



# Carver Elementary School

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“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of becoming.” —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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Dear Families:

We hope you all had an enjoyable April vacation. The children came back to school excited and ready to learn. Many of them arrived with tanned faces and interesting artifacts but they all offered a joyous smile as they were welcomed back on Monday morning. The pace of things has picked up and we were all quickly able to pick up right where we left off. We would like to thank the PTO for allowing us to host the Discovery Dome at Carver Elementary School on April 11, 12 and 13. The children enjoyed their video presentation and learned so much while having fun at the same time. Please continue to read through our newsletter and as always, thank you for your continued support in making your child’s education a priority.

Carver Elementary is moving toward an newsletter beginning in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.

**Annual Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7—May 11.** This week is dedicated to all the teachers who inspire so many children and even adults. If you would like to show your appreciation to any member of the Carver Elementary School staff for his/her commitment and dedication to the students, please feel free to write a note to that person. It will most certainly make the recipient very happy. We are proud of our hard-working staff and thank them for all they do to inspire and educate our young students.

Also, don’t forget Nurse’s Day on May 12. Remember to send in a special thank you note to our nurses. They help so many of our students each day and we fully appreciate their hard work.

**Annual Art Festival and Grade 3 Recorder Concert.** You are all cordially invited to attend our annual Art Festival featuring artwork by the Carver Elementary students in grades K-5. Please take the time to come in to view their creative artwork on Wednesday, May 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We have included several student art samples in this newsletter. At 7:00 pm, the 3rd grade students will be presenting the annual Recorder Concert in the Erwin K. Washburn gymnasium. We would love to see you here! Thank you to Mr. Barakat, Mrs. Giokas, Mrs. Modica and Mrs. Stansfield for all their preparations for this special evening.

Parents of K-2 students, please remember to send in your child’s Reading Log from April vacation. We hope many of the children were able to spend some time reading. Students in grades 3-5 who participated in the READ-ATHON will be having an awards assembly on May 18th at 12:30 in the Governor John Carver gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sincerely,  
 Ruby C. Maestas, Principal  
 Paula Foley, Associate Principal  
 Zachary Waddicor, Associate Principal

## REMINDERS

May 24—Orientation for parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students will be held at 6:30 pm in the EKW cafeteria.

May 28—Memorial Day—no school.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for the 2011/2012 school year is Monday, June 18, 2012. This is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 am. Lunches are not served.

## MCAS INFORMATION

**Important MCAS dates** - please mark your calendars. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your children arrive to school on time.

### Science & Technology Testing Dates

Tuesday, May 8 - Grade 5  
 Wednesday, May 9 - Grade 5

### Math Testing Dates

Thursday, May 10 - Grade 3  
 Friday, May 11 - Grade 3  
 Tuesday, May 15 - Grade 4  
 Wednesday, May 16 - Grade 4  
 Thursday, May 17 - Grade 5  
 Friday, May 18 - Grade 5

## \*\*REMINDER\*\*

### MORNING DROP OFF

For the safety of all students and staff, we respectfully request your cooperation with this procedure. If you are dropping off a 4th or 5th grade student, please do so at the Governor John Carver Building Cafeteria. If you are dropping off a Kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 student, please do so in the Erwin K. Washburn side parking lot and be sure your child walks on the sidewalk, NOT BETWEEN THE BUSES. We understand that this procedure may take a little longer when dropping your student(s) off, but it will ensure the safety of all.

4/30 Advanced Band	5/1 Elementary Chorus Tuesday Rocket Club Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	5/2 Advanced Band Annual Art Festival and Recorder Concert, 5-8 pm	5/3 Elementary Orff Thursday Rocket Club Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons	5/4 Spring Recess Reading Logs Due
5/7 No Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm	5/8 Teacher Appreciation Day Elementary Chorus Tuesday Rocket Club Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Gr. 5 MCAS—Science & Technology	5/9 Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm Gr. 5 MCAS— Science & Technology	5/10 Elementary Orff Thursday Rocket Club Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Gr. 3 MCAS—Math	5/11 Gr. 3 MCAS– Math
5/14 Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm School Council, 3 pm School Committee, 7 pm	5/15 Elementary Chorus Tuesday Rocket Club Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons Gr. 4 MCAS- Math	5/16 Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm Gr. 4 MCAS– Math	5/17 Elementary Orff Thursday Rocket Club Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Gr. 5 MCAS—Math PTO Meeting, 7 pm	5/18 Gr. 5 MCAS-Math
5/21 Advanced Band Beginner band @ 4:15 pm	5/22 Elementary Chorus Tuesday Rocket Club Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	5/23 School Wide Writing Prompt (Grades 3, 4, 5) Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm	5/24 Elementary Orff Thursday Rocket Club Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 pm	5/25
5/28 No School Memorial Day	5/29 Elementary Chorus Tuesday Rocket Club Flute, Trumpet & Trombone Lessons	5/30 Gr. 5 Move-Up Day 9:30 am—Carver Middle School Advanced Band Beginner Band @ 4:15 pm	5/31 Elementary Orff Thursday Rocket Club Clarinet, Saxophone & Drum Lessons Grade 1 Field Trip to Buttonwood Park Zoo	6/1 Gr. 4 Field Trip to Buttonwood Park Zoo Gr. 5 Spelling Bee EKW Gym-9:30 am

