

Carver Coyote Newsletter



May 2015

“All of life is a constant education.” -- Eleanor Roosevelt



Thank you to Brownie Troop 85305 for brightening up the garden at Carver Elementary!!

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2015/2016 School Year

The 2015/2016 school calendar is now posted on our website, www.carver.org.

Transportation Request Forms

Transportation Request forms for the 2015/2016 school year are now available on the website, www.carver.org to fill out and submit electronically. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Dept. at (508) 866-9627.

Last Day of School

The last day of school for the 2014/2015 school year is Tuesday, June 23, 2015. It is an early release day and dismissal is at 11:45 am.



“Identify the Signs” of Communication Disorders During Better Hearing and Speech Month May 2015

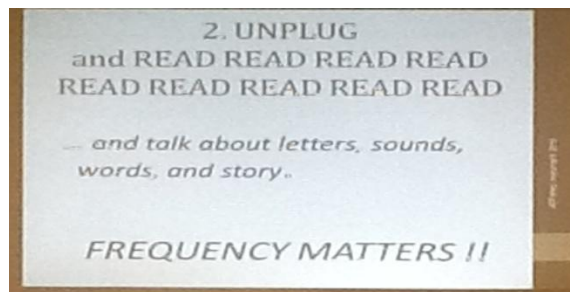
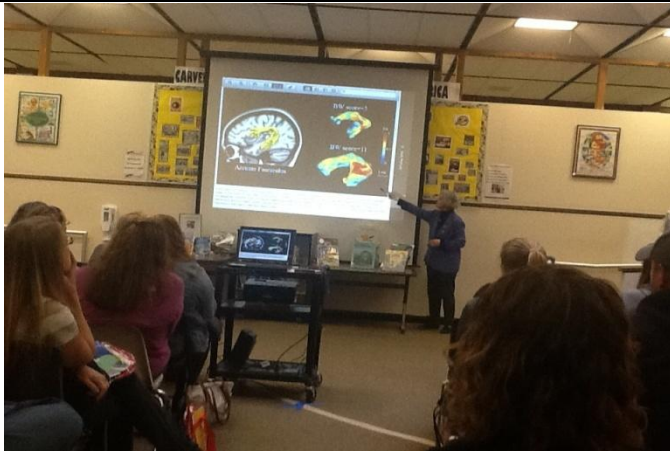
This month our Speech-Language Pathologists, Mrs. Norcliffe and Ms. Piekarski, and Speech-Language Assistant, Ms. Dupuis, are encouraging teachers and families to educate themselves through the Identify the Signs campaign, a national effort of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The campaign is designed to combat an overall lack of awareness about communication disorders. Speech, language, and hearing disorders are among the most common disabilities in the United States, with more than 40 million total Americans affected. In children, early treatment can help prevent them from falling behind academically, socially, and in other key areas at a critical time in their development. Mrs. Norcliffe and Ms. Piekarski encourage you to view the “May is Better Hearing and Speech Month” Bulletin boards on display in both the GJC and EKW buildings for posted signs of communication difficulties, fun facts and other helpful handouts regarding speech, language and hearing. They also encourage you to visit: www.identifythesigns.org and www.asha.org for additional resources and information.



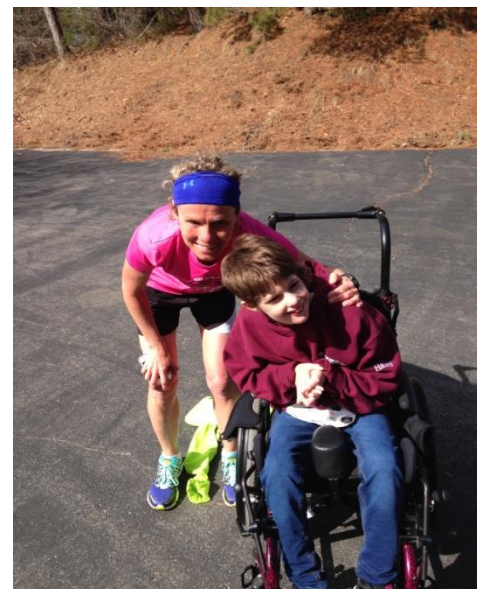
The staff performed to the song, “Happy” for the students at a recent PBIS Assembly.



A Pajama Party was held on 4/30/15 for students entering Kindergarten and their parents/guardians. Big Ryan entertained the students with interactive story telling. Dr. Jean Fahey provided an informative session for parents on how to “Make your Child a Reader.”



3rd Annual Coyote Family Challenge
Thank you to the families, students, PTO members and teachers
for all their contributions in making this an enjoyable event.



Calendar of Events....May 2015

Wednesday, 5/6/15	PTO Meeting, 7 pm, IMC Public elections to be held
Monday, 5/11/15	School Committee Meeting 7 pm, MLLC
Monday, 5/25/15	Memorial Day – No School
Wednesday, 5/27/15	Art Fair, 5:00 – 6:00 pm Recorder Concert, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 5/28/15	“Hooray for K”; Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Pizza Party, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. See flyer attached.

Topic of the month:

Please visit the following websites regarding
Reinforcing Language Skills:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/activities-encourage-speech-and-language-development>

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/speaking-language-skills/power-language>

PARCC/MCAS Testing Schedule

PARCC	Grade 3 – May 4-6 th Grade 4 – May 11-13 th Grade 5 – May 18-20 th
MCAS (Science & Technology)	Grade 5 – May 7-8 th

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 - May 8, 2015. If you would like to show your appreciation to any member of the CES community for his/her hard work and dedication, a friendly note would be welcomed! We are extremely proud of our dedicated staff and this is a great time to thank them for their ongoing commitment to our young students.

