

Carver Coyote Newsletter

January 2013



An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
~Author unknown

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed the Holiday season with family and friends. The children arrived back to school rested and ready to get back to their school schedule. We are off and running and we have some updates and important items to share with you regarding the upcoming months.

Congratulations to Mr. Waddicor! He has recently accepted an Elementary Principal position at the Wilbur Elementary School in Somerset, Massachusetts. We will certainly miss him but we congratulate and wish him well in his new position. We have decided to assign an interim for the remainder of the school year. This will give us an opportunity to establish a hiring committee and begin the process of hiring a new administrator. Our intention is to have a new associate principal ready to begin in July. Our interim associate principal, is Mrs. Kathy McDonough, please stop by to visit her at anytime. Her first official day at Carver Elementary School is January 2, 2013.

School Security Update. Effective January 2, 2013, there will no longer be access into the Governor John Carver building through the front door. **All** volunteers or visitors to the Governor John Carver Building must report to the Erwin K. Washburn Building. If it is necessary for any visitor or volunteer to enter the Governor John Carver Building, a staff escort from the Erwin K. Washburn building will be necessary. All visitors will be required to provide identification. Any volunteers or visitors to the classroom will need to leave their identification at the front desk and wear a visitor/volunteer badge before clearance to any classroom or office is allowed. Keep in mind that if you must visit the Governor John Carver building, it is likely that there will be some “wait-time” on your part, as we will need to locate a staff member to provide an escort. Another change effective January 2nd is our morning drop-off. **All morning drop-offs will take place from 8:00-8:20.** Anyone dropping off after 8:20 must report to the EKW Building to sign their child in.

The Carver Recreation Basketball Program and the YMCA program will be making appropriate revisions to their entrance and dismissal procedures. For additional information and a discussion regarding school security please plan on attending a community meeting to discuss school security on January 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Erwin K. Washburn Building.

Great job and thank you to Mrs. Giokas and Mr. Barakat for the wonderful 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.

Thank you to all the PTO members! The annual Winter Wonderland was well attended. It was great to have Santa arrive in a helicopter, and just as enjoyable to see Mrs. Claus at our annual 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.

School-wide Writing Prompt: On Tuesday, January 8, 2013 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. Since this is an untimed assignment, we expect that some students will need much of the school day to complete the project, while other students will not require as much time. 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.

School Connect: Parents and supporters of Carver Public Schools, now you can keep up with what's happening at our school anywhere, anytime, right from your smart phone with School Connect. School Connect is a free mobile app that enables you to stay connected to your student's school and have school information sent directly to you, wherever and whenever you need it. Whether it's game day scores, updates on the school play, access to grade books, emergency notifications or even classroom reminders from your teachers—School Connect makes all this information available from your smart phone. School Connect is the best way to get connected, and stay connected to everything that's happening at Carver Middle High/Carver Elementary. Download it from your app store today, or by following the link on at www.carver.org.

Ice Safety Demonstration to be held on January 11. Our local fire department will be at Carver Elementary School to present information specifically geared toward the waterways in Carver and the dangers of thin ice. Eric Germaine, Deputy Fire Chief will bring a team of fire fighters *and* the most interesting part of the presentation, the town's bright red hovercraft. This program comes to our school every other year, and the children are very attentive during the entire presentation.

Sincerely,

Ruby C. Maestas
Principal

Paula S. Foley
Associate Principal

Kathy McDonough
Interim Associate Principal

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Request for parents of PK-Grade 2 students:

Recently, 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.

South Shore Parent Classes-Classes for parents are offered through the South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. and the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Council. The CFCE Program sponsors a variety of Parenting Workshops that engage and support parents in understanding and promoting their children's development, school readiness, and early literacy. For more information, please visit their website, www.sscac.org/cfce/events.html.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, 1/1/13	Happy New Year
Wednesday, 1/2/13	Welcome Back!!!
Tuesday, 1/8/13	K-5 School Wide Writing Prompt
Friday, 1/11/13	Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal
Friday, 1/18/13	Teacher Professional Day – No School
Monday, 1/21/13	Martin Luther King Day – No School
1/28/13-2/1/13	Science week for Grade 3 and Grade 5

Kindergarten Registration for the 2013-2014 School Year

Kindergarten Registration:

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

Monday, 4/8/13

Tuesday, 4/9/13

Wednesday, 4/10/13

Wednesday, 4/24/13

Thursday, 4/25/13

Friday, 4/26/13

- Only children who will be 5 years old on or before **September 1, 2013** 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 14, 2013 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 18 through February 22, 2013, 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. 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.