### Thank You!!

The All for Fun, Fun for All Playground Committee would like to thank all of those who came out to support our Magical, Musical Family Dinner Night. It was a tremendous success. With this success, we are working with the school to install a poured rubber walkway to have easier access to the existing playground equipment. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped produce such a fantastic night: Carver Dance Center, Lisa Wethington, Lisa Dishaw, Suzy Golden, Lori Carr, Jill Martins, Tim & Andrea Blackwell, Mrs. Maestas, Mrs. Teichert, Gil Stansfield and Johnson & Wales, Katie Briggs, Lorraine Christoffersen, Teri Sexton, Jen Mitchell, Alex Mitchell, and Lauren Cruz. If we have left anyone out, we apologize. We appreciate all of your help!!

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<p><b>May 1</b></p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 &amp; under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Flip Book Creations Design your own moving picture story, All ages, drop-in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 2</b></p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3.5 to 5, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 3</b></p> <p>Origami Animals Learn the ancient craft of paper folding and create your own wildlife. Ages 4 and up, drop-in 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 5</b></p> <p>CSI Saturday: Codes and Cyphers Learn how to decode and create secret messages ! Ages 5+, please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>May 8</b></p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 &amp; under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Beaded Bracelets Drop in with your friends to chat and make fun jewelry, All ages, drop-in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 9</b></p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3.5 to 5, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 10</b></p> <p>Mother’s Day Gift Making Make something special for your mom, grandma, or a special lady in your life. All ages, please register, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 12</b></p> <p>CSI Saturday: Invisible Ink Learn how to make and reveal hidden messages. Ages 5+, please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>May 15</b></p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 &amp; under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Make-it, Take-it Craft, Fingerprint Fun All ages, drop-in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 16</b></p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3.5 to 5, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 17</b></p> <p>Family Feud Play the library version of the classic television show. Bring your family, battle your friends. All ages, please register, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 19</b></p> <p>CSI Saturday: Fingerprints &amp; Forensics Learn how to lift prints and get crime scene evidence! Ages 5+, please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>May 22</b></p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 &amp; under, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Dangling Monkey Craft Cute and colorful monkeys to bring a smile to your face All ages, drop-in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 23</b></p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3.5 to 5, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 24</b></p> <p>Patriotic Pom Pom Craft Create your own festive pom poms to wave at the parades this weekend. All ages, drop-in, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 26</b></p> <p>Library Closed for Memorial Day Weekend</p>
<p><b>May 29</b></p> <p>Toddler Storytime, Ages 3 &amp; under, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>May 30</b></p> <p>Preschool Storytime, Ages 3.5 to 5, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 31</b></p> <p>Lego Workshop All ages, drop-in Build some cool stuff with your friends, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>June 2</b></p> <p>CSI Saturday: Crime Scene Solve the mystery of the missing book at the library. Ages 5+, please register, 11:00 a.m.</p>

## Carver Elementary School's PTO

Our last monthly PTO Meeting is **Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Primary Building's Cafeteria – hope to see many of you there! We will be finalizing the plans for the Carnival Fun Day...

### SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Once again, we will be offering parents the opportunity to purchase school supply lists. Staple's offers SCHOOLKIDZ Teacher Tailored School Supply kits. It is the perfect solution to your student's back-to-school needs. These kits are built using teacher-directed product requests and are customized by grade level so that every student will have the right supplies for a successful school year. The school supply lists are available for students going into grades 1-5 next year. This program was very well received last year.

