



# Carver Elementary School

*"It is a greater work to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the word, than to rule a state."*

*William Ellery Channing*

## March 2012

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[www.carver.org](http://www.carver.org)

### REMINDER

Wednesday, 3/15/12 is an Early Release Day. Dismissal is at 11:45 am. Lunches are not served.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the afternoon and evening by appointment. Please watch for information from your child's teacher.

### Kindergarten Registration

Please call the office if you have not scheduled a Kindergarten Registration appointment. (508) 866-6210

Volunteer Opportunities Available. Please call the office... (508) 866-6220.

Dear Families,  
We hope you and your children enjoyed the February vacation. It is wonderful to see everyone back in school! The students are excited to be here, the hallways are once again buzzing with excitement and the classrooms are filled with the sounds of learning. The students have many activities, events and assessments to look forward to in the weeks ahead. For parents and family members, there are several volunteer opportunities in the next few weeks. Please call the office if you are interested.

Sincerely,  
**Ruby C. Maestas, Principal**  
**Paula Foley, Associate Principal**  
**Zach Waddicor, Associate Principal**

### Math Night

We hope to see everyone at Math Night on Thursday, 3/8/12.



### MARC Anti-Bullying Program

On March 7, 2012, the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center will be providing an anti-bullying presentation to students in Grades 3, 4 & 5. Remember to spend some time talking with your children about what they learned from the presentation.

### Community Reader's Day

On March 15, we will be welcoming over 40 members from the Carver community in to our classrooms to read to the students. This year we have selected a school-wide theme called "Books are Magical." Each grade level has selected a fairy tale to be read. The students and teachers are looking forward to sitting back, relaxing and listening to the fairy tale. Following is a list of fairy tales being read at each grade level:

- Preschool- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Kindergarten - The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Grade 1 - Jack and the Beanstalk
- Grade 2 - Jack and the Beanstalk
- Grade 3 - Rumpelstiltskin
- Grade 4 - The Incredible Story
- Grade 5 - The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

### Science Fair

Grade 5 will be holding their annual science fair on March 22, at 6 p.m. The students have been working very hard on their science experiments and we are looking forward to learning about all they have done. Please join us in the Governor John Carver grade 5 classrooms to visit the students and view their experiments.

### Science Week for Kindergarten

Kindergarten students will participate in science activities beginning on March 5. The science unit they will focus on is Animals Two by Two. The science lessons planned by the Kindergarten teachers will provide the students with close and personal interaction with some common land and water animals. Appropriate classroom habitats will be established, and students will learn to care for the animals. In four activities the animals will be studied in pairs. Students will observe and care for one animal over time, and then they will be introduced to another animal similar to the first but with differences in structure and behavior. This process enhances opportunities for observation, communication, and comparison.

### NUTRIKIDS®

The Nutrition and Food Service Department recently evaluated many different computerized Point of Sale (POS) systems to increase the level of service and provide accurate school meal counts. After reviewing several systems, a decision has been made to purchase the NUTRIKIDS® POS System. We are currently preparing to implement this new system with a launch date of April 25, 2012 at Carver Elementary School. Every student at Carver Public Schools has been entered into the computerized system. As they come through the lunch line, the cashier will record the meal purchase to the students' own personal account. Please watch for additional information and instructions coming soon for making pre-payments to your student(s) personal account. While students may still pay with cash, we encourage you to make pre-payments. This will help eliminate lost money or lunch tickets.

If your child has qualified for free or reduced meal prices, this information is noted in the system, and the meal will be processed just as it is for all other students without any special indication to the students. If you are concerned about a food allergy that your son/daughter has, please notify the cafeteria with this information. If indicated, a warning will appear on the cashiers' screen for a review of the items on the student's tray. For the first few days after the start, our lunch line may be slower, but as the students familiarize themselves with the system, the lines should move much quicker than before. Volunteers are needed during lunchtime to help ensure a smooth transition. Please call the office if you can donate a few hours of your time. Thank you in advance for your patience while we implement this new system.

