

Carver Elementary School

June 2013



"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

-Voltaire

Dear Families,

As the school year comes to an end, there is joy in our hearts and tears in our eyes as we prepare to say goodbye to our fifth graders. To the remainder of the students, we hope they have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing them in the fall. It is timely to extend a sincere thank you to our devoted parents and families who continue to collaborate with us in making school a priority. Thank you to all our dedicated staff and faculty whose contributions help to make the Carver Elementary School a wonderful place to grow and learn. We thank all our loyal volunteers who help make our "wheels" go round each and every day. We are fortunate to have your support! To all the students we applaud them for their hard work this school year and we send them off to a well-deserved summer full of fun in the sun. As you plan your summer activities, please remember to keep reading in your daily schedule. Have a wonderful summer!

A fond farewell The staff and students of Carver Elementary School would like to wish a fond farewell and thank you to Mrs. Kathleen McDonough. She has been the Interim Associate Principal since January and will be leaving us at the end of June. We wish her the best in her next endeavor!

Welcome to our new Associate Principal Mrs. Amy Furtado who will be starting with us this summer. Mrs. Furtado comes to CES with over thirteen years' experience as an elementary school teacher in the New Bedford Public School System. She holds a CAGS in Elementary Administration and a Masters in Technology and Education. We are very excited to have her join our team here at CES!

Happy Retirement: This June we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Karen Sacchetti, Grade 2; Mrs. Kathy Webster, Occupational Therapist; Mrs. Eleanor Sirk, School Adjustment Counselor; Mrs. Connie Pooler, School Nurse; and Mr. Gil Barakat, Music Teacher. They have all announced their upcoming retirement. We will miss them tremendously as they have been a vital part of our Carver Elementary School community. Together they have dedicated 106 ½ years of their lives to the children of Carver. We wish them a happy retirement and we hope they know they have an open invitation to come back and visit us anytime!



Carver Elementary School says goodbye and thank you to the PTO Board comprised of **Dorene Allen-England, Marie Blotner, Tracy Condon, Thea Dickinson-Rowles and Jani Donnelly**. Over the last three years, the hard-working crew of five organized many fund raising events for a grand total of \$94,797.46. Major fund raising initiatives for this school year were Square 1 Art, Holiday Catalog Sales by Cristoline and the 4th Annual Winter Wonderland. The students and staff have reaped the benefits through enrichment activities, SMART Board equipment, various other technology equipment, incubators for kindergarten, school supplies and curriculum materials such as FOSS Science kits. Please join us in thanking the team for all their hard work. These items would have been impossible to obtain without them! Thank you to all who have supported the PTO and we look forward to working with the newly elected board members: Stephanie Clougherty, Tiffini Cornock, Jen Frohnapfel, Kristen Moore, Jen Santagate, Heather Sepulveda, Julie Stone and Jessica Walsh. For information on how to get involved visit www.carverpto.org.

Transportation Day in kindergarten is a great way for the children to make a real connection with their literacy unit on transportation and learn first-hand about various types of vehicles. This event has been held each year for the past several years thanks to the kindergarten teachers and local community members. On May 17, the children were able to get up close and explore a helicopter, crane, septic truck, paver truck, FedEx truck and a K9 state police car.



Chicks hatching in Kindergarten As part of the Kindergarten Science Unit, Animals Two by Two, students observe and develop curiosity and interest in the living world.



Class Placement: The week of August 15, you will receive a letter from us regarding your child's placement information for the upcoming school year. Please check the Carver website or [The Carver Reporter](#) for bus routes approximately the third week in August. Students in grades 1-5 will begin school on Tuesday, August 27 and the first day of kindergarten will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Happy Father's Day: We would like to extend a Happy Father's Day to all the dads from our Carver Elementary School community. We hope you have a wonderful day with your children and families.

Goodbye and best wishes to all of the high school interns who have spent so many hours with us here at the Elementary School. Congratulations on your graduation and continue to make us all proud!

The Carver Music Boosters' Music in the Park summer concert series will be featuring "The Flannery Brothers", an award-winning musical group for children. The concert is free for all and will be held on Sunday, June 23 in the Shurtleff Park from 2 to 4 P.M. All proceeds will go to the Music Boosters for the benefit of Carver music programs K-12.

Smart Phone APP- School Connect: Please see the attached PDF on step-by-step instructions for signing up.

Upcoming Taiko Drumming performance is sure to be a hit! On June 21, the students and faculty of Carver Elementary will be treated to a Taiko Drum performance presented by Odaiko New England, Young Audiences of America. Special thanks to the Kantner Foundation and Harvard Pilgrim who provided grant funding for Music and the Arts. Please be sure to ask your children about this popular educational performance.

Read Across America Race to the Finish...

As we near the end of the year, each minute read now equals one mile. Read Across America will culminate with the theme of Coast-to-Coast: Monday June 17 will be Island Day (Hawaiian shirts, lays etc.) and Thursday June 20 will be Boston Day (patriotic/historical/nautical attire). Winning homerooms will be announced Thursday.