The order forms will be sent home the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> and will be due back to school by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is **NOT** a fundraiser, just a service that we wanted to provide to parents – you will have one less thing to worry about over the summer! Pickup of the school supply kits will be in August during the "Classroom Tours" – we will post a reminder on our website as the time approaches.

Thank you to all of the teachers that helped put together the grade level lists for the 2012/2013 school year!

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

#### Carver Elementary's CARNIVAL FUN DAY Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm

The students are invited along with their families to come and enjoy some carnival fun! We will have moonwalks, giant slide, dunk tank (what child doesn't want to dunk one of their parents and / or teachers), various carnival games/activities, raffle area, the "Snowie" bus, "Fun Day" store, "Fun Day" Snack Hut, etc.... This is just a peak of what's to come, more information will be sent home as the date approaches!

We are also going to have an "Animalland" station. Similar to "Build-A-Bear", your child will have the opportunity to stuff an animal of their choice. We will be sending home an order form before the carnival so that your child can see all of the different choices and order ahead of time – this also helps us to determine the supply level that we will need on the day of the Carnival. Bag2School program will be running this day as well so people can start collecting / saving the old clothes to be dropped off the day of the carnival.

### OTHER PTO NEWS:

#### *Box Tops*

Grade	Teacher	Total Count	Monies Earned
K	Lynch, D	2,352	\$235.20
4	Champignie, K	2,252	\$225.20
K	Murphy, A	2,202	\$220.20
3	Snow, C	1,656	\$165.60
1	Dolan, K	1,612	\$161.20
3	Johnson, D	1,600	\$160.00

These are the top 6 classrooms in the running for end of the year Box Top Ice Cream Parties. The top three classrooms will win an Ice Cream Party for their class (to be held in June). This number does not include April as this newsletter was put together before we had the April counts and then we still have the entire month of May so still time for classes to make some big moves!

The 2011/2012 school year total monies collected thus far is \$4,721.10. Our goal of raising \$5,000 in box top monies is right at our fingertips!

#### *Juice Pouch Recycling*

Carver Elementary PTO has just been named **2012's MOST VALUABLE COLLECTOR** for its collection of juice pouches through the Terracycle website. Since the program's inception we have collected almost **200,000** juice pouches and this year alone have raised **\$2,000**. Just think about how many that is NOT going into landfills....

*Coming soon.... a spotlight via the [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) website will feature Carver Elementary PTO and our efforts relating to the juice pouch recycle program.*

#### *Labels for Education*

The Labels for Education promotion was extremely successful this year. Our goal was 60,000 label points and this year we collected **113,000** label points! Far exceeding our goal for the year. Thank you to all the families who clip and collect these UPC's from participating products. This program was created to fund balls and jump ropes for our children to play with at recess. It's a great way for us to get free equipment, which can become quite costly as the balls and jump ropes need to be replaced often.

Thank you to Carol Speiwakowski and Paula Welch for helping out with the Spring Pictures last week!

**As always, thank you for supporting Carver Elementary PTO!**

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**Empowering our Writers!**

Check out the following excerpts from our writers in grades 3, 4 & 5!

Grade 3 is continuing to work on Narrative Writing. Narrative pieces tell a story. In the following examples, grade 3 students write from the perspective of a young colonist just during their first winter in the new world.

We are in the boat looking outside. OMG! The boat is floating away! Get the captain, yelled the kids. The captain came with an anchor and dropped it in the water. That's better, everyone said.

Winter is over and I'm very gleeful. I hope this winter is not as harsh as last winter. I've decided to grow food right now so I have enough food for the winter.

Grade 5 has the challenging task of teaching students to write in all three genres, narrative, expository and persuasive. Expository writing conveys information. Persuasive style writing expresses the author's opinion, or argues a debate. Read the following excerpts from our grade 5 students:

The wind rustles the trees. Outside, in the freezing air, a garbage can goes rolling by, wolves howl, and cars honk nearby. The dark night is like fuel for the street lamps. Two owls hoot to each other across the bedazzling night sky.

Ahhh, the movies; where motion pictures have become major pictures! All of the great movies known all around the United States have premiered here. Movies have super-sized screens, colorful candy, and quite large quantities of popcorn, lemonade, and soda.

