

Carver Elementary School

September 2012 Newsletter

“The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder.”

~Ralph W. Sockman

<p>SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR: 8:15 AM TO 2:45 PM</p>
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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! We hope every Carver Elementary school family enjoyed a summer filled with adventure. The Carver Elementary custodial team has worked very hard during the summer months to ensure that our school is ready for the students and teachers. They have moved all our grade 3 classrooms to the GJC building and our 2nd grade is now located in Pod 4 of the EKW Building. Our Art and Music classes have also moved to the EKW building. Thank you to the office staff, custodial staff, and teaching staff for the many tireless hours of preparation. Their dedication to our school is remarkable. We are all very excited to begin the new school year with your children and we look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks.

New Staff

Please join us in welcoming three new teachers, Julie Porter will be teaching grade 4, Lindsey Abbott will be teaching Grade 1, Carissa Mancini will be teaching Kindergarten and Kate Davis is our new Speech & Language Pathologist. Suzy Golden, our SLP for PK-2 is no longer with us at Carver Elementary. We will surely miss her but wish her well in her new position.

Open House

Join us for our annual Open House, which will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 6-8 P.M. This is your opportunity to meet your child's teachers and gather essential information about our curriculum, grade level expectations for homework, class rules, as well as school wide information. More information will be forthcoming.

Our Curriculum

This year will be another busy and productive one for your child. We will continue to implement our curriculum, which includes the Common Core State Standards. We will continue with the Scott Foresman literacy program and our intervention schedule: all students will receive targeted skills-based instruction for 45 minutes each day in addition to receiving 70 minutes of core reading instruction daily. As part of our math curriculum, all students will receive 60 minutes of math daily. Improving our students' writing skills through the Empowering Writers Program will continue; and we will be using the FOSS Science kits at each grade level. You will receive more information about all of these programs at our Open House. Please plan to attend our annual Open House on September 20 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. for more information on these important academic subjects.

Morning Drop-off Procedures For Students Not Taking the School Bus

Due to ongoing safety concerns, we have revised our morning drop off procedures. All morning drop offs will take place at the GJC building cafeteria. Please follow the signs as you enter the driveway to our school. Drop off will take place beginning at 8:00 A.M. A diagram for your review is being sent home with your child and can be accessed on our webpage at www.carver.org. Parents dropping off children will no longer need to get out of their vehicle to walk students in unless their child is late, after 8:25. A staff member will be at the drop off area to help your child unload. Supervision will be inside the cafeteria and all K, 1 and 2 students will be escorted to the EKW building. We understand that this procedure will take some time to get accustomed to; however, for the safety of all students and staff, we respectfully request your cooperation with this new procedure.

School Council

According to the 1993 Education Reform Act, every school is required to have a School Council. The School Council is comprised of teachers, parents, the Principal, and a community representative. The group meets monthly to develop the School Improvement Plan and acts as an advisory group to the Principal. Returning as a parent representative this year is Stephanie Clougherty. One position is open and an election will be held by the PTO in the coming weeks. If you are interested in running for one of these elected positions, please contact the PTO. School Council meetings are held monthly and are open to all, so please join us. Meetings are held in the EKW building conference room. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, October 15 at 3:00 P.M.

Volunteers

Anyone wanting to volunteer in any capacity at Carver Elementary School is welcomed. Remember you must complete a CORI form and attend one of our volunteer trainings, even if you are chaperoning a field trip. The training will be held on September 14 at 9:00 A.M. in the GJC cafeteria. If you plan on attending, please call the office to reserve a spot. The CORI process can be completed through the Superintendent's office or at either of the elementary school offices. You will need identification for the process. Thank you.

Student Interns

This school year we are fortunate to have nine high school seniors who will be interning at Carver Elementary. The students are: Dominique Amado, Alyssa Farquharson, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Kaylar Grant, Caroline McCarthy, Gabriella MacCormack, Andrew Sanabria, and Gretchen Trop. We look forward to working with them.

Welcome Back Packets

As in previous years, we are sending all families a folder filled with information. When you open the folder, you will notice that in the right pocket we have included forms that need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. In the left pocket, we have included the school calendar, the student handbook and the e-newsletter form. Please look through the folder and read these important items. We suggest that you save the folder so that you can add other important information to it throughout the school year. We will continue our practice of sending home notices from both offices on Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to check your child's backpack everyday for notes from the teacher and your child's work.

