



CARVER COYOTE NEWS

March 2013



“To know the road ahead, ask those returning.”
-Chinese Proverb

Upcoming Dates & Events:	
March 1	Marks Close for Term II
March 4	School Committee 7 PM
March 5	Family Math Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM
March 7	PTO Meeting 7 PM Information on Positive Behavior Intervention & Support
March 8	Report Cards Issued
March 11	School Council, 3 PM
March 14	-Early Release Day 11:45 AM dismissal -Community Readers Day -Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 27	Science Fair
March 29	No School–Good Friday
March	MCAS (see schedule on page 2)

Dear Families,

We hope you and your children enjoyed the February vacation. The Carver Elementary hallways are once again buzzing with excitement and the classrooms are filled with the sounds of learning. The students arrived to school on Monday, eager and ready for the weeks ahead. The month of March is filled with many activities for the students as well as important events for parents. We hope our monthly newsletter will provide you with updates, reminders and important information regarding the next several weeks.

Join us for Math Night, which will be held on March 5, 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 all levels! Come learn what the children are learning in their classrooms with Everyday Math. The event will be held from 6:00-7:30 for all grades. An informational flyer was sent home with your child on Monday, February 25. Please call the school if you would like more information.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Carver Elementary School and our Parent Teacher Organization are continually working together to bring you valuable information. Please plan to attend the next PTO meeting on March 7. We will have a presentation on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support and how our school is incorporating PBIS into our school day. The PTO meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. We hope to see many of you there.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 14. A letter will be sent home to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher. We hope to see many of you on this important evening and we thank you for partnering with us to improve your child’s educational growth at Carver Elementary School.

Community Readers Day Will be March 14. We will be welcoming over 40 members from the community of Carver into our classrooms to read to the students. This program has been very successful in the past and once again, we are looking forward to this exciting and collaborative

event. This year's school-wide theme is called "Read Across America". The students and teachers are looking forward to sitting back, relaxing and listening to the reading selections.

Science Fair The Carver Elementary Grade 5 teachers and students will be holding their annual science fair on Wednesday, March 27, at 6 PM. The students have been working very hard on their science experiments and we are looking forward to learning about all they have done. Doors to the EKW Building will open at 5:45 PM. Please join us in the EKW gymnasium at 6:00 PM for an introduction. We will then travel to the Governor John Carver grade 5 classrooms to visit the students and view their experiments.

Thank you to all the students that participated in the **Ground Hog Day** "Note to the Principal" activity. Congratulations to 3rd grade student, Dan Marois, the winner of the contest! According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow when he peers out of his burrow in early February, we will have an early spring. Let's hope Phil's prediction is accurate this year!

MCAS Testing Calendar Families of students in grades 3, 4 & 5, please review the important MCAS dates below and mark your calendars. In the coming days, you will be receiving additional information including our MCAS breakfast option. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your children arrive to school on time.

Sincerely,
Ruby C. Maestas
Principal

Paula S. Foley
Associate Principal

Kathy McDonough
Interim Associate Principal

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

Preschool Information

The Carver Public Schools Preschool Program will be scheduling appointments for preschool screenings for role model slots for the 2013-2014 school year beginning March 1 through April 5. The program is located at the Carver Elementary School.

The child must be 3 (by September 1) or 4 years of age and must be a resident of Carver. Children must also be toilet trained. Parents must arrange transportation for the child to and from the

program. Children to be enrolled in the program will be determined by lottery. Slots are limited, especially for the four year old program.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Kelly Yenulevich at (508) 866-6210. Requests for appointments received after April 5 will be put on a waiting list. Screenings will be held on Wednesday, April 24 and Wednesday, May 1.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2013/2014 School Year
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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. The phone number is 866-6210. 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 landlord's 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 on Thursday, May 23, 2013, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the EKW cafeteria. At this time, information about our kindergarten program will be presented.

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.

Concussion and Head Injury Awareness In an effort to ensure the health and safety of all our students, we are asking parents/guardians to inform the school if your child has been diagnosed with a concussion or head injury. It is important that we have this information so that we can manage the recovery process while your child is at school. If you have any questions please call the office.

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.