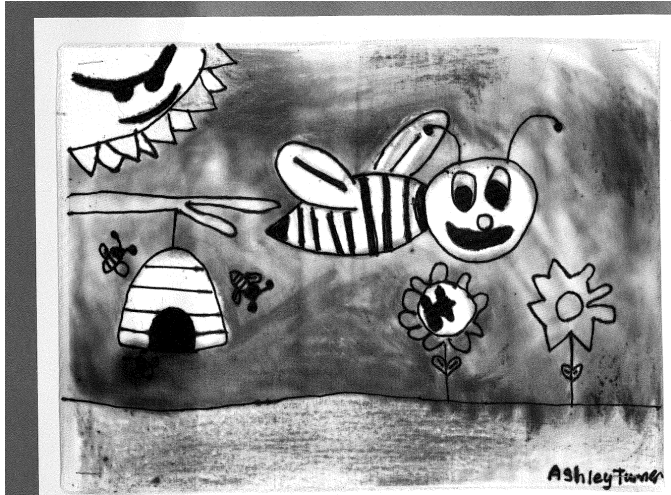
Pulling out weeds in hot 105 degree temperatures, cleaning out the toilet, what are these tasks? Chores. These 'chores' are called 'character building' by parents everywhere.

Grade 4 is working on adding word referents to build suspense or to enhance word choice and rich vocabulary in a narrative/expository writing piece. Many times in a writing piece a word may be repeated in redundant fashion. A good author chooses to vary redundant words in order to add interest and richness to the writing pieces. Young authors can then use a variety of adjectives and nouns to add suspense or spice to their stories. Please take a moment to read the examples below from our grade 4 students:

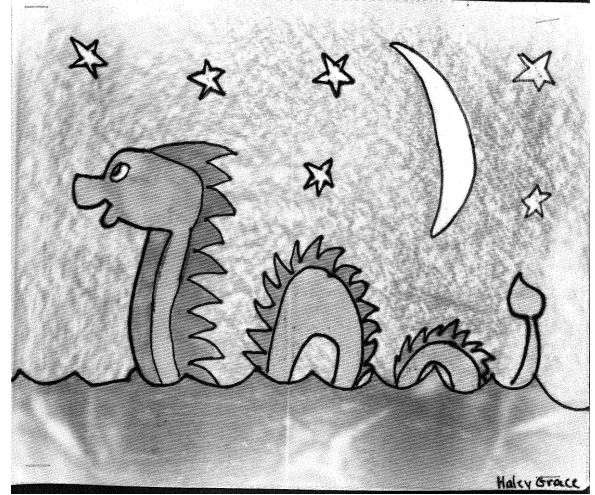
Word Referent Poems:

“Butterfly  
Colorful Insect  
Symmetrical Bug  
Delicate Creature  
Harmless Flyer  
Gentle Pollinator  
Butterfly”

“Rainbow  
Colorful Arch  
Remarkable Sight  
Beautiful Piece of Art  
Extraordinary Scene  
Multi-colored Lines  
Rainbow”



