



# Carver Elementary School Newsletter

November, 2010

“Children are like sponges, they absorb all your energy, but ...give them a squeeze and you’ll get it all back.”  
*Author Unknown*

Dear Families,

We were delighted to see so many of you at Parent/Teacher conferences. It is very important for parents and teachers to work together to help children to be the best they can be. We appreciate you for your consistent support and for being involved in your child’s education. Research indicates that there is a positive connection between parent involvement and student success.

**Carver Community Thanksgiving Food Collection:** Again this year the students from the Carver Elementary School will participate in the *Carver Community Thanksgiving Food Collection*, a food drive which provides non-perishable food goods to Carver families in need during the Thanksgiving season. We are sending home a brown paper bag on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for your donations. Please bring your donations (in the bag) to the Carver Middle High School during Town Meeting on Monday, November 8. There will be a DPW truck parked at the school for depositing your non-perishable food donation. Please note that participation in the collection of non-perishable food goods is ***strictly voluntary***. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Attendance Calls:** This year we have instituted a new procedure if your child is absent from school. When your child is absent from school, an automatic voice message will be sent to your home letting you know that your child is not at school. This procedure is done in all grades, K-12.

**End of Day Dismissal:** If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please go directly to the EKW building cafeteria and sign out your child. You may be asked for your license if you are not known to the staff. Due to the large number of students walking through the halls to get on the busses at dismissal, the EKW building office and foyer are very crowded and busy places. Please make every effort to pick up your child in the cafeteria. However, if you need to dismiss your child early, please come to the office before 2:30. Thank you for respecting this request.

**A Reminder:** If your child is being dismissed early from school, a note must be brought or sent in on the day of dismissal, explaining the reason for dismissal and the time to be dismissed. Only a signed note by a parent or legal guardian is acceptable. A parent or guardian must be present for the school to release a child, unless a signed note from the parent or legal guardian allows the release of the child to another adult.

**Children’s Choices for 2010** is a project supported by the International Reading Association and the Children’s Book Council. Every fall the list appears in the IRA’s journal, The Reading Teacher. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for a complete list of books for children in grades K - 6. This list may assist you when you go to the library and/or shopping for books for your child or others. Happy Reading!

Help your child notice the change of seasons---the turning leaves, the cooler air, and the warmer clothes we have to wear. Get outside in the crisp autumn air and let your child experience a New England autumn through his/her five senses. Children grow up so fast, enjoy them as much as you can during their elementary school years.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Sincerely,

*Candace E. Weiler*  
Principal

*Ruby Maestas*  
Associate Principal

*Paula Foley*  
Associate Principal

<b>Please save the dates below for MCAS testing for the 2010-2011 school year for students in Grades 3-5.</b>	
<b>Reading/English Language Arts – Grades 3 - 5</b>	<b>March 22 through April 4, 2011</b>
<b>Long Composition – Grade 4</b>	<b>March 22, 2011</b>
<b>Math – Grades 3 – 5</b>	<b>May 10 through May 24, 2011</b>
<b>Science &amp; Technology – Grade 5</b>	<b>May 11 through May 24, 2011</b>

Visit our website at [www.carver.org](http://www.carver.org) for the latest information.



Don’t Forget!!  
Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, 11/7/10. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

### Mark your calendars

**Kindergarten Songfest:** The kindergarten students will have a Thanksgiving songfest on Friday, November 19 at 1:30 in the EKW building gymnasium. Parents and other relatives are cordially invited to attend.

**More holiday concerts:** A holiday singalong for grades 1 and 2 will be held on Wednesday, December 22. Grade 1 singalong will be at 10:30 am and the grade 2 singalong will be at 12:30. The Elementary School Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 in the Carver Middle High School auditorium. More information will be sent home in December.