Summer Book Bingo Read Across America has been a great success. We would like to keep the momentum going. Summer reading Bingo Boards will be sent home with students soon. The Bingo Boards will also be available on our website, www.carver.org.

Sincerely,

Ruby C. Maestas
Principal

Paula S. Foley
Associate Principal

Kathy McDonough
Interim Associate Principal

Important Dates:

June 5- Spring Concert- Evening Performance 6:30 PM CMHS Auditorium

June 6 - School Tours for Incoming Kindergarten Students/Families 4:30-5:30 PM

June 8 - PTO sponsored Carver Coyote Family Fun Run 9:00 AM

June 17 - Island Day (Hawaiian shirts, lays, etc.)

June 20 - Boston Day (patriotic/historical/nautical attire)

June 20- Early Release Day-Students dismissed at 11:45 AM

June 21 - Field Day at Carver Elementary School

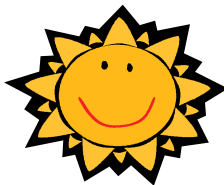
June 24- Last Day of School-Students dismissed at 11:45AM

August 27- First Day of School for Students in grades 1-5

September 2- Labor Day-No School

September 3- First Day of School for Kindergarten

The Administration, Faculty and Staff of the Carver Elementary School wish everyone a wonderful summer!!



Please visit www.carver.org for important events.



It is with mixed emotions that we are writing our final letter to our elementary families. As many of you are aware, we (the current PTO Board), who have served together for the past three years, have all decided to step down together. Last summer we met and had a conversation about how much of a commitment this is and that our families have sacrificed a lot over the years so that we could all be involved in the many facets of this parent/teacher organization. We decided then, that our focus must return to our families and that the 2012/2013 school year would be our last year serving together as a board. We must say how proud we are, to have been a part of the Carver Elementary PTO. We feel that the educational needs of our children have been greatly served by the organization and are proud to say that we raised **\$94,797.46** over the past three years. We have a great group of parents as well as many supportive teachers/faculty members within our school system. We are sure that the Carver Elementary PTO will continue to make a valuable contribution to the education of our children for many years to come.

We are very happy to announce that at last month's meeting, we elected the following people onto the new PTO Board: **Stephanie Clougherty, Tiffini Cornock, Jen Frohnafel, Kristin Moore, Jen Santagate, Julie Stone, Heather Sepulveda and Jessica Walsh.**

These eight wonderful ladies will be serving as members of your new PTO Board starting July 1st! We are confident that the PTO will continue to run smoothly! These ladies are all very excited to introduce new ideas as well as facilitate what is already in place. We wish them luck in their new roles and we know our elementary families will too!

In closing, we would like to express sincere thanks to the following people who have generously donated their time and services over and over again to help make all of our PTO events a huge success:

Bryan & Elaine Griffin (providing DJ services whenever we needed them)
Carver Fire Department (providing lighting outside during our Halloween event)
Firefly Helicopter (helicopter service for Santa at our Winter Wonderland events)
Ken Garron ("Santa" at Winter Wonderland)
Jen Reardon (Box Top & Juice Pouch Brigade Coordinator)
Kelly Yenulevich, Pauline Lopez and Nancy Seamans (a little of everything)
Elementary Custodial Staff (picking up after us)

We would also like to acknowledge all of our parent and teacher volunteers over the past three years. Your diligence, commitment and hard work made each year a successful one for our children and our school. I thank the parents/guardians/teachers who participated in a fundraiser or two, and others who diligently cut out and sent in box tops and/or labels for education. When everyone does their part, no matter how small, our children benefit.

And lastly, thank you to all of the students who have made this all worth it! We have received so many "thank you" cards from all of you and have enjoyed reading every single one of them! What a great gesture! Have a great summer, and thank you to everyone for supporting us through the years!

Sincerely,

Tracy Condon
Marie Blotner

Dorene Allen-England
Thea Dickinson-Rowles

Jani Donnelly

SCHOOL NURSES' INFORMATION

We hope that everyone will enjoy this summer. The nurses would like to remind parents that there are potential dangers during the summer months and it is important to be aware of what they are.

TICK BITES: Ticks are responsible for a variety of illnesses including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Some suggestions to protect your family include:

- Protective clothing(long sleeves, long pants, tucking pants into socks)
- Tick/bug repellent
- Insect repellent for pets
- Staying in the center of paths
- Performing tick checks on all family members every day
- Being aware of signs/symptoms of tick-related illnesses
- Calling the doctor for any concerns and questions

HELMET SAFETY:

- An appropriate helmet must be worn whenever a child is “on wheels”. This means bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards and more!
- The helmet must fit properly.
- Helmets can be lifesaving and can protect a child from serious injury.
- Be sure the right type of helmet is being used.

WATER SAFETY: Adult supervision is of paramount importance. Parents need to focus on their children 100% of the time.