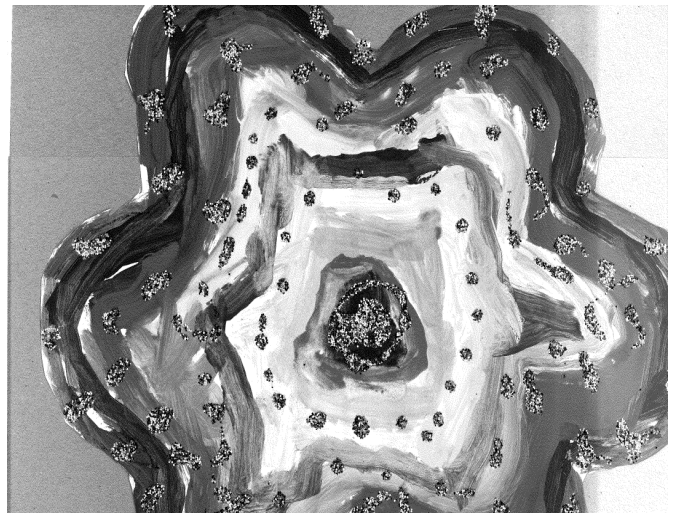
Ashley Turner—Grade 5



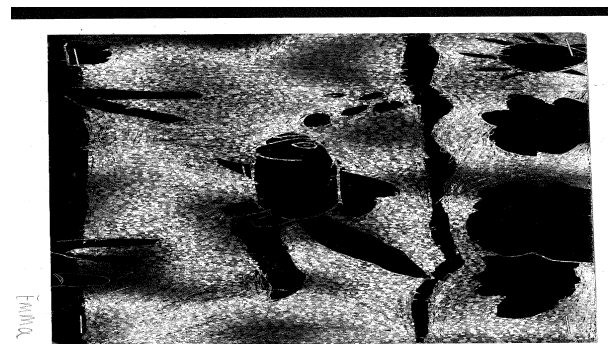
Haley Grace—Grade 5



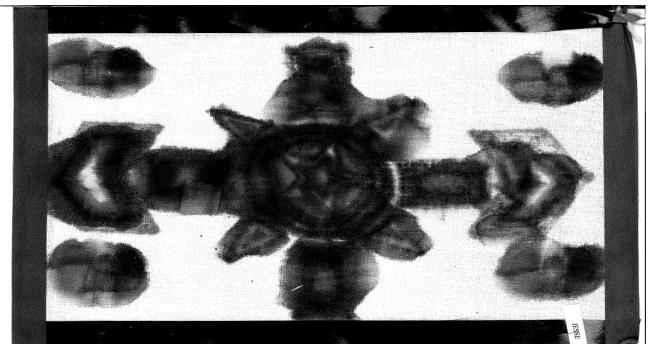
Aierona Ayers—Grade 1



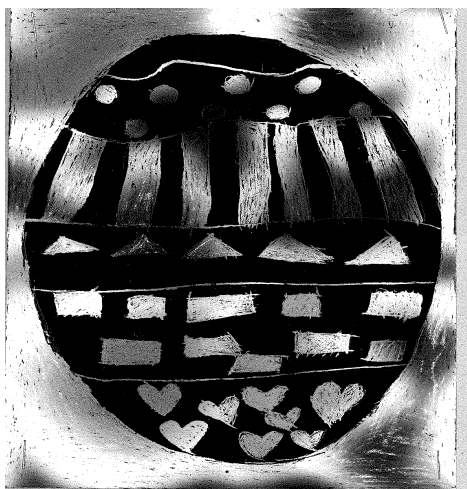
Acadia Bellefeuille — Kindergarten



Emma Lewis — Grade 3



Jesse Wilkins—Grade 4



Libby Camardella — Grade 2

Ainslie, Malacahy	Dibble, Torri	Lagerquist, Erik	Rogers, Nicholas
Allegrini, Morgan	Diogenes, Alexander	Lanagan, Mary	Roussel, Tyler
Amado, Olivia	Diogenes, Benjamin	Landolfi, Haley	Rowles, Conor
Andersen, Andrew	Dion, Emma	Lapsley, Anne	Rowles, Erin
Andrade, Ethan	Dion, Rebecca	Larracey, Emma	Rowles, Lindsay
Andre, Raleigh	DiPasqua, Samantha	Lauzon, Holly	Rubin, Emma
Arendt, Tristan	DiRado, Lucas	Lavallee, Kyle	Rudnik, Sarah
Aresta, Shane	Dishaw, John	Lawrence, Daniel	Ruffini, Emily
Arnold, Quinton	Doll, Frederick	Lawson, Leah	Rush, Olivia
Arsenault, Molly	Donahue, Jessica	Leandre, Devyn	Russell, Ella
Asam, Isabella	Donahue, Jordan	LeBlanc, Cami	Ruzzano, Jacey
Badaoui, Marina	Donaldson, Nickolas	Leininger, Hunter	Ryan, Matthew
Barbosa, Shannel	Donnelly, Brianna	Liddell, Payton	Ryan, Nathaniel
Barkowsky, Adam	Drakakis, Trevor	Lipper, Jillian	Sampson, Tyler
Barkowsky, Taylor	Duarte, Skyla	Lydon, Ethan	Sanna, Kaitlyn
Bean, Zachary	Dudley, Brennan	Lynch, Zander	Santel, Madison
Bellew, Jacob	Dwyer, Steven	Macrina, Alexander	Santos, Frank
Bellew, Ryan	Ekbom, Thomas	Magnussen, Maya	Sawicki, Michael
Bent, Debra	Eldridge, Devvyn	Mallon, Daniel	Scheufele, Benjamin
Bent, Zachary	Ellis, Melanie	Mann, Ashley	Scott, Kyle
Benting, Brodin	Empey, Isaac	Mann, Haley	Searle, Cameron
Berkobein, Alexander	England, Brianna	Manning, Clare	Sears, William
Berry, Christian	England, Kerry	Marino, Hannah	Shannon, Daniel
Berry, Cole	Fairweather, Hailey	Marshall, Gemma	Sheehan, Isabella
Billings, Alexis	Farrell, Cole	Martin, Dylan	Shott, Kevin
Blair, Kyle	Farquharson, Brandon	Martin, Shay	Showan, Christopher
Blanchette, Tyler	Fenton, Benjamin	Maynard, Corinne	Silva, James
Blankenship, Cameron	Ferrari, Andrew	McCarthy, Gracie	Simison, Richard
Blankenship, Carson	Ferrari, Michael	McDonald, Hannah	Simmons, Emma
Blotner, Samuel	Ferreira, Jacob	McElroy, Charlotte	Smith, Douglas
Blotner, Teresa	Fisher, Zachary	McGillicuddy, Emily	Smith, Maxwell
Bohen, Seana	Flores, Stephanie	McGuiggan, Ryan	Snow, Jason
Booth, Thomas	Foley, EJ	McManus, Tanya	Soloaistoa, Dante
Boughter, Meghan	Foley-McDonald, Codan	Meyers, Alexander	Sousa, Cora
Boutiette, Isabella	Forde, Thomas	Miles, Miranda	Souza, Stephen
Boutiette, Michael	Foster, Darren	Miller, Luke	Spiewakowski, Haley
Bouve, Hannah	Fox, Emily	Miller, Samantha	Spinola, Shelby
Bradshaw, Nathan	Francis, Madelyne	Millman, Jared	Stagnitta, Elizabeth
Breen, Ryan	Francis, Paige	Moore, Matthew	Stagnitta, Emilee
Brown, Madison	Fratus, Patrick	Mueller, Eric	Staples, Jared
Bumpus, Matthew	Furtado, Hailee	Mueller, Madelyn	Stasiowski, Justin
