



Carver Coyote Newsletter

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

September 2015

This is important. You can do it. We won't give up on you! – Research for Better Teaching

Welcome back to Carver Elementary and to a new school year! During the summer, an enormous amount of work was accomplished. Thank you to the office staff, technology staff and the custodial crew for their hard work. Teachers and administrators have trained, planned and analyzed data in preparation for the new school year. You will find valuable information throughout this newsletter, and we hope that it will answer some of your questions and assist you as we move forward.

Parent/Guardian Information Night

Join us for our annual Information Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 10 from 6-8 PM. On this evening, you will have the 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 programs and services. More information regarding this event will be forthcoming.

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Calendar of Events – September 2015

Tuesday, 9/1/15	First Day grades 1-12
Friday, 9/4/15	No School
Monday, 9/7/15	No School, Labor Day
Tuesday, 9/8/15	Preschool Begins
Tuesday, 9/8/15	Kindergarten Begins
Wednesday, 9/9/15	Volunteer Orientation, 9 am, GJC Cafeteria
Thursday, 9/10/15	Parent/Guardian Information Night, 6-8 pm
Thursday, 9/10/15	Carver School Building Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Carver Town Hall
Tuesday, 9/15/15	Volunteer Orientation, 6 pm, GJC Cafeteria
Wednesday, 9/23/15	Early Release Day – 11:45 am dismissal – lunches are not served
Wednesday, 9/23/15	Coyote Quick Kids Fun Run
Friday, 9/25/15	Volunteer Orientation, 2 pm, GJC Cafeteria
Tuesday, 9/29/15	Student pictures

New Faculty

Please join us in welcoming several new educators:

Abby Albin, Speech Therapist EKW Building
Vira Berkobein, CES Nurse EKW Building
Sara Cannistraro, 4th Grade Teacher
Erin Cogan, 5th Grade Teacher
Christina Comeau, Kindergarten Teacher
Sarah Crump, Kindergarten Teacher
Megan Curley, 5th Grade Teacher
Andrea Kane, 3rd Grade Teacher
Rebekah McLaughlin, CES Music Teacher
Erin Shanahan, 1st Grade Teacher
Heather Stagnitta, 1st Grade Special Education Teacher
Susannah Warren, Reading Intervention Teacher



Our Curriculum

This year will be another busy and productive one for your child. We will continue to implement our curriculum, which includes the Massachusetts Frameworks. With the *New Scott Foresman* Reading Street literacy program, the Everyday Math Program, and our intervention schedule, all students will receive targeted skilled-based instruction each day. As part of our math curriculum, all students receive daily math instruction and will include our workshop model. This model was implemented in 2013-2014. Improving our students' writing skills through the Empowering Writers Program will also continue, and we will be using the Full Option Science System (FOSS) at each grade level. You will receive more information about all of these programs at our Parent/Guardian Information Night.

Responsive Classroom

This year our teachers will continue the implementation of the Responsive Classroom (RC) segment known as 'Morning Meeting'. Morning Meeting is an engaging way to start each day, building a strong sense of community, and setting children up for success both socially and academically. Each morning, students and teachers gather together for 20-30 minutes and interact with one another during four purposeful components: greeting, sharing, group activity, and morning message.

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

We strongly encourage students to take the bus both to and from school.

When it is necessary to bring your child to school, please adhere to the following 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 offs will take place between 8:00 and 8:15 am. Parents/guardians dropping off children will no longer need to get out of their vehicle to walk students in unless their child is late, after 8:20 am. A staff member will be at the drop off area to help your child unload. It is very important that parents/guardians DO NOT get out of the vehicle to unload children UNLESS you have pulled over to the far right of the black top. Supervision will be on hand both outside and inside the cafeteria. All Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 students will be escorted to the EKW building beginning at 8:05.

End of Day Student Pick-up in the GJC cafeteria

For all K-5 students not taking the bus at the end of the day, our pick-up location is in the GJC cafeteria. Students from the EKW building will be escorted to the GJC cafeteria. Parents/guardians may enter the cafeteria once supervisory staff arrives to open the door at 2:40 pm. Parents/guardians will sign out their children from the GJC cafeteria. Identification is required. For additional information regarding dismissal, please refer to our handbook, which can be found at www.carver.org.

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, principal, and a community representative. The group meets monthly to develop the School Improvement Plan and acts as an advisory group to the principal. School council meetings are held monthly and are open to all, so please join us. Meetings are held in the EKW conference room. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 3:00 P.M in the IMC.

Volunteers

Anyone wanting to volunteer in any capacity at Carver Elementary School is welcomed. Volunteer Orientation dates for the month of September can be found in our Calendar of Events section of this newsletter. The Orientation is for new volunteers and anyone whose current CORI will expire during the 2015-16 school year. The CORI process can be completed through the Superintendent's office or at either of the school offices. You will need identification for the process.

Family Directory

A special thank you to Mrs. Kelly Yenulevich and Mrs. Pauline Lopez for compiling the Family Directory for the 2015-2016 school year. You will receive a family directory if you send in the form by **October 2, 2015**. (The form is in your child's welcome back packet.) This user-friendly directory is handy and nice to have for play dates and birthday party invitations. Our goal is to send the directory home by the middle of October. To be sensitive to all our students' feelings, we ask that you do not send home birthday invitations through school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 side pocket, we have included a school calendar and newsletter. Please go 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 the EKW and GJC offices on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please remember to check your child's backpack every day for notes from the teacher and your child's work.

