

# Carver Coyotes Newsletter

December 2013

*“May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility.” - Mary Anne Radmacher*

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Dear Families,

It has been an energetic and successful fall at Carver Elementary and now the hustle and bustle of the holidays is upon us all. We have many exciting events taking place this month at our school beginning with our annual PTO sponsored Winter Wonderland. It will be held on December 7th, from 10:00-2:00 in the EKW cafeteria and gymnasium. There will be a variety of fun filled activities for your children including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. We hope to see you all there!

Our Winter Concert will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Carver Middle/High School auditorium. The Carver Elementary Chorus and Band students have been preparing for this annual performance. The Holiday Sing-a-long will take place in the EKW gymnasium on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students performing at 11:20 a.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students performing at 9:40 a.m. You are all invited to attend.

Thanksgiving songfest: A special thanks to our music teachers, Mr. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Giokas for the great job they did preparing our students for our annual Thanksgiving Songfest. The children put on a terrific performance! In addition, thank you to the kindergarten teachers, specialists and paraprofessionals for helping to make this event a success. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at our school!

Thank you to all who helped to make our annual food drive a success. The Carver Elementary School community donated approximately 500 non-perishable items. All donations were given to the local food pantry.

Thank you to Mrs. Jill Liddy for providing us with an informative session on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) at the PTO meeting in November. It is our plan to continue to provide you with information about important topics and we hope you can make time in your busy schedules to attend.

Health Office Information: Any child who is absent from school must bring a note indicating why he/she was absent when returning to school. The parent or guardian must sign the note. The note should specify why the child was absent, indicating the specific type of illness so outbreaks of common illness can be monitored. If a child is absent for five or more consecutive days, he/she must present a physician's certificate when returning. In particular, the school nurse must be notified if a child was absent with chicken pox, streptococcal infections, Fifth's Disease, or other contagious diseases. Students with a fever should remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

Emergency Dismissal: We recently sent home an Emergency Dismissal letter. If you have not filled one out, please visit the Carver Public Schools' website, [www.carver.org](http://www.carver.org). The form is located in the "for parents" section of the Carver Elementary School. There are also forms available in the office.

Parking Reminder: Parking in our bus circle is not permitted as it is reserved for buses and it is a fire lane. If your child is late to school or you are dismissing your child early, you must park in one of the school parking lots. In addition, when there is a school event, overflow parking is allowed at the Sedell's parking lot adjacent to the school. We ask that you reserve the parking spaces outside the front door of Sedell's for customers. We also ask that you do not park on the grassy area at Sedell's. Thank you for your cooperation!

Happy Holidays! Everyone at Carver Elementary School wishes you and your family a happy and healthy new year. We hope you enjoy the school vacation. We look forward to seeing your children back at school in January 2014, refreshed and ready to continue with learning. We thank you for all the support you have given to us, whether it is through volunteering at the school, donating your time and efforts to the PTO or contributing to our annual food drive. We also thank you for collaborating with us to improve your child's education. Educating our children is easier when both home and school are working together.

Ruby Maestas  
Principal

Paula Foley  
Associate Principal

Amy Furtado  
Associate Principal

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](http://www.sscac.org/cfce/events.html).

The Administration and Staff of  
the Carver Elementary School  
would like to wish everyone a  
very Happy Holiday Season.



## Calendar of Events



|                     |   |                                       |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday, 12/7/13   | Winter Wonderland, 10-2, EKW Building                   |                                       |
| Wednesday, 12/11/13 | Winter Concert, 6:30 pm, CMHS Auditorium                |                                       |
| Friday, 12/20/13    | Holiday Sing-a-long                                     | 9:40 am, Grade 2<br>11:20 am, Grade 1 |
|                     |   | EKW Gymnasium                         |
| Monday, 12/23/13    |   |                                       |
| Thru                | December Recess   |                                       |
| Wednesday, 1/1/14   |   |                                       |
| Thursday, 1/2/14    | School Reopens, Welcome Back!!                          |                                       |
| Wednesday, 1/8/14   | Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal                   |                                       |
| Wednesday, 1/8/14   | Volunteer/Substitute Orientation, 6:00 pm, EKW Building |                                       |

### 2013-2014 MCAS

#### **Grade 3**

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|---|---------------------|
| English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension | March 17 – March 31 |
| Mathematics                                 | May 5 – May 20      |

#### **Grade 4**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| English/Language Arts Composition           | March 18            |
| English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension | March 19 – March 31 |
| Mathematics                                 | May 5 – May 20      |

#### **Grade 5**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| English/Language Arts Reading Comprehension | March 17 – March 31 |
| Mathematics                                 | May 5 – May 20      |
| Science and Technology/Engineering          | May 6 – May 20      |

# New Educator Spotlight

Mr. Cartmill

Hello everyone! My name is Matthew Cartmill. I enjoy working with the students and staff of Carver very much. I have taught for the past few years in New Hampshire as a special education teacher. It is good to be back home in Massachusetts near the Cape where I grew up. I live with my wife Caroline and my dog Dexter. We are expecting a baby boy in December! I enjoy coaching and playing tennis and I play music in my spare time. I look forward to working with the students of Carver for many years to come. Thank you for your support.



