

CARVER COYOTE NEWS

February 2014

“The will to do springs from the knowledge that we can do.”

– James Allen

Dear Families,

We know the students love to have a snow day here and there and Mother Nature hasn't disappointed them. Since the beginning of January, we have had two snowstorms with our most recent dumping over a foot of snow on Carver! We are close to the 100th day of school and looking forward to some exciting upcoming events. Please read on to find out all that we have planned.

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This year we have decided to combine Math Night and Literacy Night and have a family event all in one evening. Math and Literacy Night 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 and literacy activities as well as games. Further information will be sent home with the students.

Literacy news: Our students continue to participate in our Read Across America program. Please continue to support your children with this school wide initiative by reading 20 minutes every evening. Your child could read their take home

decodable reader, a book of their choice, or a bedtime story to you. In some instances your child could be listening to you as you read to him/her. When your child arrives at school the next day he/she will record with a tally mark that he/she read the required 20 minutes. Classroom tallies are totaled and 'miles' read for the school are logged each week. Our goal is to visit all the capital cities in the United States of America. We are proud to announce that the Carver Coyotes are now in Honolulu, Hawaii. Next stop is back to the mainland in Helena, Montana. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night including weekends and holidays. We believe that a solid reading foundation sets the stage for good writing, student success in school and a great future. Keep on reading Coyotes!

Winter weather calls for heavier coats, mittens and hats, even the short walk from the school bus into the school can be very chilly. The classroom can also be a bit colder in the winter. Please remember to send your child in with a hat and gloves for the cold outdoor walk. An extra sweater or sweatshirt that your child can leave at school will be helpful as well. This way if the classroom temperature varies, the sweater can be easily slipped on and off when needed.

Our Lost and Found is growing. If your child is missing any of their belongings, please stop by the Erwin K. Washburn Building to take a look.

Community Readers' Day will be held on Thursday, March 13. We will be inviting members of the school community into our school to share their love of reading with us.

We will be having an Anti-Bullying assembly for students in grades 3-5 on February 12. The Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) will be here to provide our students with valuable information on this important topic. We are looking forward to this presentation.

Groundhog Day Poem

Old Groundhog stretched in his leafy bed.
He turned over slowly and then he said,
"I wonder if spring is on the way,
I'll go and check the weather today.
If I see my shadow between eleven and noon,
I then will know that I'm out too soon.
I'll crawl back in bed for six weeks more,
Pull up the warm covers and snore and snore.
But if no shadow gives me a scare,
I know that spring is in the air,
I'll wake my friends and wish them cheer,
With glorious news that spring is here."
-Author Unknown

Did the groundhog see his shadow on Sunday, February 2? Ask your child to write a note to the principal about whether or not the groundhog saw his shadow. All correct student responses will be entered into a drawing and the winner will receive a special prize. All notes must be received in the office by February 14. The winner will be announced at school and in next month's Coyote Newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Monday, 2/3/14	Call to make a Kindergarten Registration/Screening Appointment
Tuesday, 2/4/14	Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal. Lunches are not served.
Monday, 2/17/14 through Friday, 2/21/14	Winter Recess
Thursday, 2/27/14	"Make Time for Reading" with Dr. Jean Fahey, 6-8 pm
Friday, 2/28/14	Term II ends
Friday, 3/7/14	Report Cards Issued
Thursday, 3/13/14	Early Release Day Community Reader Day Book Fair

Make Time for Reading - You are invited to join a lively conversation about helping our kids love learning to read! With this multimedia presentation you will understand how the brain is wired for learning-to-read at infancy, discover new ways to stimulate the young reading brain, and learn tips and tricks that will motivate the reluctant reader. All participants will receive a complimentary copy of Dr. Fahey's new book, "Make Time for Reading: a story guide for parents of babies and young children". This exciting event will take place on Thursday, 2/27/14, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Carver Elementary School. To register, please fill out the registration form included in this newsletter.

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.

2013-2014 MCAS

Grade 3

English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension
Mathematics

March 17 & March 19
May 5 & May 7

Grade 4

English/Language Arts Composition
English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension
Mathematics

March 18
March 21 & March 25
May 9 & May 13

Grade 5

English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension
Mathematics
Science and Technology/Engineering

March 20 & March 24
May 12 & May 14
May 6 & May 8

New Educator Spotlight

Mrs. Furtado, our newest addition to our administrative staff comes from the New Bedford Public School District where she spent 14 years as an educator. She has her Master's degree in Technology Education from Framingham State College and a CAGS degree in Elementary Administration from Bridgewater State University.