**PLEASE SEE THE OPEN HOUSE SURVEY ON THE LAST PAGE.**

## Children's Choices for 2010

### GRADES K-2

**BEING A PIG IS NICE.** Sally Lloyd-Jones. Dan Krall, Ill. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.  
**\*THE BIRTHDAY PET.** Ellen Javernick. Kevin O'Malley, Ill. Marshall Cavendish.  
**BOO TO YOU!** Lois Ehlert. Beach Lane Books.  
**COOL DOG, SCHOOL DOG.** Deborah Heiligman. Tim Bowers, Ill. Marshall Cavendish.  
**DOGS DON'T BRUSH THEIR TEETH.** Diane deGroat. Shelley Rotner, Ill. Orchard.  
**DON'T BE AFRAID, LITTLE PIP.** Karma Wilson. Jane Chapman, Ill. Margaret K. McElderry.  
**FIREFIGHTER TED.** Andrea Beaty. Pascal Lemaitre, Ill. Margaret K. McElderry.  
**THE GINGERBREAD PIRATES.** Kristin Kladstrup. Matt Tavares, Ill. Candlewick.  
**THE HAIR OF ZOE FLEEFENBACHER GOES TO SCHOOL.** Laurie Halse Anderson. Ard Hoyt, Ill. Simon and Schuster.  
**HOW MANY BABY PANDAS?** Sandra Markle. Walker Books.  
**IDON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!** Stephanie Blake. Random House.  
**IF I WERE A JUNGLE ANIMAL.** Amanda Ellery. Tom Ellery, Ill. Simon and Schuster.  
**LET'S DO NOTHING!** Tony Fucile. Candlewick.  
**\*LULU THE BIG LITTLE CHICK.** Paulette Bogan. Bloomsbury Children's.  
**\*MOUSE WAS MAD.** Linda Urban. Henry Cole, Ill. Harcourt Children's.  
**\*THE ODD EGG.** Emily Gravett. Simon and Schuster.  
**\*OPPOSNAKES.** Salina Yoon. Little Simon.  
**SILLY TILLY.** Eileen Spinelli. David Slonim, Ill. Marshall Cavendish.  
**THE SLEEPY LITTLE ALPHABET.** Judy Sierra. Melissa Sweet, Ill. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.  
**SNEEZY LOUISE.** Irene Breznak. Janet Pedersen. Random House.  
**STICK MAN.** Julia Donaldson. Axel Scheffler, Ill. Arthur A. Levine.  
**THERE WAS AN OLD MONSTER.** Rebecca Emberley. Adrian Emberley. Ed Emberley, Ill. Orchard.  
**TROUBLE GUM.** Matthew Cordell. Feiwel and Friends.  
**TURKEY TROUBLE.** Wendi Silvano. Lee Harper, Ill. Marshall Cavendish.  
**WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO HUMPTY?** Jeanie Franz Ransom. Stephen Axelsen, Ill. Charlesbridge.  
**WHICH PUPPY?** Kate Feiffer. Jules Feiffer, Ill. Simon & Schuster, Paula Wiseman.  
**WINK THE NINJA WHO WANTED TO BE NOTICED.** JC Phillipps. Viking.  
**THE YELLOW TUTU.** Kirsten Bramsen. Carin Bramsen. Random House.