All for Fun, Fun for All Playground Committee

Thank you to the All for Fun, Fun for All Playground Committee. Led by Carol Spiewakowski, the committee has dedicated countless hours over the last few years to create a playground that is accessible for all our children. The committee has organized events such as Spaghetti night and Bingo night to help raise the funds necessary to have a path created. The newly created path allows access by wheelchair, walker or stroller. This phase has not been an easy feat by any means, as the group has had to ensure that the playground meets accessibility requirements, standards, and laws. Thank you for assisting the Carver Elementary School by working together to provide a playground where children of all abilities can experience play together.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE, WWW.CARVER.ORG, FOR IMPORTANT DATES.

Carver Public Library Information

The Carver Public Library is offering a free Home Alone/Babysitting Class to those who are age 11 and older. The class will meet on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 beginning Tuesday, September 25th and ending Tuesday, October 23th. The class is for those who wish to learn about babysitting as well as for those who stay home alone. There will be guest speakers covering topics such as fire safety, personal safety, nutrition, child development and activities. The class will be held in the Small Meeting Room. Registration is required. Please call the library at 508-866-3415 to sign up.

Thank you!

Saturday, 9/15/12	Paint Workshop	All ages, drop in	11:00 am
Tuesday, 9/18/12	Toddler Storytime	Ages 3 and under	10:30 am
	Make it, Take It		
	Pencil Buddies Craft	Ages 6 +	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/19/12	Preschool Story Time	Ages 3.5 to 5	10:30 am
Thursday, 9/20/12	Family Game Night	Ages 6 +	6:30 pm
	Apples to Apples	Please register	
Saturday, 9/22/12	Great Gobs of Goo	Ages 6+ Please register	11:00 am
Tuesday, 9/25/12	Toddler Storytime	Ages 3 and under	10:30 am
	Math Game Night	Ages 6 + Drop in	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/26/12	Preschool Storytime	Ages 3.5 to 5	10:30 am
Thursday, 9/27/12	Preteen Catch-all Craft	Ages 8 + Please register	6:30 pm
Saturday, 9/29/12	Transformer Card Craft	All ages Please register	11:00 am
	Younger children may need some parental assistance		

Summer Reading

Attention Students and Families: Please turn in your completed Summer Book BINGO board by Friday, September 7, 2012. Students that participated in the Summer Book BINGO activity will be recognized and rewarded for their efforts!

**Carver Elementary School
Lunch Menu**

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Tuesday ~ Welcome Back Students!! 8/28 Chicken Patty on a Wheat Bun Lettuce & Sliced Tomato Oven Baked Sweet Potato Apple	Buffalo chicken on a Wheat Bun Lettuce & Sliced Tomato Oven Baked Sweet Potato Apple
Wednesday ~ 8/29 Sliced Turkey on a Wholegrain Roll Side of Macaroni Salad Cucumber Coins w/low fat ranch dip Pears	Chicken Caesar Salad w/Croutons & Dressing Pears
Thursday ~ 8/30 Sal's Wholegrain Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Romaine Salad w/ lite dressing Fruit Cup	Seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables are offered throughout the year
Friday ~ 8/31 <p align="center">NO SCHOOL</p>	Visit www.myNutriKids.com for new On-line pre-payment information

Meal Choice 1 - \$2.00	Meal Choice 2 - \$2.00
Monday ~ NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	
Tuesday ~ 9/4 Beef Taco Lettuce, tomatoes & cheese Salsa ~ Corn Mixed Fruit Cup	BLT on wheat bread (made w/ turkey bacon) Green Pepper Strips Mixed Fruit Cup
Wednesday ~ 9/5 Wholegrain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Steamed Rice Carrots & Peas Pineapple Chunks	Chicken Salad in a Wholegrain Wrap Veggie Sticks Pickles Pineapple Chunks
Thursday ~ 9/6 Spaghetti & Meatballs Wholegrain Bread Stick Green beans Pears	Teriyaki Chicken Salad Wheat pita bread Pears
Friday ~ 9/7 Wholegrain Pizza Square Cheese or Pepperoni Spinach Salad Peaches	Visit www.myNutriKids.com for new on-line pre-payment information
<u>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</u> Garden Salad w/Soup of-the-day Whole Wheat Bagels Smucker's Uncrustables Menus are subject to change upon availability of products	<u>All lunches include</u> Choice of TruMoo Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk 100% Juice Available for purchase separately – Milk .50 12 oz. Bottle Water .75

**Free or Reduced Priced Meal Applications will be sent home on the first day of school.
Please complete 1 application for your household and return by September 30th
Food Service Department Office (508) 866-6137**