**Kathleen Farrar, Director of Food Services**

## Upcoming Events...March 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Elem. Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	2 Marks Close for Term II
5 Advanced Band Read-A-Thon Week #1 Due Gr. 4 Zeiterion Theatre NBSO performance-8:30 am-11:30 am	6 Elem. Chorus Chess Club Tournaments Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	7 Advanced Band	8 No Elem. Orff Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Math Night	9 Report Cards issued for Term II
12 Advanced Band Read-A-Thon Week #2 Due School Council Meeting-3:00 pm Prim. Conf. Room School Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Elem. Chorus Chess Club Tournaments Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	14 Advanced Band	15 Elem. Orff No Clarinet, Saxophone or Drum Lessons Community Readers Day Early Release Day Parent Teacher Conferences	16
19 Advanced Band Read-A-Thon Week #3 Due	20 Elem. Chorus Gr. 4 MCAS Long Composition Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	21 Advanced Band Gr. 3 MCAS ELA	22 Elem. Orff Gr. 3 MCAS ELA Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Gr. 5 Science Fair 6:00-7:30 pm	23
26 Advanced Band Gr. 4 MCAS ELA Read-A-Thon Week #4 Due	27 Elem. Chorus Gr. 4 MCAS ELA Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Chess Club Awards 2:45 pm	28 Advanced Band Gr. 5 MCAS ELA	29 Elem. Orff Gr. 5 MCAS ELA Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Gr. 4 MCAS Long Composition Make-Up Day	30

### MCAS

Important MCAS dates please mark your calendars. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your children arrive to school on time.

#### English Language Arts Testing Dates

Tuesday, March 20- Long Composition Grade 4

Wednesday, March 21- Reading Grade 3

Thursday, March 22- Reading Grade 3

Monday, March 26- English Language Arts Grade 4

Tuesday, March 27, English Language Arts Grade 4

Wednesday, March 28- English Language Arts Grade 5

Thursday, March 29- English Language Arts Grade 5

#### Science & Technology Testing Dates

Tuesday, May 8- Grade 5

Wednesday, May 9- Grade 5

#### Math Testing Dates

Thursday, May 10- Grade 3

Friday, May 11- Grade 3

Tuesday, May 15- Grade 4

Wednesday, May 16- Grade 4

Thursday, May 17- Grade 5

Friday, May 18- Grade 5

### Bear Hugs for Hope

For nearly twenty years the staff of Carver Public Schools has participated in Daffodil Days through the American Cancer Society. Last year, we began extending this opportunity to our students. With a contribution of just \$1.00/child, classrooms and/or grade levels purchase **Bear Hugs for Hope**. Bear Hugs for Hope anonymously provide Boyds Bear “daffodil bears” to local children impacted by cancer. In addition, many students have participated by coloring a daffodil picture. The pictures can be seen around the building creating our very own “Garden of Hope.”

### All for Fun, Fun for All

Come and enjoy a playful evening with All for Fun, Fun for All as they present a Magical, Musical, Family Dinner Event on Friday, 3/30/12 in the cafeteria at CMHS. This event is a fundraiser to raise money to purchase new playground equipment for the Elementary School so that children of ALL abilities can play together, side-by-side. Dinner will kick off the evening at 5:30 p.m. ending with a magic show by John Sullivan. There will also be musical entertainment, face-painting, a silent auction and a dance demonstration.

For reservations and ticket information, please contact Carol Spiewakowski at 508-866-4232 or by email at [spevol@comcast.net](mailto:spevol@comcast.net)

Tickets are \$5.00 per person with a max of \$20.00 per family.

### 2012/2013 School Calendar

**School Begins, Grades 1-12**

**Tuesday, 8/28/12**

**School Begins, Kindergarten**

**Tuesday, 9/4/12**

**School Begins, Preschool**

**Thursday, 9/6/12**

**Thanksgiving Recess**

**11/22/12 & 11/23/12**

**(early release on 11/21/12)**

**December Recess**

**12/24/12 thru 1/1/13**

**(school reopens 1/2/13)**

**Winter Recess**

**2/18/13 thru 2/22/13**

**Spring Recess**

**4/15/13 thru 4/19/13**

## CARVER ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

**BINGO NIGHT!** What a great turnout! Thank you to all who came out for a night of family fun! Thank you to Bryan Griffin for donating his time. He called out those bingo numbers and asked the trivia questions, he was a great host! Thanks to all of the elementary teachers for coming together and submitting some great questions, that even stumped the parents!