Burns, Emily	Gallagher, Lexi	Mullins, Sara	Steed, Lauryn
Burns, Hannah	Gardner, Taylor	Mulready, Siobhan	Steelman, Emily
Burns, Victoria	Gerenia, Mickaela Pia	Mulready, Taylor	Stidstone, David
Byron, Jacob	Giacomozzi, Vincent	Murphy, Lilah	Strojny, Emily
Callahan, Emberley-Rose	Ginnetty, Krista	Murphy, Patrick	Swain, Emily
Camello, Olivia	Gleason, Hanna	Murray, Joseph	Sylvia, Aaron
Campbell, Isaiah	Goodrow, Trenton	Nadeau, Lexus	Tait, Cameron
Campbell, Morgan	Gorham, Jason	Nelson, Caitlyn	Tatro, Emma
Carey, Chace	Gould, Ryan	Nickerson, Emily	Teebagy, Isabella
Carlino, Nilito	Grace, Haley	Nickerson, Haley	Todd, Lauren
Cheney, Aubrey	Gray, Zachary	Northrup, Cheyanne	Trent, Jacob
Choi-Harlow, Christopher	Greally, Maeve	Northrup, Robekka	Tucker, Chelsea
Christen, Connor	Gregory, Luke	O'Hare, Zachariah	Tucker, Madelyn
Christian, Sophie	Gregory, Samuel	Oriola, Hailee	Turner, Ashley
Clark, Billy	Griffin, Aryan	Orlando, Heather	Turner, Jordan
Cobb, Hailey	Griffin, Evan	Orzechowski, Emily	Umbrianna, Allison
Cohenno, Rene	Griffin, Tyler	Page, Alyvia	Umbrianna, Kayley
Collins, Kailey	Grimes, Megan	Palumbo, Kara	Uva, Isabella
Comeau, Dylan	Grimes, Shea	Papoutsis, Evangelos	Vincent, Christopher
Condon, Ava	Grover, Emily	Paradis, Sage	Vitale, Anna Marina
Connolly, Meghan	Halunen, Luke	Parsons, Joshua	Vitale, Benjamin
Cook-Kelly, Christopher	Hannon, Amanda	Patel, Prince	Vitale, Dante
Corbin, Emma	Hannon, Victoria	Pauze, McKenzie	Vitale, Jordan
Corr, Alexxis	Harrington, Sydney	Pearlman, Jacob	Walcek, Anna
Corr, Domenic	Hayward, Jeffrey	Pecorelli, Marianah	Walker, Andrew
Corr, Joseph	Henderson, Julia	Peirce, Evan	Walker, Benjamin
Correa, Hannah	Hermenau, Caroline	Pelletier, Matthew	Welch, Devin
Costello, Madalynn	Hill, Jaylyn	Pendleton, Cameron	Weston, Brenna
Cotter, John	Holmes, Emerson	Peterson, Austin	Weston, Mitchell
Cotter, Madison	Hubert, Bruce	Peterson, Sydney	Whiting, Matthew
Cotti, Mattelyn	Hughes, Richard	Picariello, Arianna	Wilkins, Jacob
Crawford, Alysia	Hunter, Arianah	Place, Andrea	Wilkins, Jesse
Crawford, Madeleine	Ieronimo, Laicey	Plante, Harrison	Williams, Devin
Crump, Matthew	Izzo, Jack	Pompei, Isabella	Williams, Jocelyn
Daddario, Julia	Jackson, Zachary	Pompei, Michael	Wolter, Brien
Dahill, Conor	Jankowski, Robert	Pompeo, Allyson	Wood, Makayla
Dalton, Noah	Johnson, Brendan	Pratt, Kraig	Wood, Shawn
Darcy, Isabelle	Jones, Sean	Quigley, Johnathan	Worden, Jacob
Davidson, Liam	Kaufman, Jacob	Quindley, Jack	Yenulevich, Kraig
Davidson, Samuel	Keller, Lindsay	Ramsdell, Timothy	Young, Hailey
DeCorte, Jack	Kemper, Dyllon	Reardon, Tyler	
DeFeo Kaegan	Kennedy, Joshua	Rego, Grant	
Deluca, Jenna	Kenney, Olivia	Ritz, Jacquelyn	
DePietro, Robert	Kibbe, Andrew	Ritz, Justin	
DePietro, William	Kilgrew, Spencer	Rizzuto, Grace	
DeSisto, Michael	Kishbach, Hadi	Rizzuto, Kyle	
Desroches, Simone	Kole, Dakota	Roberts, Cara	
Devlin, Savannah	Kuchinsky, Haley	Roche, Hayden	
DiAntonio-Smith, Kaylin	Lagerquist, Brenna	Rodrigue, Jeremy	