SCHOOL Connect Web application now available! We are excited to announce that SCHOOL Connect now has a Web App available! Parents, patrons, and other community members without Apple or Android devices are now able to access the School Connect app on Blackberry, Windows Phone, Kindle Fire, home computers, and any other device with the ability to access the internet! Parents will also have the ability to sign up to receive push messages via text message or email. To register for SCHOOL Connect please follow the link below:
<http://www.schoolconnectservices.com/>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next bi-monthly PTO Meeting is **Thursday, March 7th**!

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is Thursday, March 14th! It will be held in the EKW Building’s Gymnasium from 8:00 am-8:00 pm! A notice seeking volunteers has been sent home so please sign up to help out! We will be looking for people to help set up the Wednesday night prior to the book fair, people to help run the registers the day of as well as people to clean up after 8:00 pm that Thursday.

There will no longer be a “Bag2School” event held during book fairs! If you have been to the school as of late, you may have noticed the yellow bin with the name “**Planet Aid**”! The PTO has decided to “host” a Planet Aid bin to collect used clothes and shoes throughout the entire year. Planet Aid will come by on a weekly basis to empty and the PTO will receive \$0.05 per pound of clothing/shoes collected!

Cristoline Cookie Dough / Pie Fundraiser PICKUP is Friday, March 22nd from 2:30 pm-6:30 pm in the GJC cafeteria. This will be the **ONLY** scheduled pickup. If the items are not picked up they will be donated to the local food pantry. A reminder notice will go home the week before. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Saturday, June 8th (Time TBD)
Carver Elementary's PTO 5K Family Run/Walk

We are happy to announce our year end event! The PTO will be hosting a 5K Family Run/Walk. We will be working with South Shore Race Company who will be doing the bulk of the organizing. The race will be taking place in Myles Standish State Forest.

We are going to kick this off with a naming contest during the month of March! We are asking all of the 4th and 5th grade students to be as creative as they can get and come up with a name for this race! The PTO Board will then decide on the top three names. Once the top three names are decided, all grade levels will participate in a vote to decide the winning name! The student whose race name has the highest number of votes will win

4 Passes to BOOMER's Lazer Tag!!!

OTHER PTO NEWS:

The **Family Bingo Night** held right before February vacation was a big success! By participating, families helped raise **\$330** for our school! We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation out to **Bryan Griffin** who has been so gracious to MC these events for us – he does a phenomenal job! *We have one more Family Bingo Night scheduled for Friday, April 26th!*

The **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards** program is coming to an end next month and thus far you have raised **\$653**. Thank you to everyone who registered their cards! Nice and easy way to earn money for the school! One more month to go!

Our ongoing **Box Tops** program is doing very well this year – so far this year, you have raised **\$3,400** for our school. **Note for this month** – *since February was such a short month with vacation and blizzard days, we have decided to not collect this month and will combine February and March so box top deadline has been extended to **Tuesday, March 26th!***

DON'T FORGET! Our “*Note to School*” form is available for purchase. This is a pre-printed form (pads of 50) where you can simply check whether your child needs to be dismissed, is late, or is absent. Indicate a reason and your child's teacher, grade, etc.... Easier than writing a note to school, it's already done for you....These pads are **\$3.00 each**. If you would like to order a “Note to School” pad – please send a note along with the money – addressed to the PTO (please make sure your child's name/teacher/grade are listed as well). We can easily send them home in your child's backpack.

As always, thank you for supporting Carver Elementary PTO!

CARVER PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<p><i>March Madness !</i></p> <p><i>Be sure to come in each week during the month of March to vote for your favorite Superhero. The Ultimate Superhero will be announced on March 30th. See if you can predict the winner.</i></p>		<p>ZOOM!</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!</i></p> <p>Make-It, Take-It Dr. Seuss Craft</p> <p>All ages, Drop in 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>March 5</p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Paint Workshop</p> <p>All ages, Drop in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>March 6</p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>March 7</p> <p>Preteen Jewelry Club</p> <p>Button Bracelet Craft</p> <p>Ages 8+, Please register 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>March 9</p> <p>Lego Quest</p> <p>Test your Lego building skills with a variety of challenges!</p> <p>Ages 5+, Please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>March 12</p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Leprechaun's Rainbow Candy Jar Contest</p> <p>Come in this week and guess how many candies are in the jar. The closest guess wins all the candy!</p>	<p>March 13</p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>March 14</p> <p>Life of Pi! (Pi Day is 3.14)</p> <p>Activities and games with "pie"</p> <p>(Dress for possible mess.)</p> <p>All Ages, Please register 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>March 16</p> <p>Lucky Leprechaun Bingo Game</p> <p>All ages, Drop in 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Estimation Jar Winner announced today!</i></p>
<p>March 19</p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 & under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Science Lab</p> <p>Fun experimental activities!</p> <p>Ages 6+, Please Register 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>March 20</p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>March 21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!</i></p>	<p>March 23</p> <p>Superhero Party</p> <p>"Super" games, crafts and activities. Come dressed as your favorite character if you like!</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>All ages, Please Register</p>
<p>March 26</p>	<p>March 27</p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>March 28</p> <p>Family Game Night</p> <p>Wheel of Fortune</p> <p>Ages 6+, Please Register 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>March 30</p> <p>Egg Dyeing</p> <p>Why make a mess at home?</p> <p>Come to the library to dye some Holiday eggs!</p> <p>All ages, please register 11:00 am</p> <p><i>March Madness Winner announced today!</i></p>

