate in the "Pig Race" are: Mrs. Murphy's third grade class; Mrs. Smith's fourth grade class; and Mr. MacEachen's fifth grade class. The winner of the "Pig Race" will also get a pizza party. Again, thank you for your generous support.

Please come to our public PTO meeting to be held on January 19, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During this meeting we will have a very special presentation by ML Nichols the cofounder and director of *The Parent*

Connection (a non-profit parent education group on the South Shore). Her presentation entitled, *The Parent Backpack*, is an interactive workshop that gives parents the perspective, strategies and skills they need to be productively involved in their children's education. Her program is created for Moms, Dads and guardians with elementary age students. Please plan on attending this very informative workshop. After the presentation the PTO will be discussing and planning our upcoming events. As always, we welcome your input and ideas. Hope to see you there.

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Lunch Menu

Week of: 1/3~1/6/12

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
<p><i>Monday ~</i> <i>No School</i></p>	
<p><i>Tuesday ~</i> <i>Homemade chicken noodle soup</i> <i>Toasted cheese on whole grain white</i> <i>Veggie sticks w/ dip</i> <i>Diced pears</i></p>	<p><i>Bacon/Ranch wrap</i> <i>Bacon, lettuce & tomato on a wheat wrap</i> <i>Side of ranch dressing</i> <i>Baked Doritos</i> <i>Veggie sticks w/ dip</i> <i>Diced pears</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday ~</i> <i>Whole grain French toast sticks</i> <i>w/ warm syrup</i> <i>Scrambled egg patty</i> <i>Baked sausage links</i> <i>Cinnamon applesauce</i></p>	<p><i>Fish filet on a wheat bun</i> <i>Oven baked potato puffs</i> <i>Cinnamon applesauce</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday~</i> <i>Oven baked popcorn chicken</i> <i>Dipping sauces</i> <i>Steamed broccoli w/ cheese sauce</i> <i>Whole grain bread stick</i> <i>Fruit cup</i></p>	<p><i>Tuna salad roll</i> <i>Lettuce & tomato</i> <i>Tiny twist pretzels</i> <i>Pickles</i> <i>Fruit cup</i></p>
<p><i>Friday ~</i> <i>Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni</i> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Jell-O- w/ topping</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day</i> <i>Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese,</i> <i>margarine, jelly or sun-butter</i> <i>Assorted Cereals</i> <i>Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>All lunches include</u> Choice of TruMoo Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk Juice/Fruit <i>Menus are subject to change upon</i> <i>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