Mrs. Cassani

My name is Lisa Cassani and I am the new second grade special education teacher. I am really enjoying working with the wonderful staff, students and families within the Carver community. I have worked in the Walk to Read Program with grades one through five in Carver for the past two years. Prior to this I worked as an elementary school special education teacher in both Massachusetts and Virginia. Thanks to everyone for your warm welcome and support. I am so excited to be working as a special education teacher in Carver.



## Carver Elementary PTO

Winter Wonderland is almost here!!

Come one & come all to the Carver Elementary School PTO's annual winter holiday celebration on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the EKW building. Tasty treats & allergy friendly delights await at our bake sale tables, pizza a plenty at our lunch table, crafts for one & all, reindeer food ready to be made, face painting & spin art & balloon friends await. Santa & Mrs. Claus will arrive at 11:00 a.m. for pictures. Relaxation by Rae will be offering 10 minute chair massages for only \$5.

Over 70 raffle prizes will fill the raffle tables this year! Attention Boston sports fans - not only do we have an autographed baseball from Daniel Nava of the Boston Red Sox, but we also have an autographed hockey puck from Johnny Boychuk of the Boston Bruins, 4 tickets to a Providence Bruins game, 4 tickets to a Pawtucket Red Sox game, & 2 tickets to a New England Revolution game.

Other raffle prizes include gift certificates for swim lessons at the YMCA Middleboro, dance lessons from Carver Dance & Stephanie Dineen's Dance Studios, a septic tank pumping by Southeast Septic, a family portrait sitting with Nancy Green Photography, a helicopter tour with FireFly Inc., a flight lesson with Alpha One Flight School, gym memberships at AnyTime Fitness and USA Fitness & Spa, dining at Cornerstone's, Cabbysack and more!

Tickets include a harbor cruise aboard the Pilgrim Belle, passage on the Provincetown Ferry, Edaville Railroad, Story Land, Water Wizz, Southwick's Zoo, Amesbury Sports Park, Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, New England Aquarium, Boomer's Playland, Jungle Jake's & more!

We also have many donations from the Carver community including Carver businesses, parents, families, teachers and faculty.

Grand prize raffle tickets for the (4) Disney park hopper passes or the Apple iPad mini are on sale now for \$3 each or 4/\$10. Please contact [carverpto@hotmail.com](mailto:carverpto@hotmail.com) for more info or to purchase tickets.

Please remember to look for the Campbell Soup costumed guest who will be collecting (5) Box Tops &/or (5) Labels For Education in exchange for a gift!!

We are so very thankful to everyone who has donated to our fundraising raffle, our bake sale, our lunch sale, and for everyone who has volunteered their time to create a truly magical Winter Wonderland this year. We would not be successful without your help & we greatly appreciate it.

Winter Wonderland still needs donations to our bake sale: individual bottled water, juice pouches, juice boxes, & volunteers!!

Please contact us at [carverpto@hotmail.com](mailto:carverpto@hotmail.com) to contribute or volunteer.

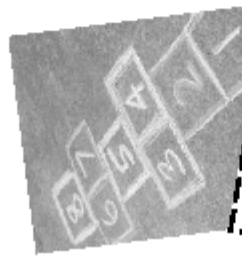

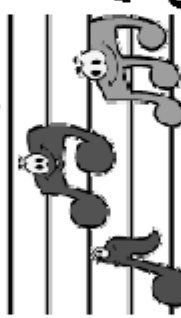



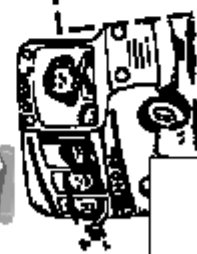









# I am Thankful for My School!



Box Tops help us to make our school an even better place!

Place one Box Top on each great thing about our school. When the sheet is full, turn it in to your teacher!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## WINTER CONCERT UPDATE



Dear elementary band and choral families:

As you know, the elementary winter concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 in the CMHS auditorium. For those families for which this is their first school concert and as a reminder to others, a small admission fee is charged at the door for the winter and spring music concerts. **Admission is \$2 per person with a \$10 family cap** (age 5 and under free). Families with students in more than one concert (e.g., elementary and middle/high school) will only be asked to pay admission at one concert. This should not pose a hardship for any family, and music teachers are able to provide up to 5 free tickets per family if requested.

This nominal admission fee will help provide consistent and reliable funds during periods of budget shortfalls and will benefit all students K through 12 during their years of music education in the Carver schools. Your support is appreciated!