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place March 15, 2012 (day of parent/teacher conferences); it will be held all day from 8:00am-8:00pm. Volunteers will be needed – help wanted notices to go home soon!



It's spring cleaning time again! Once again, we will be hosting the Bag2School program. Please bring used clothing, stuffed animals, shoes, belts and bedding. The school receives \$250 per ton of clothes collected. We will continue to schedule this event 2 times per school year. Collection bags along with info, will be sent home shortly. (it is not necessary to use the collection bag-any bag will do).

### DUTCH MILL BULBS

The PTO has teamed up with Dutch Mill Bulbs this Spring to offer our families a complete selection of flower bulbs for Spring planting! This fundraiser will run from March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, this fundraiser is completely optional! We just thought this would be a nice way to ring in spring!

### OTHER NEWS

The results from our survey are in! *We received over 350 responses and 86% are in favor of a CARNIVAL!* We are also happy to see that a good number of people are willing to help put this event together. We will be contacting everyone that chose the option of being part of a committee, in the next couple of weeks. *As of right now the tentative date for the Carnival is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>!*

### IMPORTANT PTO DATES!

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dutch Mill Bulb Spring Fundraiser Brochures sent home

Scholastic Book Fair/Bag2School

Dutch Mill Bulb Spring Fundraiser Orders due

Red Robin Night

PTO MEETING

School Pictures (Back by popular demand is Lifetouch)

## Carver Public Library March Events

### **Big Ryan Writing Workshops**

Grades K-2 meet Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 28 and April 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5 meet Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 28 and April 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thanks to a generous grant from the South Shore Community Action Council, Big Ryan will host 2 sessions of writing workshops at the library. Throughout the 4 week series, Big Ryan will help children develop their own stories, which they have the option of presenting in a performance for family and friends at the end. Big Ryan is well known for his presentations and zany stories, and kids will be thrilled to work with someone they have enjoyed watching. Please register.

### **March Madness**

Come vote in our annual March Madness competition all through the month. Vote for your favorite Dynamic Duos from children's literature. Will it be Edward and Bella, Harry and Ginny, or even Lady and the Tramp? Help decide who gets the crowns for best couple, and if you guess the correct winner from the beginning, win a special prize too!

### **Circus Mural**

Saturday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in.

### **Balancing Acrobat Craft**

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 5 and up, please register.

### **Pajama Story time**

Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 9 and under, please register. Kids come in their pajamas for stories, songs and related activities.

### **Science Saturday**

Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 5 and up, please register.

### **Lego Workshop**

Thursday, March 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in for free play.

### **Leprechaun Trail**

Saturday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in. Follow the lucky trail around the library and participate in fun activities along the way.

### **Floating Flowers Craft**

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 5 and up, please register.

### **Butterfly Bouquet**

Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6 and up, must register.

### **Spring Window Decorating**

Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 5 and up, please register.

### **Feeder Craft**

Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 5 and up, please register.

### **Soap Box Cars – Craft & Races**

Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, please register.

Check out our website at [www.carverpl.org](http://www.carverpl.org) and click on Events for more details! You must have your library card with you to check out materials or use computers. Call (508) 866-3415 to register for events or for more information.