Mrs. Furtado with children's author Jerry Pallotta



Hi! My name is Mrs. Connolly, and I am the new School Nurse at Carver Elementary School. The children are wonderful and the families and staff here are warm and welcoming. I look forward to an amazing second half of the school year! Stay well!

Kindergarten Registration

The Carver Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration appointments on the following days by appointment only:

- Wednesday, 4/9/14
- Thursday, 4/10/14
- Friday, 4/11/14
- Wednesday, 4/16/14
- Thursday, 4/17/14

➤ Only children who will be 5 years old on or before **September 1, 2014** are eligible to enroll in kindergarten per Carver Public Schools' entrance age policy.

Parents/guardians need to call the EKW Building Office to make an appointment to register and for a hearing/vision screening appointment beginning on Monday, February 3, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The phone number is 866-6210. Please note that due to the winter recess, February 17 through February 21, 2014, the office will be closed. 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. Copy of your child's last physical exam. Please be sure the physical includes the date of the most recent lead screening.

Failure to provide this information will delay the placement of your child.

An evening orientation will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 6:30 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 Office at 866-6210.

Carver PTO

We have received such a positive response to our "Heartful of Thanks" Coyote Fundraiser, we have extended the deadline to February 7th.

Save the date: Our next bookfair is March 13th!! We hope to see you there.

Calling all Boxtops & Labels For Education Collectors!

We are well on our way to meeting our Box Tops & Labels for Education goals this year thanks to your support!

Please submit Boxtops in ziplock bags with your child's grade, & teachers name written on the ziplock bag by the 15th of every month. Please check out the expiration dates & please do not submit any expired dates as we cannot submit them & can lose credits if we do!

Labels for Education labels & bottle caps also need to be submitted in ziplock bags! LFE's do not have expiration dates, so please simply send them in any time!

We greatly appreciate your support in all of our fundraising activities! Collecting Boxtops & Labels for Education can be done at any time simply by checking your pantry & cabinets without spending any money! That's definitely a win win!!

Carver Public Library

Food for Fines

During the month of February patrons at the Carver Public Library may pay for their overdue materials with a non-perishable food donation. Bring in any current overdue items along with a donation of a non-perishable food item and the library staff will waive your fines.

All donations go to the Emergency Food Pantry at the Carver Council on Aging. While any donation is welcome, the Food Pantry especially needs tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal and canned fruit. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to pay your fines and feel good about it, too!

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Storytimes, ages 3.5 and under meet for stories, songs and activities.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime, ages 3.5 to 5 meet for stories, songs and related activities.

Big Ryan's Tall Tales

Saturday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in. Sponsored by South Shore Community Action Council.

Tabletop Ice Hockey Game

Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6 and up, please register.

Chinese New Year Lantern Craft

Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Groundhog Weather School

Saturday, February 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – All ages, drop-in anytime to take the course.

Surprise Snowball Soap Craft

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, must register.

Rainbow Loom Club

Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in. We will have some supplies and you can bring your own as well. Share patterns and ideas with your friends.

Window Painting

Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

Valentine's Day Craft

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

Lonely Heart's Club

Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, please register. Don't feel like celebrating love this VDay? Join our anti-celebration and party with the single crowd.

February School Vacation is Olympic Week!

- **Skating Craft**
Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.
- **Mystery Grab Bag Craft**
Wednesday, February 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or while supplies last – All ages, drop-in.
- **Family Game Night: Win, Lose or Draw, Olympic Theme**
Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, please register.
- **Winter Olympics**
Saturday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 4 to 10, drop-in. Compete in our wacky library games!

Superhero Drawing Workshop

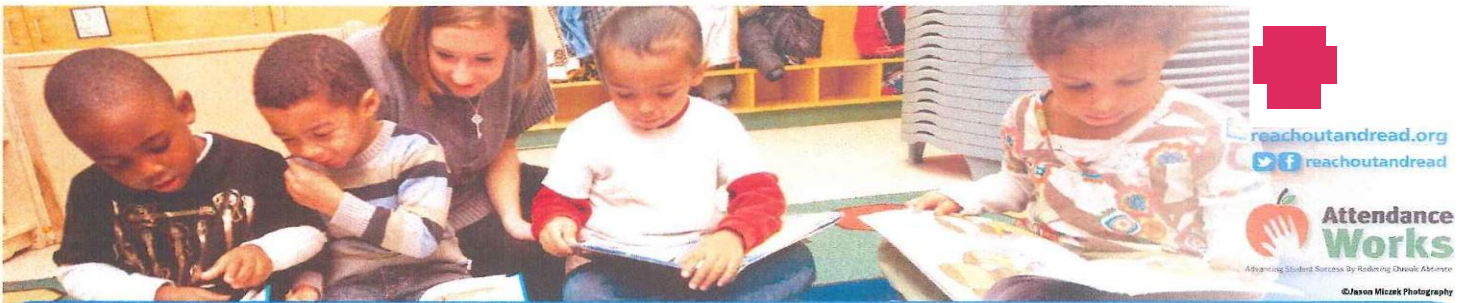
Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6 and up, drop-in.