### GRADES 3-4

**ADVENTURES IN CARTOONING.** James Sturm. Alexis Frederick-Frost. Andrew Arnold. Roaring Brook Press, First Second.  
**AMERICA FERRERA: LATINA SUPERSTAR.** Sheila Anderson. Enslow Publishers.  
**AYE-AYE: AN EVIL OMEN.** Miriam Aronin. Bearport.  
**BABYMOUSE #11: DRAGONSLAYER.** Jennifer L. Holm. Matthew Holm, Ill. Random House.  
**BACKPACK STORIES.** Kevin O'Malley. Albert Whitman & Company.  
**BEN ROETHLISBERGER.** Michael Sandler. Bearport.  
**BLUEBERRY GIRL.** Neil Gaiman. Charles Vess, Ill. HarperCollins.  
**\*THE BOOK THAT EATS PEOPLE.** John Perry. Mark Fearing, Ill. Tricycle Press.  
**BUG-A-LICIOUS.** Meish Goldish. Bearport.  
**CHIHUAHUA: SEÑOR TINY.** Natalie Lunis. Bearport.  
**\*CORETTA SCOTT.** Ntozake Shange. Kadir Nelson, Ill. HarperCollins.  
**CROW CALL.** Lois Lowry. Bagram Ibatoulline, Ill. Scholastic Press.  
**THE DAY-GLO BROTHERS.** Chris Barton. Tony Persiani, Ill. Charlesbridge.  
**THE DUNDERHEADS.** Paul Fleischman. David Roberts, Ill. Candlewick.  
**FACE TO FACE WITH GORILLAS.** Michael Nichols. Elizabeth Carney. National Geographic.  
**FACE TO FACE WITH SHARKS.** David Doubilet. Jennifer Hayes. National Geographic  
**\*GONZALO GRABS THE GOOD LIFE.** Janice Levy. Bill Slavin, Ill. Eerdmans.  
**THE KING WHO BARKED.** Charlotte Foltz Jones. Yayo, Ill. Holiday House.  
**\*LUNCH LADY AND THE CYBORG SUBSTITUTE.** Jarret J. Krosoczka. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.  
**MAX GOES TO JUPITER.** Jeffrey Bennett. Nick Schneider. Erica Ellingson. Michael Carroll, Ill. Big Kid Science.  
**MICHAEL PHELPS: ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.** Meish Goldish. Bearport.  
**MY NAME IS SANGOEL.** Karen Lynn Williams. Khadra Mohammed. Catherine Stock, Ill. Eerdmans.  
**\*OCEANOLOGY.** Ferdinand Zoticus de Lessups. Candlewick.  
**THE PLOT CHICKENS.** Mary Jane Auch. Herm Auch, Ill. Holiday House.  
**A PICTURE BOOK OF HARRY HOUDINI.** David A. Adler. Michael S. Adler. Matt Collins, Ill. Holiday House.  
**PUG: WHAT A MUG!** Lori Haskins Houran. Bearport.  
**STICKY BURR #2: THE PRICKLY PERIL.** John Lechner. Candlewick.  
**STONE RABBIT #1: BC MAMBO.** Erik Caddock. Random House.  
**TAKE IT TO THE QUEEN, A TALE OF HOPE.** Josephine Nobisso. Katalin Szegedi, Ill. Gingerbread House.  
**TICKETY TOCK.** Jason Robert Brown. Mary GrandPré, Ill. HarperCollins.  
**THE TROUBLE WITH SISTERS AND ROBOTS.** Steve Gritton. Albert Whitman & Company.  
**WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT PLANET EARTH?** Robert E. Wells. Albert Whitman & Company.  
**YOU NEVER HEARD OF SANDY KOUFAX?!** Jonah Winter. Andre Carrilho, Ill. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.

### GRADES 5-6

**10 INVENTORS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD.** Clive Gifford. David Cousens, Ill. Kingfisher.  
**\*THE ADVENTURES OF BENNY.** Steve Shreve. Marshall Cavendish.  
**ASK ME ANYTHING.** DK Publishing.  
**AUTISM AND ME: SIBLING STORIES.** Ouisie Shapiro. Steven Vote, Ill. Albert Whitman & Company.  
**BASHER ASTRONOMY.** Simon Basher. Kingfisher.  
**DIARY OF A STINKY DEAD KID.** Stefan Petrucha. Jim Salicrup. Papercutz.  
**THE DOG DAYS OF CHARLOTTE HAYES.** Marlane Kennedy. Greenwillow.  
**\*DORK DIARIES: TALES FROM A NOT-SO-FABULOUS LIFE.** Rachel Renée Russell. Aladdin.  
**DRAGONBREATH.** Ursula Vernon. Dial.  
**EXTRA CREDIT.** Andrew Clements. Mark Elliott, Ill. Atheneum.  
**FOOTBALL CHAMP.** Tim Green. HarperCollins.  
**GIFTED: OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND.** Marilyn Kaye. Kingfisher.  
**HERO.COM: RISE OF THE HEROES.** Andy Briggs. Walker Books.  
**KNIGHTS OF THE LUNCH TABLE #2.** Frank Cammuso. Graphix.  
**MAX DISASTER #1: ALIEN ERASER TO THE RESCUE.** Marissa Moss. Candlewick.  
**\*MOONSHOT.** Brian Floca. Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books.  
**MUDSHARK.** Gary Paulsen. Wendy Lamb Books.  
**NAVIGATORS: ANIMALS.** Miranda Smith. Kingfisher.  
**\*OUTLAW: THE LEGEND OF ROBIN HOOD.** Tony Lee. Sam Hart. Artur Fujita Ill. Candlewick.  
**PERSEPHONE.** Sally Pomme Clayton. Virginia Lee, Ill. Eerdmans.  
**RUNAWAY TWIN.** Peg Kehret. Dutton.  
**SCAT.** Carl Hiaasen. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.  
**THE SEVEN KEYS OF BALABAD.** Paul Haven. Mark Zug, Ill. Random House.  
**SHOW OFF.** Sarah Hines Stephens. Bethany Mann, Ill. Candlewick.

