



# CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012

*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.*

*Chinese proverb*

Please visit our website, [www.carver.org](http://www.carver.org) for a full list of upcoming events.

**Sunday, 11/4/12**

Daylight Savings Time Ends. Please turn your clocks back 1 hour.

**Tuesday, 11/6/12**

No School—Teacher Professional Day

**Monday, 11/12/12**

No School—Veterans' Day

**Friday, 11/16/12**

Marks close for Term I

**Monday, 11/19/12**

Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 am, GJC Cafeteria

**Tuesday, 11/20/12**

Kindergarten Songfest, 9:30 am, EKW Gymnasium

**Wednesday, 11/21/12**

Early Release Day—11:45 am dismissal

**Thursday & Friday, 11/22 & 11/23/12**

Thanksgiving

**SCHOOL HOURS:  
8:15 – 2:45**

Dear Families,

We are well on our way to another great year at Carver Elementary. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Parent/Teacher conferences. We understand the importance of building a strong school-home partnership and we recognize you as vital members of your child's educational team. As we move forward through the school year remember that we value your input and support. Our teachers will continue to communicate with you through phone calls, email, letters and meetings. Your support at home impacts student success at school. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to build successful Carver Elementary School students! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Morning Drop off-Your cooperation is essential in order for our morning drop-off procedure to remain safe and to function efficiently. Remember that it is not necessary for parents to get out of the car while in the drop-off lane. If you must get out of your car, park in the designated parking area and walk your child into the GJC cafeteria. We do understand that on occasion, it may be necessary to drive your child to school. However, we strongly encourage parents to have their child ride the bus to school most of the time.

School Elections-Students in Grades 1-5 will be participating in a student election on November 5. Students will cast their vote for President/Vice President and Massachusetts State Senate. In addition, students will be asked to place their vote for a school mascot. We have received many suggestions for our elementary school mascot and the two most popular will be placed on the ballot. All students, including Kindergarten students, will cast their vote for our school mascot.

Food Drive-The Carver Elementary School community is once again participating in a food drive. We will be accepting non-perishable food items from November 19th-November 30th. Children can drop off their donations in the bins located at the entrance of both the GJC and EKW buildings. All donations will be given to the local food pantry.

Literacy News-Families recently received information regarding our Read Across America program. This event will "kick-off" on Monday, November 5, 2012 and culminate in March. For more information, please visit the Carver Elementary School's website, [www.carver.org](http://www.carver.org).

Nutri-Kids Update-Please make sure you are checking your child's account balance on a regular basis. Children are unable to purchase a snack item if there is a negative balance.

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](http://www.sscac.org/cfce/events.html).

PTO November Meeting-PBIS & Anti-Bullying-This month's meeting will be held on November 15th at 7:00 P.M. Please join us for an Anti-Bullying presentation by our School Adjustment Counselors, Mary Langner and Ellie Sirk.

Math Intervention-Based on the success of our Response to Intervention model for Literacy, we have outlined a plan for math that offers a similar type of support. At Carver Elementary School, we believe that in today's mathematics classrooms, students and teachers should be part of a mathematical community working closely together to solve problems. We understand that students do best when they not only receive math instruction specific to the curriculum but also receive targeted small group support when necessary. Math intervention will take place during the latter part of the math block. Support staff will be working with small groups of students in or nearby the classroom to begin to implement this model within our school community.

New Educator Evaluation-On June 28, 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted new regulations for the evaluation of all Massachusetts educators. The new regulations apply to all teachers, principals, superintendents, and other staff in positions that require an Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) issued license. Carver Elementary has begun the process of implementing training for faculty. Scheduled trainings for Carver Elementary School Educator Evaluation are:

September 19, November 5 & January 11

Thank you to the PTO and all the volunteers who helped to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "No Trix/Just Treats" a huge success. Carver Elementary is grateful to have such a hardworking, caring, child-friendly and organized PTO!

Is your child missing a favorite article of clothing? The number of Lost & Found items is increasing rapidly. Please check our lost and found rack located near POD 1 of the EKW building or the rack located near the cafeteria in the GJC building.

E-Newsletter-If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter electronically, please call your child's office.

Kindergarten Songfest-Will be held on Tuesday, 11/20/12 at 9:30 am, EKW Gymnasium. All families of kindergarten students are invited.

**SAVE THESE DATES!!**  
**MCAS Dates for the 2012/2013 School Year**

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



**The Fall Scholastic Book Fair** was another great success! **Thank you** to the following people for volunteering the night before and throughout the day/night of the bookfair: Heather Sepulveda, Holly Agnew, Lisa Sanna, Eliana Gainey, Anne Marie Manning, Cheryl Weston, Caitlyn Rupprecht, Kim Davis, Meredith Peterson, Kaitlyn McCarthy, Sherry Harrell, Kelly Lapworth, Kristin Moore, Jeanine Greely, Melissa Willard, Elaine and Bryan Griffin, Allison Leonard, Robert Burt, Carol Spiewakowski, Brian Condon, Craig Donnelly and Jason Rowles.