LUNCH MENU

Monday, 3/5/12	Beef Tacos (hard shell) Lettuce, tomatoes and cheddar cheese Seasoned rice Mixed fruit cup	Buffalo chicken wrap Celery sticks with low fat ranch dip Baked Cape Cod chips Mixed fruit cup
Tuesday, 3/6/12	Roasted chicken dinner Steamed corn on the cob Whole grain dinner roll Blueberry cup	BLT on wheat bread Baked chips Pickles Blueberry cup
Wednesday, 3/7/12	Homemade chicken soup w/curly pasta Soft baked pretzel Carrot sticks with low fat ranch dip Cheese stick Orange wedges	Chicken Caesar wrap Carrot sticks with low fat ranch dip Mini pretzels Orange wedges
Thursday, 3/8/12	Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun Lettuce, tomatoes and pickles Baked sweet potato fries Sliced pears	Bacon/Cheeseburger on a whole grain bun Lettuce, tomatoes & pickles Baked sweet potato fries Sliced pears
Friday, 3/9/12	Maxx whole grain pizza square Cheese or pepperoni Pasta Salad	Fish fillet on a whole grain bun Pasta Salad Chocolate mouse with topping
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Monday, 3/12/12	Whole grain Maple French Toast Sticks Baked sausage links Cinnamon applesauce	Bowl of Vegetarian chili with cheddar Side of Nacho corn chips Cinnamon applesauce
Tuesday, 3/13/12	Nacho's Supreme Nacho chips topped with seasoned beef and mild cheese sauce Southwest rice, Corn Raisins or apple	Ham & cheese wrap with lettuce & tomato Baked Cape Cod chips Pickles Raisins or apple
Wednesday, 3/14/12	Baked chicken nuggets w/dipping sauces Seasoned noodles Steamed peas, whole wheat roll Diced peaches	Chicken salad roll Tiny twist pretzels Carrot sticks with low fat ranch Diced peaches
Thursday, 3/15/12	In-Service Day No lunches served	
Friday, 3/16/12	Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Frozen slush cup	Tuna salad on wheat Garden salad Frozen slush cup
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Monday, 3/19/12	Hot dog in a whole wheat bun BBQ baked beans Baked Cape Cod chips Applesauce	Club wrap Shaved ham & turkey with bacon, lettuce and tomato Applesauce
Tuesday, 3/20/12	Chicken patty on a wholegrain bun Oven baked potato puffs Mixed vegetables Diced pears	Chicken parmesan on a wholegrain bun Oven baked potato puffs Mixed vegetables Diced pears
Wednesday, 3/21/12	Italian meatball sub Parmesan cheese Carrot sticks with low fat ranch dip Petite banana	Chicken Caesar Wrap Carrot sticks with low fat ranch dip Mini pretzels Petite banana
Thursday, 3/22/12	Pasta with meat sauce Seasoned green beans Soft baked pretzel Fruit cup	Italian wrap-cold cuts w/provolone cheese Fritos corn chips Dill pickles Fruit cup
Friday, 3/23/12	Maxx wholegrain pizza square Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Cherry crisp with topping	Garden Salad with hardboiled egg & cheese sticks Wheat pita bread Cherry crisp with topping

Monday, 3/23/12	Whole grain pancakes w/warm syrup Sausage links Yogurt cup Apple juice cup	Turkey roll-ups Saltine crackers String cheese Yogurt cup Apple juice cup
Tuesday, 3/24/12	Baked chicken tenders Whipped potatoes with gravy Steamed peas Wholegrain dinner roll Cinnamon & sugar apple slices	Deli tuna roll Tiny twist pretzels Dill pickles Cinnamon & sugar apple slices
Wednesday, 3/25/12	Toasted cheese sandwich on wheat Carrot sticks Gold fish pretzels Strawberries with whipped topping	BLT on wheat bread Carrot sticks Gold fish pretzels Strawberries with whipped topping
Thursday, 3/26/12	Chicken tacos Seasoned chicken, shredded cheddar cheese Shredded lettuce in a soft taco Celery sticks with low fat ranch dip R/F Smart Food popcorn Apple	Ham & cheddar wrap Celery sticks with low fat ranch dip R/F Smart Food popcorn Apple
Friday, 3/27/12	Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Garden Salad Pears	Garden salad with cup of tuna Wheat pita bread Cheese stick Pears

<p>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</p> <p>Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day</p> <p>Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese, margarine, jelly or sun-butter</p> <p>Assorted Cereals</p> <p>Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</p>	<p><u>All lunches include</u></p> <p>Choice of <i>TruMoo</i> Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk Juice/Fruit</p> <p>Menus are subject to change upon <i>availability of products</i></p> <p>Available for purchase separately – Milk .508 oz. Bottle Water .75 Ice Cream &amp; Snacks .75</p>
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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