**SKELETON CREEK #1.** Patrick Carman. Scholastic Press.

**SKELETON CREEK #2: Ghost in the Machine.** Patrick Carman. Scholastic Press.

**SLOB.** Ellen Potter. Philomel.

**UMBRELLA SUMMER.** Lisa Graff. HarperCollins.

**WILD GIRL.** Patricia Reilly Giff. Wendy Lamb Books.

**\*ZOOBREAK.** Gordon Korman. Scholastic Press.

**\*Books that received the highest Children’s Choices Team votes**

Children’s Choices, a joint project of the International Reading Association (IRA) and the Children’s Book Council (CBC), is an annual list of favorite new books chosen by 12,500 school children. An annotated version of the list appears in the October issue of the IRA publication *The Reading Teacher*. The booklist and annotated version will be available on the IRA website at [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org), click on Booklists. For more information, write to the address below.

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

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

NOVEMBER, 2010					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 Advanced Band Floor Hockey	2 <b>Teacher Day No School</b>	3 Advanced Band Floor Hockey	4 Orff Rehearsal Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum	5 Floor Hockey	
8 Advanced Band Floor Hockey  Town Meeting, 7 PM, CMHS	9 Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Floor Hockey	10 Advanced Band Floor Hockey  <b>Picture Retake Day</b>	11 <b>Veteran’s Day No School</b>	12 Floor Hockey	
15 Advanced Band Floor Hockey  School Council Mtg. 3 pm	16 Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Floor Hockey	17 Advanced Band Floor Hockey	18 Orff Rehearsal Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum  PTO Meeting, 7 pm	19 Floor Hockey	
22 Advanced Band <b>Last Monday Floor Hockey</b>	23 Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone <b>Last Tuesday Floor Hockey</b>	24 <b>Marks Close for Term I Early Release Day 11:45 am Student Dismissal</b>	25 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	26 <b>Thanksgiving Recess No School</b>	
29 Advanced Band	30 Chorus Flute, Trumpet & Trombone	1 Advanced Band <b>Last Wednesday Floor Hockey</b>	2 Orff Rehearsal Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum	3 <b>Last Friday Floor Hockey Report Cards Issued for Term I</b>	

### Carver PTO

We would like to thank all of the parents that helped out at the Scholastic Book Fair, it was a great success and it makes things a lot easier when you have the help! Information will be coming home next week introducing our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration! At our book fair last week, we introduced our “kick off” raffle item for the WW Celebration – 4 One Day Park Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World – if anyone is interested in purchasing raffle ticket(s) (\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00), email us at [carverpto@hotmail.com](mailto:carverpto@hotmail.com). Also, look for “Coins for Claus” as part of our Winter Wonderland Celebration. Students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite teacher/staff member to dress up as Mrs. Claus and help Santa during our big celebration! Please check out our website at [www.carverpto.org](http://www.carverpto.org) and subscribe via email so that whenever new information is added, an automated email will be sent directly to you, it’s a great communication tool!

### Crusader Fest

“An evening of food and fun for all ages! Crusader Fest will be held on November 24, 2010 from 4PM-7:30PM. This event, sponsored by the student council, is a community wide event which will feature various activities for children, students, and families. There will be food, games, and carnival/fair type activities. The event will end with a ceremony (which includes a parade of floats) in honor of the Thanksgiving Day game to support the high school football team. More information about this event will be provided as the event gets closer. Any questions, please contact the student council advisors, Melissa Gray and Chris Tresca. We look forward to seeing you at Crusader Fest!”

## LUNCH MENU


Monday Nov. 1	French toast sticks w/ syrup Baked sausage links Applesauce Juice cup	Italian sub Baked Doritos Pickles Applesauce
Tuesday Nov. 2	No School <b>Teachers Professional Day</b>	
Wednesday Nov.3	Italian meatball sub Baked Cape Cod chips Carrot sticks Chocolate graham Bears	Bacon/Ranch wrap Bacon, lettuce, tomatoes on a wrap w/ ranch dressing Baked Cape Cod chips Chocolate graham Bears
Thursday Nov. 4	Cheeseburger on a bun Oven baked smiles Corn Blueberries w/ topping	Chicken Caesar salad Wheat pita Blueberries w/ topping
Friday Nov.5	Whole grain stuffed crust pizza – cheese or pepperoni Veggie sticks w/ dip Banana pudding dessert w/ topping	