Lego Quest

Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in. Take our challenge or just hang out and build with your friends.

Meet Norbert! Author reading, signing, and meet & greet

Saturday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in. Join local author and illustrator team Julie and Virginia Freyermuth and their 3lb. therapy dog, Norbert for a reading of *Norbert: What Can Little Me Do?* Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing following the program.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early** School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

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Report to PARENTS

Fight Flu and Germs

You've probably already heard it: the telltale sniffles of flu season, which peaks in January and February. Navigate flu and germ season with these tactics for prevention and care.

About the Vaccine Though it's best to get vaccinated in the fall, it's not too late to get a flu shot at the start of winter. Everyone age six months and older can receive the vaccine, which is available as a shot or nasal spray. Children are at a higher risk for the flu, since their immune systems are developing. It's especially important to vaccinate children younger than 5 and those with chronic health conditions. Don't forget to get vaccinated yourself!

If you're not sure where to get a flu shot, ask your principal or school nurse for information on clinics or community agencies that may be providing flu shots.

If Your Child Is Sick

Children who can't keep their eyes open, even after having a normal night's sleep, may be coming down with something. Add an "achy" feeling and loss of appetite, and it's likely that the flu is on the way. If, before school, you think your child may be starting to get sick, alert the teacher and make sure an adult is available for pick-up in case your child needs to come home.

Children who are feverish, nauseated, or bone-tired can't learn well, and can spread their illness to others. So, keep them home. Before returning to school, your child needs to have gone without a fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

Talk to your child's teacher to find out the best way to make up missed work. Often, a child not quite well enough to return to class can complete assignments at home, making the workload easier to manage once he or she is back in school. Have your child make up the work as soon as possible.

Preventing the Spread of Germs

Keep your family healthy all winter long by practicing everyday disease prevention tactics.

Stress the importance of handwashing. Because germs are invisible, it's difficult for children to understand how dangerous a cough or sneeze can be. Be sure to stress

the importance of washing hands, using lots of soap and water, and scrubbing until there are bubbles—before meals and snacks, and after coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue. Many brands of liquid hand soap come in fun designs, scents, or colors, and letting children pick their own can be

a fun way to encourage hand washing.

Use the "birthday song" method. Teach your child to wash his or her hands for as long as it takes to sing the entire "Happy Birthday" song.

Cough like Dracula. Children need to learn to always cover their mouths when they cough. Have your child cough into his or her sleeves, not hands, to prevent the spread of germs.

Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth. Children sometimes absentmindedly put their fingers in their mouth or nose, or rub their eyes. Help

your child keep his or her hands away from "germy" areas— eyes, nose, and mouth.

Trash the tissues. Used tissues are full of germs. Teach your child to immediately put used tissues in the trash, and then wash his or her hands.

Set a healthy example. Model all these healthy behaviors— sneezing into your elbow, washing your hands frequently— and your child will follow suit.



Web Resources

Visit **Flu.gov** for the latest updates on this flu season.

For a round-up of germ prevention techniques, visit this **Centers for Disease Control** page.
www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm

This "Too Sick for School?" quiz from **Parents** magazine will help you decide whether your child should stay home.
www.parents.com/kids/too-sick-for-school/

FEBRUARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Chicken Tenders Sweet Potato Shoestrings Peas Wheat Bread Stick Chilled Pears Chicken Caesar Salad	Early Release Day No Lunches served	Meatballs in Sauce Wheat Sub Roll Goldfish Pretzels Celery Sticks Chilled Pineapple Chicken Caesar Salad	Chicken Noodle Soup Baked Soft Pretzel Carrots Sticks w/dip Cheese Stick Fresh Apple Chicken Caesar Salad	Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Fresh Tossed Salad Roasted Chick Peas Chilled Fruit Cup
10	11	12	13	14
French Toast Sticks w/syrup Scrambled Egg Patty Hash Browns Chilled Applesauce Buffalo Chicken Salad	Popcorn Chicken Baked Sweet Potato Puffs Steamed Broccoli Chilled Blueberry cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Hot Dog in a Wheat Bun BBQ Baked Beans Veggie Sticks Chilled Fruit Cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Toasted Cheese on Wheat Bread Tomato Soup Crackers Fresh Apple Buffalo Chicken Salad	Sal's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Fresh Spinach Salad Chilled Peaches 
17	18	19	20	21
Winter Recess 	Winter Recess	Check your child's NutriKids account @ www.myschoolbucks.com Keep it up-to-date!	Winter Recess 	Winter Recess
24	25	26	27	28
W/G Waffle Sticks w/syrup Baked Sausage Links Sweet Potato Coins Fresh Banana 100% Apple Juice Cup Chicken Teriyaki Salad	Chicken Patty on a Wheat bun Plain or Chicken Parmesan Carrot Sticks w/dip Oven Baked Smiles Chilled Pears Chicken Teriyaki Salad	Sliced Roasted Turkey On a Wheat Sub Roll Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles R/F Cape Cod Chips Chilled Peaches Chicken Teriyaki Salad	Chicken Fajita in a W/G soft Tortilla Fresh Spinach Salad Salsa & Bean Dip Fresh Orange Wedges Chicken Teriyaki Salad	Bella's Pizzeria Cheese or Pepperoni Fresh Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup
DAILY CHOICES Choice 1: WG Honey Wheat Bagel w/cream cheese, cheese stick & salad Choice 2: Garden salad w/dressing, cheese stick, croutons and fruit Choice 3: Smucker's Uncrustable, w/side salad and fruit Choice 4: Assorted WG Cereals w/cheese stick and fruit All Meals include choice of Milk 1% low fat or Tru-Moo fat free Chocolate Ala Carte Milk: .50 Meals are subject to change upon availability of product. To register for Nutrikids, watch daily transactions, check balances and make online pre-payments, please visit" www.myschoolbucks.com At school pre-payments Make Checks Payable To: CPS Meal Program Please include student ID # on check Free and reduced applications are available on the school website www.carver.org Applications can be filled out anytime during the school year. Return your completed application to: Carver Public Schools - Food Services 3 Carver Square Boulevard Carver, MA 02330 Contact: Kathleen Farrar farrark@carver.org				

• FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS •

MAKE TIME FOR READING

• with Jean Ciborowski Fahey, PhD •

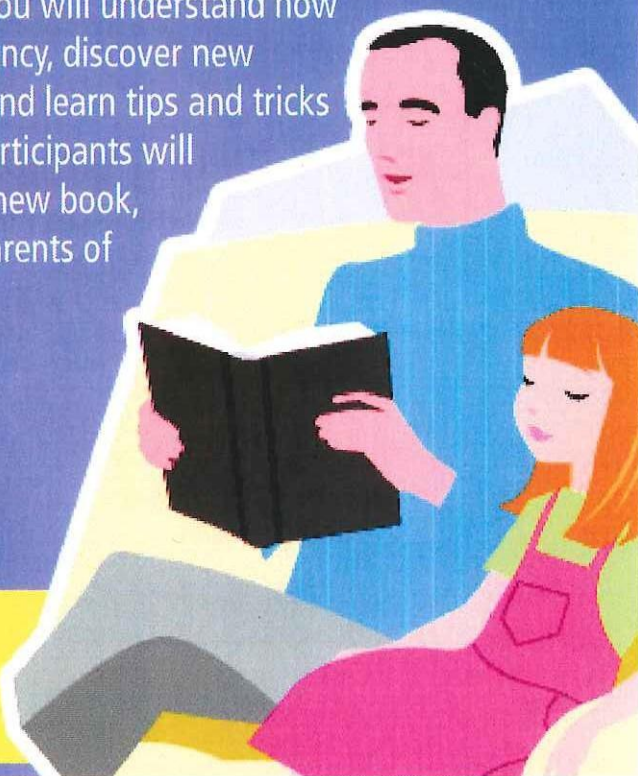
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FEB. 27, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
85 Main Street, Carver MA

**REGISTRATION PREFERRED
WALK-INS WELCOME**



COORDINATED FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A PROGRAM OF SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED with
CFCE Coordinator:
South Shore Community Action Council
265 South Meadow Road
Plymouth MA 02360

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PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 20, 2014

NAME: _____ NO. OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(Please include your email if you would like to hear about future CFCE Events)



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