LUNCH MENU

Monday 3/4/13	BRUNCH FOR LUNCH W/G pancakes w/warm syrup Baked sausage links Sweet potato bites Applesauce	Chicken Caesar Salad Croutons & Light Dressing
Tuesday 3/5/13	W/G Chicken Tenders Steamed Brown Rice Peas & carrots Chilled diced peaches	Greek Salad Wheat pita bread Light dressing
Wednesday 3/6/13	Italian Meatballs in a wheat sub roll Side of steamed broccoli Roasted potato "smiles" Fresh Apple	Buffalo chicken in a wheat sub roll Side of steamed broccoli Roasted potato "smiles" Fresh Apple
Thursday 3/7/13	Cheeseburger on a wheat bun Romaine lettuce, tomato slices & pickles BBQ baked beans Baked potato wedges Chilled pears	Tuna salad on a wheat wrap Romaine lettuce, tomato slices & pickles Baked potato wedges Chilled pears
Friday 3/8/13	Sal's Pizza Day Cheese or pepperoni Baby spinach salad with roasted chick peas Chilled mixed fruit cup	<p>IT'S FRIDAY!! CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FUND BALANCE (myschoolbucks.com). Prepayments can also be made at school.</p>
Monday 3/11/13	Brunch for Lunch W/G French toast Baked sausage links Sweet potato bites Chilled pears	Sliced turkey on a wheat wrap Garden salad W/G pretzels Chilled pears
Tuesday 3/12/13	Toasted cheese on wheat bread Baked potato puffs Cucumber coins & tomato wedges Strawberry cup	Chicken salad on a wheat sub roll W/G pretzels Cucumber coins & tomato wedges Strawberry cup
Wednesday 3/13/13	Chicken Fajita (soft shell) Shredded lettuce & cheddar cheese Seasoned brown rice /black beans Steamed carrots Mixed fruit cup	Southwest salad Wheat pita bread & assorted light dressings

Thursday 3/14/13	In-Service Day	
Friday 3/15/13	Whole Grain – Gilardi Pizza (Cheese or buffalo chicken) Fresh romaine salad with toasted chick peas Chilled peaches	
Monday 3/18/13	Brunch for lunch W/G waffles Baked ham slice Sweet potato bites Yogurt, raisins	Buffalo chicken salad w/wheat pita
Tuesday 3/19/13	Vegetable beef soup W/G baked pretzel Cheese stick/veggie sticks Applesauce	Chicken Caesar salad
Wednesday 3/20/13	W/G Chicken nuggets Whipped potato Steamed peas Wheat dinner roll Fresh orange wedges	Tuna salad on wheat bread Pickles Pretzels Fresh orange wedges
Thursday 3/21/13	Hot dog in a wheat bun BBQ baked beans Oven baked potato puffs Strawberry cup	Baked macaroni & cheese Side of garden salad Wheat bread stick Strawberry cup
Friday 3/22/13	W/G Sal’s Pizza (cheese or pepperoni) Fresh romaine garden salad Blue raspberry gelatin, raisins	

Alternative Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bagels
 Whole Grain Cereals
 Smucker’s Uncrustables

All lunches include:
 Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk

 Menus are subject to change upon
 availability of products.

Available for purchase separately: milk \$.50 8 oz. water bottle \$.75 ice cream \$.75
 Free/reduced meal applications are available on our website www.carver.org and
 all school offices or by calling (508) 866-6230.
 Applications are accepted at any time during the school year.