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Monday Nov.8	Pancakes w/ warm syrup Baked sausage patty Apple juice cup Raisins	BBQ Chicken wrap Baked Doritos Celery sticks Raisins
Tuesday Nov.9	Baked chicken nuggets w/ dipping sauces Oven baked Smiles Peas & carrots Mixed fruit cup	Fish filet on a bun Oven baked Smiles Carrot sticks Mixed fruit cup
Wednesday Nov.10	Elbows in sauce Green beans Warm garlic bread stick Yogurt cup	Ham & cheese wrap Veggie sticks Cape Cod chips Yogurt cup
Thursday Nov.11	No School Veterans' Day	
Friday Nov. 12	Sal's Pizza cheese or pepperoni Pasta salad Peaches	

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Monday Nov.15	Hot dog in a roll Oven baked fries Pickles Pears	 Chili dog in a roll Oven baked fries Pickles Pears
Tuesday Nov. 16	Nacho's Supreme W/ seasoned beef & cheese sauce Steamed rice Green beans Apricots	Cup of Tomato soup Cheese stick Wheat bread stick Apricots
Wednesday Nov.17	Toasted cheese on wheat Baked potato puffs Veggie sticks w/ dip Peaches	Greek salad w/ dressing Wheat pita bread Peaches
Thursday Nov.18	Hot turkey sandwich w/ gravy Whipped potatoes or sweet potatoes Side of stuffing, Peas Cranberry sauce Apple crisp w/ topping	Turkey/bacon wrap Baked Doritos Carrot sticks Apple crisp w/ topping
Friday Nov.19	Whole grain stuffed crust pizza – cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Fruit cup	

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Monday Nov.22	Chicken patty on a bun Lettuce & tomato Baked Cape Cod chips Pickles Pears	Tuna salad wrap Lettuce & tomato Baked Cape Cod chips Pickles Pears
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Tuesday Nov.23	Cheesy pizza sticks /w sauce for dipping Garden salad Fruit cup
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Wednesday Nov.24	<b>Early Release Day</b>
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Thursday Nov.25	No School <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
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Friday Nov.26	No School <b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>
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Monday Nov.29	Hamburger on a bun Lettuce, tomato & pickles Baked chips Fortune Cookie		Chicken Teriyaki salad Pita bread Fortune Cookie
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Tuesday Nov.30	Chicken tenders/ w dipping sauces Baked crinkle cut fries Celery sticks Fruit cup	Buffalo chicken wrap Baked Crinkle cut fries Celery sticks w/ ranch dip Fruit cup
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Wednesday Dec.1	Chicken noodle soup Warm soft pretzel Carrot sticks w/ dip Applesauce	Veggie boat Carrot & celery sticks, cucumber slices W/a cheddar cheese wedge Ranch dressing Warm soft pretzel Applesauce
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Thursday Dec.2	Waffle dippers w/ syrup Crispy bacon strips Yogurt cup Juice cup	Italian sub Lettuce & tomato Baked Doritos Yogurt cup
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Friday Dec.3	Whole grain stuffed crust pizza – cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Jell-O w/ topping	
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<b>Available Daily Alternative Lunches</b>		
<b>Grades 1 &amp; 2</b>		
<b>Peanut butter and jelly sandwich (Smucker's Uncrustable)</b>		
<b>Bagel Lunch</b>		
<b>2.5 oz bagel w/ choice of cream cheese, margarine, or jelly</b>		
<b>Assorted cereals</b>		
<b>Included with all the above are: milk, juice, fruit, and vegetable of the day</b>		
<b>All menus are subject to change upon availability of products.</b>		
<b>Bottled Water or 100% Juice</b>		
<b>LUNCH \$2.00</b>	<b>MILK \$.50</b>	<b>SNACKS &amp; ICE CREAM \$.75</b>

## Survey for Open House

Please complete the attached survey about our annual Open House.

- 1.) I attended this year's Open House at the Carver Elementary School.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please explain.

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- 2.) My child(ren) are in the following grades:  
Preschool \_\_\_\_; K\_\_\_\_; 1\_\_\_\_; 2\_\_\_\_; 3.\_\_\_\_; 4. \_\_\_\_; 5 \_\_\_\_

- 3.) I was able to visit my child's classroom for the teacher's curriculum presentation:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

- 4.) I felt I had enough time with the classroom teacher:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

- 5.) I attended the General Assembly:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

- 6.) Was the information provided at the General Assembly helpful?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

- 7.) Other information I would like to know \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3.) Additional comments:

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