**The “No Trix, Just Treats” Event** was once again, a huge success and without volunteers, we would not have been able to pull it off! Thank you to the following volunteers that donated decorations, put up decorations, passed out candy and/or cleaned up: Leanne Allegrini, Holly Rudnik, Pat Tobin, Gil Barakat, Bob Baldo, Kathy Steed, Kim Doherty, Ruby Maestas, Paula Foley, Jen Reardon, Jen/Mike Fox, Meredith Peterson, Stephanie/Jim Billings, Caren Sowa, Rob Johnson, Pat Sears, Cara Dahill, Jen Mitchell, Betsy/Jillian Hubert, Krystle McColgan, Holly/Tess/Hadi Kishbach, Mark/Anita Carey, Tracy Araujo, Dianne Hines, Lisa Sanna, Julie Parsons, Arianna Hunter, Jen Frohnapple, Jean Thibeault, and a few we probably missed (we apologize)!

And of course, a big “Thank you” to everyone who sent in candy for the event – last year we couldn’t believe how generous families were and then you did it again this year!

We want you to know how much all of us on the PTO appreciate your volunteer service. Volunteers with your passion and dedication are so hard to come by. To give selflessly of your time speaks volumes. You truly are making a difference in the lives of your students/children every day!  
**THANK YOU!**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration**  
**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm**

The students are invited along with their families to come create holiday crafts for that someone special in his/her life as well as be able to shop at a one-of-a-kind store.

Other activities planned:

- Santa making a grand entrance via helicopter and will then be available to visit with the children. Great photo moments!
- Raffle table that includes some great stuff
- Bake Sale
- Cristoline /Pie orders will be available for pickup

*Information Packet will be coming home in the next week!*

**OTHER PTO NEWS:**

***Square 1 Art:*** On Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - we kicked off our artwork fundraiser! This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. A special **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Stansfield** and **Mrs. Modica** for their help in creating the artwork with their students!

Your child should have brought home his/her free stickers along with the ordering information. **All online and paper order forms are due Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>!** Please note that this company will NOT accept any late orders so please do your best to get your orders submitted on time.

***Terracycle and the Juice Pouch Brigade:*** The Carver Elementary PTO is very happy to announce that we have won the BRONZE prize in the International Terracycle Olympics! Terracycle has awarded Carver Elementary \$500 because we are one of the world's most elite recyclers! We have to give credit to **Mrs. Jen Reardon** as she is the one who primarily empties out those green recycle bins twice a week, brings the dirty juice pouches home and packages them up for shipping! If you see Jen at school or out and about in the community, give her a big "THANK YOU" (a hug too as she loves those)! She really is the driving force behind this on-going recycling initiative!

**Box Tops/November Collection Deadline:** All box tops must be sent in by Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>!

## Carver Elementary School Lunch Menu

Thursday, 11/1/12      Hotdog in a wheat bun  
                            Sweet potato crinkles  
                            BBQ baked beans  
                            Orange wedges  
                            Italian wrap  
                            Tossed salad w/romaine

Friday, 11/2/12      Sal's pizza - cheese or pepperoni  
                            Caesar salad  
                            Diced peaches or fresh fruit

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Monday, 11/5/12      Chicken Fajita in W/G Tortilla  
                            With shredded romaine & cheddar cheese  
                            Spanish rice & black beans  
                            Carrot sticks, fresh banana  
                            Chicken Caesar salad

Tuesday, 11/6/12      No School - Teacher Professional Day

Wednesday, 11/7/12    W/G chicken nuggets  
                            Whipped potatoes with gravy  
                            Peas & carrots  
                            Wheat roll, orange wedges  
                            Ham & cheese sub  
                            Tossed salad w/romaine

Thursday, 11/8/12      Hot dog in a wheat bun  
                            BBQ baked beans  
                            Carrot & raisin salad  
                            Chilled diced pears  
                            Cup of chili w/cheddar cheese  
                            Warm W/G pretzel  
                            Carrot & raisin salad  
                            Chilled diced pears

Friday, 11/9/12      Girardi's Pizza (cheese or pepperoni)  
                            Fresh tossed salad with spinach  
                            Chilled fruit cup

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Monday, 11/12/12      No School - Veterans' Day

Tuesday, 11/13/12      W/G chicken patty on a wheat bun  
                            Romaine lettuce & tomato slices  
                            Sweet potato crinkles  
                            Fresh orange wedges  
                            W/G buffalo chicken patty on a  
                            wheat bun  
                            Romaine lettuce & tomato slices  
                            Sweet potato crinkles  
                            Fresh orange wedges

Wednesday, 11/14/12 Turkey Dinner

Roasted turkey with gravy  
Whipped potatoes, stuffing  
Steamed sweet peas  
Cinnamon apple slices

Thursday, 11/15/12	BBQ beef on a wheat bun (sloppy Joe's) Baked beans Sweet corn Chilled diced peaches	BLT on wheat bread Tossed salad with romaine Chilled diced peaches
Friday, 11/16/12	Sal's Pizza Day - cheese or pepperoni Fresh tossed salad with romaine Cinnamon applesauce	

Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5:

Garden Salad  
Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese,  
Margarine, jelly or sun-butter  
Smucker's Uncrustables - Grape

All lunches include:

Choice of TruMoo Fat Free Chocolate  
or 1% white milk. Juice/Fruit

All menus are subject to change upon availability of products.

Available for purchase separately - milk .50

8 oz. bottle water

Ice cream & snacks .75