- Never leave kids alone near the pool or water, no matter what their age or swim capabilities.
- Remember, no child or adult is “drown proof”.

SUN PROTECTION:

- Avoid sun exposure during peak sun hours (10AM-6PM).
- Wear protective clothing, a hat and sunglasses.
- Water resistant sunscreen is a MUST. Look for products with UVA and UVB protection. Choose a sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and apply it 15-30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every 2 hours or sooner if swimming.
- Look for shade whenever possible.

DEHYDRATION and HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES:

- Keeping well hydrated is very important.
- Children and adults must remember to drink.
- Playing in the hot sun means lots of fluid loss, so avoid strenuous activity during peak sun hours (10am-6pm). Take lots of breaks and look for shade.
- Seek medical attention immediately for any signs of heat-related illness.



How Do I Subscribe to Push Messages from My School?

Don't have the School Connect App

1. Download the School Connect App.
 - a. Search 'schConnect' in the Apple® App Store™ or Google Play Store™.
2. Select State and District then press Save.




3. Set Notifications – Turn on notifications for each school to receive messages then press Save.
 - a. To receive push message via text or email click the 'EMAIL' or 'SMS/TEXT' tab and enter your information.



4. You will now receive Push Notifications from your district and school(s).

Already of the School Connect App

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2. Under App Settings select Settings.



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Carver Public Library
June Events

Saturday, June 1st – Magic Show Off!

All ages, all day, drop-in. Come show us your best magic trick and win a prize!

Tuesday, June 4th – Make-It, Take-It Monster Origami Bookmarks
Ages 6+, Drop in. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8th - Play Doh Workshop
All ages, Drop-in. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday June 15th – Sweet Jacket Candy Bar Father’s Day Craft
All ages, Please register. 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18th – Teacher Appreciation Gift Craft
Ages 5+, Please register. 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 20th – Preteen Jewelry Organizer
Ages 8+, Please register. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 22nd – Summer Window Painting
Ages 4+, Please register.

Saturday, June 29th – Summer Reading Registration

Featuring:
“Music Lady” – Carol Kingsbury
All ages. 11:00 a.m.



CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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LUNCH COST \$2.00

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Brunch For Lunch	Beef Taco	Popcorn Chicken	Meatballs & Sauce	NEW ITEM
W/G French Toast Sticks	Lettuce & Cheddar Cheese	Baked Potato Wedges	on a Wheat Bun	Big Daddy's Pizza
Baked Sausage Links	Salsa & Refried beans	Steamed Broccoli	W/G Goldfish	Cheese or Pepperoni
Hash Brown	Steamed Rice	Wheat Dinner roll	Carrot Sticks	Fresh Spinach Salad
Fresh Apple	Chilled Pineapple	Strawberry Cup	Chilled Diced Pears	Jell-O
10	11	12	13	14
W/G Pancakes w/ syrup	Beef Nacho's	Chicken Patty on a Wheat bun	Italian sub	Sal's Pizza
Baked sausage patty or links	Beef & Cheddar Cheese Sauce	Plain or Buffalo	Ham, Salami & Cheese	Cheese or pepperoni
Sweet potatoes bites	Salsa & refried beans	Peas & Carrots	Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles	Fresh Tossed salad
Chilled Mixed Fruit Cup	Fresh Baby Carrots	Seasoned Baked Wedges	Low Fat Doritos	Roasted chick peas
	Strawberry cup	Chilled Pears	Cucumber Coins & Dip	Chilled Peaches
			Fresh Apple	
17	18	19	20	21
Hot dog in a Wheat Bun	Chicken Tenders	Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza	In-Service Day	
BBQ Baked Beans	Oven baked potato puffs	Cheese or Pepperoni		FIELD
Low Fat Cape Cod Chips	Steamed broccoli	Fresh Tossed Salad		DAY
Chilled Pears	Chilled Peaches	Roasted Chix Peas		
		Chilled Fruit Cup		
24		<u>DAILY CHOICES</u>		
		Choice 1: WG Honey Wheat Bagel		Free/reduced applications
LAST DAY		w/cream cheese, cheese stick & salad		are available on the
OF SCHOOL		Choice 2: Garden salad w/dressing,		school website:
		cheese stick, croutons and fruit		www.carver.org
		Choice 3: <i>Smucker's Uncrustable,</i>		
		w/side salad and fruit		Applications can be
		Choice 4: Assorted WG Cereals		filled out anytime
Meals are subject to change upon		w/cheese stick and fruit		during the school year.
availability of product				
		All Meals include choice of Milk		Any questions,
		1% low fat or		contact Kath Farrar
At school pre-payments		<i>Tru-Moo</i> fat free Chocolate		farrark@carver.org
Make Checks Payable To:		Ala Carte Milk: .50		
CPS Meal Program				
Please include student ID # on check				

To register for Nutrikids, watch daily transactions, check balances and make on-line pre-payments, please visit:

www.myschoolbucks.com