The Carver Music Boosters will once again be selling high-quality music-themed holiday ornaments at the winter concerts. The ornaments are \$10 each.

The following ornaments will be available:

|                  |                       |                       |                   |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| _____ Saxophone  | _____ Trumpet         | _____ Piano           | _____ Snare drum  |
| _____ Drum set   | _____ Electric guitar | _____ Acoustic guitar | _____ Trombone    |
| _____ Sousaphone | _____ Tuba            | _____ Cello           | _____ Clarinet    |
| _____ Flute      | _____ Treble clef     | _____ Eighth note     | _____ Music stand |
| _____ Microphone |                       |                       |                   |

## **Carver Public Library Events**

### **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.

### **Countdown Calendar**

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

### **Lego Holiday Challenge**

Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

### **Make-it, Take-it Ornaments**

Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 6 and up, please register.

### **Pajama Storytime**

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 10 and under, please register. Kids come dressed in their PJs for stories, songs and related activities.

### **Preteen Craft: 3-D Snowflakes**

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register.

### **Hobbit Trail**

Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in.

### **Larry Carlson Holiday Sing-a-long**

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

### **Teacher Gift Craft: Snowman Candy Bars**

Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6 and up, must register.

### **Gift Workshop or Grab Bag**

Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in. Workshop at 11:00 a.m., grab bags available all day while supplies last.

### **Book Bingo**

Thursday, December 26 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in. Just bring yourself and play some Bingo for the chance to win cool reading material!

### **New Year's Eve Party Poppers**

Saturday, December 28 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in.



## December 2013 Menu

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| 12/2<br>Breakfast Sandwich<br>Egg, sausage & cheese<br>on an English muffin<br>Hash browns, Chilled<br>cinnamon applesauce<br>100% juice<br><br>Teriyaki Chicken Salad | 12/3<br>Chicken Tenders<br>Roasted sweet potatoes<br>Peas<br>Wheat dinner roll<br>Strawberry cup<br><br>Teriyaki Chicken Salad | 12/4<br>Hamburger or<br>Cheeseburger<br>Lettuce, tomato &<br>pickles<br>RF Cape Cod chips<br>Chilled fruit cup<br><br>Teriyaki Chicken Salad | 12/5<br>Chicken noodle soup<br>Deli tuna on wheat<br>Goldfish Cheddar<br>Crackers<br>Baby Carrots with dip<br>Fresh apple<br><br>Teriyaki Chicken Salad | 12/6<br>Gilardi stuffed crust<br>pizza (cheese or<br>pepperoni)<br>Fresh tossed salad<br>Roasted chick peas<br>Chilled pineapple<br>chunks |
| 12/9<br>W/G Waffle sticks with<br>syrup<br>Scrambled egg patty<br>Chilled applesauce<br>100% juice<br>Chicken Caesar Salad   | 12/10<br>Popcorn chicken bites<br>Sweet potato puffs<br>Steamed broccoli<br>Fresh banana<br><br>Chicken Caesar Salad           | 12/11<br>Pasta with sauce<br>Parmesan cheese<br>Green beans<br>Wheat bread stick<br>Chilled pears<br>Chicken Caesar Salad                    | 12/12<br>Hot dog in a wheat bun<br>BBA Baked beans<br>Veggie sticks with dip<br>Chilled fruit cup<br><br>Chicken Caesar Salad                           | 12/13<br>Sal's Pizza Day<br>Cheese or pepperoni<br>Fresh tossed salad<br>Chilled peaches   |
| 12/16<br>W/G Pancakes w/syrup<br>Baked sausage links<br>100% juice cup<br>Fresh banana<br><br>Buffalo Chicken Salad  | 12/17<br>Holiday nuggets<br>Whipped potatoes<br>W/G dinner roll<br>Peas<br>Jell-O<br>Buffalo Chicken Salad                     | 12/18<br>Meatballs in sauce<br>Wheat sub roll<br>Fresh tossed salad<br>Goldfish pretzels<br>Cinnamon apple slices<br>Buffalo Chicken Salad   | 12/19<br>Toasted cheese on wheat<br>Baked potato puffs<br>Veggie sticks with dip<br>Chilled pears<br><br>Buffalo Chicken Salad                          | 12/20<br>Gillardi stuffed crust<br>pizza (cheese or<br>pepperoni)<br>Fresh tossed salad<br>Roasted chick peas<br>Blueberry cup             |
| Have a wonderful December recess   |  |  |   |  |
|  |  | Happy<br>New Year  | 1/2<br>Chicken patty on a bun<br>Regular or buffalo<br>Lettuce & tomato<br>Potato wedges<br>Fresh apple<br>Chicken Caesar Salad                         | 1/3<br>Sal's Pizza<br>(cheese or pepperoni)<br>Fresh tossed salad<br>Roasted chick peas<br>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*, 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](http://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

Free and reduced applications are available on the  
school website ([www.carver.org](http://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](mailto:farrark@carver.org)).