Carver Public Library

The Carver Public Library will be offering the free Home Alone/Babysitting Class to those who are age 11 and older this fall. The class will meet on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 beginning Tuesday, September 29th and ending Tuesday, October 27th. 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.

Carver Elementary PTO
THE COYOTE QUICK KIDS FUN RUN

This year's MAIN FUNDRAISER is the Coyote Quick Kids Fun Run! Hosting a Fun Run means there is no selling or delivering products. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school by giving pledges toward the number of laps your student will run on the day of the Fun Run on **September 23, 2015**.

Our Fun Run program will last about 2 weeks—from **September 14th – September 23rd**. Students will experience an exciting Pep Rally, families will have time to get pledges, and on the last day, students will run in the Fun Run! Every student, no matter financial participation, is invited to run in the Fun Run.

Also, our Fun Run comes with a world-class character theme. This year's theme is BIG WORLD RECESS, a global fitness theme all about building character through sports. During the Fun Run program, students will travel our big world learning how to play with character from REAL kid-athletes in other cultures.

How Can You Support Carver Elementary School?

- #1. Register your child on funrun.com. School code 921-916.**
- #2. Reach out to sponsors—friends and family who could donate to help our school.**
- #3 Ask your child about the BIG WORLD RECESS Character Play of the day.**
- #4 Come cheer on your student at the Fun Run on September 23rd. Parents invited!**

More information will come home with your child prior to the event.

This is the major fundraising event for the year!

**Thanks in advance for supporting
The Carver Elementary School PTO.**

LUNCH MENU

	Tuesday, 9/1 Chicken Nuggets Baked sweet potato puffs Veggie sticks w/dip Fresh banana Buffalo Chicken Salad	Wednesday, 9/2 Burger on wheat bun Cheese or plain Lettuce, tomato, baby carrots W/G pretzels Fresh apple Buffalo Chicken Salad	Thursday, 9/3 Pizza Day Sal's Pizza Cheese or buffalo Spinach salad/chick peas Chilled peaches Buffalo Chicken Salad	Friday, 9/4 NO SCHOOL
Monday, 9/7 NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, 9/8 Beef Tacos Lettuce, cheddar cheese and salsa Seasoned rice Chilled pineapple Chicken Caesar Salad	Wednesday, 9/9 Popcorn chicken bites Seasoned pasta Corn W/G Dinner Roll Fresh apple Chicken Caesar Salad	Thursday, 9/10 Hot dog in a bun Potato puffs BBQ baked beans Carrot sticks Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	Friday, 9/11 Pizza Day Gilardi Real Slice Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Tossed salad w/Romaine Chilled Fruit Cup
Monday, 9/14 Deli Turkey Sub Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles Sliced cucumbers w/dip Cape Cod chips Applesauce Buffalo Chicken Salad	Tuesday, 9/15 Meatball sub Parmesan Cheese Side of Caesar Salad Chilled Strawberry cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Wednesday, 9/16 Chicken patty on bun Plain or buffalo Lettuce, tomato Baby carrots W/G Pretzels Chilled fruit cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Thursday, 9/17 Crispy fish sticks Potato wedges Carrots Blueberry cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Friday, 9/18 Pizza Day Personal pizza Cheese or onion & pepper Spinach salad Roasted chick peas Buffalo Chicken Salad
Monday, 9/21 Burger on a bun Cheese or plain Lettuce, tomato Baby carrots Baked crinkle cuts Fresh apple Oriental Chicken Salad	Tuesday, 9/22 Soft chicken fajita Cheddar cheese Salsa & bean dip Side of spinach salad Banana Oriental Chicken Salad	Wednesday, 9/23 Chicken tenders Macaroni salads Celery sticks Fresh orange wedges Oriental Chicken Salad	Thursday, 9/24 Toasted cheese on wheat W/G pretzels Tomato & cucumber with dip Chilled fruit cup Oriental chicken salad	Friday, 9/25 Pizza day Double stuffed crust Cheese or buffalo chicken Caesar Salad Chilled Peaches
Monday, 9/28 French toast w/syrup Yogurt cup Sweet potato bites 100% juice cup Cinnamon Applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	Tuesday, 9/29 Italian Platter Meatballs in sauce Side of seasoned pasta Green beans/bread stick Chilled pears Chicken Caesar Salad			

Daily Choices

- Choice 1 – WG Bagel
W/cream cheese, cheese stick & salad
- Choice 2 – Garden salad w/dressing
Cheese stick, croutons and fruit
- Choice 3 – *Smucker's Uncrustable* with side salad and fruit
- Choice 4 – Assorted WG cereals w/cheese stick and fruit

Be sure your NutriKids account is updated.

To register for Nutrikids, watch daily transactions, check balances and make online prepayments, please visit:
www.myschoolbucks.com

At school prepayments: please make checks payable to: **CPS Meal Program**. Please include student id# on check.

All meals include choice of milk
(1% low fat or Tru-Moo fat free chocolate milk)
A' la carte milk \$.50
A' la carte water \$.75

In addition to their lunch, students are allowed to purchase 1 food item and 1 drink item, unless parent notifies us otherwise.

Free and reduced applications are available on the school website (www.carver.org). Applications can be filled out anytime during the school year. Return completed application to:
Carver Public Schools – Food Services
3 Carver Square Boulevard
Carver, MA 02330
Contact Kathleen Farrar (farrark@carver.org)