May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!

#### UNDERSTANDING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Millions of children receive the help of speech-language pathologists (SLP) privately or in their schools. The SLP is an important member of the educational team, especially for students with disabilities that affect their ability to express themselves or understand what others are saying. There are many different reasons why individuals seek the help of an SLP. Communication challenges may result from a brain injury, developmental delay, autism, stuttering, or hearing impairments. Some children can't produce speech sounds correctly while others have difficulty expressing their needs and wants or organizing their thoughts. Speech and language impairments can contribute to significant learning challenges. SLPs help children develop and demonstrate communication skills that enable them to participate fully in class discussions, follow teacher's instructions, and learn to read and write. Speech-language pathologists help children achieve their academic goals!

#### WHAT DOES A SCHOOL-BASED SLP DO?

School-based speech-language pathologists assist children in accessing their education by helping them reach their full communication potential at home and in the classroom environment. Therapy sessions may include language drills, articulation and socialization games that focus on the child's expressive language and listening comprehension activities that boost a child's receptive language abilities.

#### What can you do at home?

- Model grammatically correct language in your home
- Explain words that are new for your child
- Describe your activities as you are doing them
- Turn off the television
- Give support but let them try to express themselves
- Read books with your children
- Include wordless picture books in your home library and talk with your child about what is happening on each page
- Talk with your child even if they cannot respond
- Model speech sounds for your child if he says them incorrectly
- Give your child time to formulate his answers to your questions
- Accept signs and gestures as well as vocalizations for minimally verbal communicators. This will make your child less frustrated
- Expand on what your child says to increase expressive language
- Play games to practice concepts like taking turns, following rules and attending to a task
- Support your child to help complete homework assignments
- Build your child's esteem by providing positive reinforcement
- Play games that help your child categorize
- Involve your child in cooking or baking activities. Talk out-loud about each of the steps
- Spend 5 minutes a day practicing sounds, words and sentences

#### Interesting Facts!

- Approximately 43,000,000 people in the United States have *communication disorders*. This means they have problems with speech, voice, language, and/or hearing.
- 10 percent of children have moderate to severe communication impairments.
- More than 3,000,000 Americans stutter or have a fluency disorder—males are three times more likely to be affected than females.