MOBILE DENTISTS

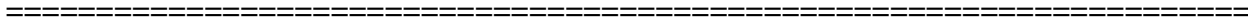
Carver Elementary School is hosting Smile Programs....the mobile dentists on **1/24/2013**. We have again invited the mobile dentists to coordinate on-site dental care at the school because we know how important taking care of your children's teeth is to keeping them healthy. Best of all, your child 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 **1/24/2013**, just fill out the permission slip and return it to school. If you have any questions, please contact me at (508) 866-6225.

Connie Pooler, MSCNS, School Nurse Leader

SAVE THESE DATES!! MCAS Dates for the 2012/2013 School Year
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The testing dates for the 2012-2013 MCAS sessions are as follows:

Grade 3	English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension	3/20 & 3/22/13
	Mathematics	5/8 & 5/10/13
Grade 4	English/Language Arts Composition	3/19/13
	English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension	3/25 & 3/27/13
	Mathematics	5/13 & 5/15/13
Grade 5	English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension	3/21 & 3/26/13
	Mathematics	5/14 & 5/16/13
	Science and Technology/Engineering	5/7 & 5/9/13



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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<p>January 1 New Year's Day CLOSED</p>	<p>January 2</p>	<p>January 3 Riddle Me This! Come take our riddle challenge. All ages, Drop In 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 5 Paint Workshop All Ages, Drop In 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>January 8 Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m. Make-It, Take-It Snowman Craft All ages, Drop in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 9 Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>January 10 Pom Pom Bookmark Craft Ages 6+, Please register 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 12 Mastermind Game Can you break the code? Ages 6+, Please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>January 15 Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m. Catapult Plane Craft and Challenge Ages 6+, Drop in 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 16 Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>January 17 "Snow Globe" Scene Craft All Ages, Drop In 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 19 CLOSED 1/19-1/21 For Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend</p>
<p>January 22 Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m. Lego Quest Challenge Test the speed of your Lego building skills! 6:30 pm Ages 5+, Please Register</p>	<p>January 23 Big Ryan's Tall Tales 10:30 a.m. All Ages, Drop In</p>	<p>January 24 Preteen Craft Ribbon & Chain Necklace Ages 8+, Please register 6:30 pm</p>	<p>January 26 Science Saturday Create your own "super ball" with everyday household products! 11:00 am Ages 6+ Please Register</p>
<p>January 29 Winter Hand-Warmer Craft 6:30 pm Ages 5+, Please Register</p>	<p>January 30 Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>January 31 Family Game Night Banana Grams Ages 6+, Please Register 6:30 p.m.</p>	

LUNCH MENU

<p>Monday ~1/7/13 Brunch for lunch W/G pancakes w/ warm syrup Baked sausage links Sweet potato bites Applesauce</p>	<p>Popcorn chicken boat w/ dipping sauces Side of tossed salad</p>
<p>Tuesday ~ 1/8/13 W/G chicken patty on a wheat bun Dark green leaf lettuce & tomato slices Goldfish pretzels Carrot & celery sticks Chilled diced pears</p>	<p>Greek salad Wheat pita bread & light dressing</p>
<p>Wednesday ~ 1/9/13 Seasoned beef on a W/G taco Shredded lettuce, tomatoes & cheddar cheese Refried beans & salsa dip Fresh apple</p>	<p>BLT wrap R/F Ranch Doritos</p>
<p>Thursday ~ 1/10/13 W/G Gillardi's stuffed crust Cheese or pepperoni Fresh Caesar salad Chilled pineapple chunks</p>	
<p>Friday ~ 1/11/13 Early release Day</p>	
<p>Monday ~ 1/14/13 Homemade beef & beans chili W/G soft pretzel Celery sticks Chilled diced pears</p>	<p>Chicken Caesar salad w/ croutons and light dressing</p>
<p>Tuesday ~ 1/15/13 W/G chicken tenders Steamed brown rice Peas & carrots Wheat dinner roll Chilled diced peaches</p>	<p>Greek salad Wheat pita bread & light dressing</p>
<p>Wednesday ~ 1/16/13 Italian meatballs in a wheat sub roll Side of steamed broccoli Potato wedges Fresh apple</p>	<p>Buffalo chicken in a wheat sub roll Side of steamed broccoli Potato wedges Fresh apple</p>

<p><i>Thursday~ 1/17/13</i> <i>Sal's Pizza</i> <i>Cheese or pepperoni</i> <i>Baby spinach salad w/ roasted chick peas</i> <i>Orange wedges</i></p>	
<p>Friday ~ 1/18/13 <i>Teacher's Professional Day</i></p>	
<p><u>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</u> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Whole Wheat Bagel</i> <i>W/G Smucker's Uncrustables</i></p>	<p><u>All lunches include</u> Choice of <i>TruMoo</i> Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk 100% 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</p>
<p>Free or Reduced Priced Meal Applications are available in the school office, on our website www.carver.org or by calling (508) 866-6137</p>	