Information provided by Progressus Therapy and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association



Monday, 5/7/12	Wholegrain waffle dippers/warm syrup Baked sausage links Applesauce	Italian Sub Cucumber & tomato wedges w/ranch dip Tiny twist pretzels Applesauce
Tuesday, 5/8/12	Twin Tacos (hard shell) Seasoned beef, lettuce, tomatoes & cheese Oven baked smile fries Pears	Buffalo chicken wrap w/lettuce Celery sticks w/dip R/F Cape Cod chips Pears
Wednesday, 5/9/12	Spaghetti & meatballs Garden salad Whole wheat bread stick Fruit cup	Mini bagel cheese pizzas Garden salad Fruit cup
Thursday, 5/10/12	Popcorn chicken Dipping sauces Oven baked fries Steamed peas Raisins	Sliced turkey sub w/lettuce & tomato Oven baked fries Raisins
Friday, 5/11/12	Maxx wholegrain pizza square Cheese or pepperoni Baby carrots with ranch dip Whip dessert with topping	
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Monday, 5/14/12	Whole grain pancakes with warm syrup Cheese omelet D'animals yogurt cup Wild blueberries	Chef's salad Ham, turkey, hardboiled egg on a garden salad Pita bread Wild blueberries
Tuesday, 5/15/12	Italian meatball sub w/mozzarella cheese Tiny twist pretzels Caesar salad Peaches	Chicken Caesar wrap Croutons & low fat dressing Tiny twist pretzels Peaches
Wednesday, 5/16/12	Baked chicken tenders w/dipping sauces Seasoned rice Mixed vegetables Apple slices w/cinnamon & sugar	Bologna & cheese sub Baked Doritos Pickles Apple slices w/cinnamon & sugar
Thursday, 5/17/12	Mini cheese burgers Baked potato puffs Veggie sticks with low fat ranch dip	Tuna salad on a wheat wrap w/lettuce Baked potato puffs Veggie sticks with low fat ranch dip
Friday, 5/18/12	Cheesy whole wheat bread sticks (Baked with parmesan cheese) Pizza sauce for dipping Garden salad with low fat dressing Cinnamon graham bears	
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Monday, 5/21/12	Wholegrain French toast sticks w/warm syrup Baked sausage links Apple juice cup Cinnamon applesauce	Chicken Caesar salad Croutons & low fat dressing Cinnamon applesauce
Tuesday, 5/22/12	Chicken patty on a wheat bun Lettuce & tomato R/F Smart Food popcorn Pineapple chunks	BLT on a wheat wrap R/F Smart Food popcorn Pineapple chunks
Wednesday, 5/23/12	Nachos with seasoned beef & cheese sauce Salsa Spanish rice Steamed corn, mixed fruit	Chicken salad roll Lettuce & tomato Tiny twist pretzels Mixed fruit
Thursday, 5/24/12	Crispy chicken sub Breaded chicken tenders in a wheat sub roll Veggie sticks with low fat ranch dip Reduced fat Cape Cod chips Pears	Breaded buffalo chicken tenders in a wheat sub roll Veggie sticks with low fat ranch dip Reduced fat Cape Cod chips Pears
Friday, 5/25/12	Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Pasta Salad Jell-o with topping	

Monday, 5/28/12	No School—Memorial Day	
Tuesday, 5/29/12	Hot dog in a wheat roll Oven baked smiles BBQ baked beans	Bologna & cheese on wheat bread Oven baked smiles Fruit cup
Wednesday, 5/30/12	Italian cold cut sub Veggie sticks with dip Baked R/F Cape Cod chips Petite banana	Teriyaki chicken salad with pita bread Assorted low fat dressings Petite banana
Thursday, 5/31/12	Chicken patty on a wheat bun Lettuce & tomato Baked potato puffs Strawberry cup	Chicken and bacon sandwich (baked chicken patty with crispy bacon on a wheat bun) Baked potato puffs Strawberry cup
Friday, 6/1/12	Assorted Pizza Day Cheese or pepperoni Garden salad Peaches	

<p><b><u>Alternate Choice Lunches for Grades 1-5</u></b></p> <p>Garden Salad w/soup of-the-day Assorted Bagels w/choice of light cream cheese, margarine, jelly or sun-butter Assorted Cereals <i>Smucker's Uncrustables – Grape or Strawberry</i></p>	<p><b><u>All lunches include</u></b></p> <p>Choice of <i>TruMoo</i> Fat Free Chocolate or 1% White Milk Juice/Fruit Menus are subject to change upon availability of products</p> <p>Available for purchase separately – Milk .50 8 oz. Bottle Water .75    Ice Cream &amp; Snacks .75</p>
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*Tickets may be purchased in strips of 5 for \$10.00*

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