You Are Invited

**TO AN EVENING OF THE ARTS
PRESENTED BY THE ALLIED ARTS FACULTY**

**of the
CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

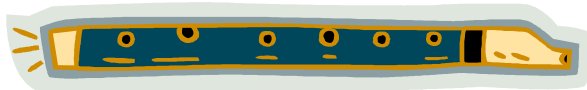
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

An Art Exhibit including work from students in grades kindergarten through five will be on display from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the EKW Building.

Bottle people projects will be on display in the GJC Building.

The third grade students will be performing a recorder concert in the EKW Gymnasium at 6:00 pm.

Join us in celebrating the exciting work of our young Carver students.



Carver Public Library Events

Reading Buddies

Wednesdays from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – School age children must register for time slot. Marilyn Thayer and her certified family therapy dogs will be running a two month program for school children who want to practice and improve their reading skills in a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere. Each session will last 20 minutes and begin with a meet and greet between the child and one of Ms. Thayer's spaniels (Tivy, Vi or Brazen) followed by reading time. Children are encouraged to bring their own books or choose one from the library prior to their session time. Interested participants can call the library to reserve a time slot.

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.

Cinco De Mayo Sombrero Men Cookies

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 5 and up, must register.

Lego Challenge Night

Thursday, May 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – all ages, drop-in. Free play with friends or accept a build challenge.

Mom & Me Spa Set

Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 5 and up, must register. Make custom bath products with or for you and your mom.

Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, please register. Kids come dressed in their PJs to enjoy stories, songs and activities before bedtime.

Butterfly Magnets

Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Follow the Wee Folk

Saturday, May 16th, all day – All ages, drop-in. Follow the clues to find all the enchanted creatures hiding in the library.

Paint Night

Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register.

Patriotic Candy Rockets

Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

Mini Flower Gardens

Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 5 and up, must register.

Garden Luminaries

Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register.

Gnome Homes

Saturday, May 30th, all day – All ages, drop-in. Craft and decorate a door to be placed at the bottom of a tree in your yard.

MENU

May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
W/G French toast w/syrup Scrambled egg patty Crispy sweet potato bites 100% apple juice cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Grilled chicken in a soft taco Steamed carrots Salsa & bean dip w/tortilla chips Chilled pears Buffalo Chicken Salad	Chicken nuggets Dinner roll Baked smiley "fries" Steamed green beans Fresh orange wedges Buffalo Chicken Salad	Toasted cheese on wheat Cup of tomato soup Cheddar Goldfish Crackers Celery sticks Fresh banana Buffalo Chicken Salad	Pizza Day Sal's Cheese or pepperoni Caesar Salad Strawberry cup
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
Hot dog in a roll BBQ baked beans Steamed carrot coins R/F pretzels Fresh apple Chicken Caesar Salad	Chicken Patty Wheat bun Potato wedges Steamed green beans Cinnamon applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	W/G Spaghetti w/meatballs Soft pretzel Fresh spinach salad Chilled pineapple chunks Chicken Caesar Salad	Turkey & cheese in a W/G wrap lettuce, tomato & pickles Goldfish pretzels Baby carrots Chilled applesauce	Pizza Day Personal Round Pizza cheese or buffalo chicken tossed salad w/romaine Chilled fruit cup
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
W/G Pancakes w/syrup Baked sausage patty Crispy sweet potato bites Chilled applesauce Buffalo Chicken Salad	Chicken tenders Seasoned rice Steamed broccoli Fresh banana Buffalo Chicken Salad	Meatballs & sauce Wheat sub roll Carrot sticks & tomato wedge Chilled fruit cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Chicken Parmesan Seasoned pasta Green beans Strawberry cup Buffalo Chicken Salad	Pizza Day W/G Square Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Fresh tossed salad w/romaine Chilled fruit cup
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
<u>Memorial Day</u> <u>No School</u>	Chicken patty on a wheat bun Lettuce & tomato Baby carrots w/dip Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	Hot dog in a roll BBQ baked beans Steamed carrot coins Cinnamon applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	Beef taco Shredded lettuce & cheddar Baked smiles Salsa/celery sticks Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	Pizza Day Double stuffed crust Cheese or buffalo chicken Spinach salad Roasted chick peas Peach cup

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)

Kindergarten is right around the corner...

...and Carver Elementary is here to partner with you, every step of the way.



To begin a successful transition into kindergarten, Carver Elementary is hosting a special event to help you better understand how to make sure your child is ready for kindergarten. The night will include interactive parent sessions with information and materials to take home for your child. Some of the important questions we will answer include:

- Why is kindergarten different today than when we were in school?
- What are the early literacy and numeracy skills that best prepare children for success?
- How can parents prepare their child for successful social and emotional transitions to full-day kindergarten?

Parent Information Night

All incoming kindergarteners are welcome to join us for free Crafts and a Pizza Party while parents attend the information night

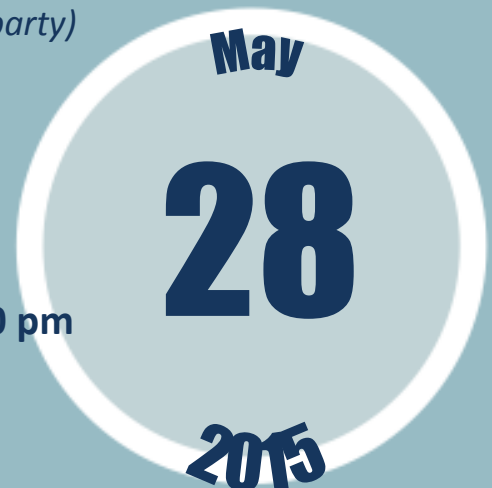
(registration required for child to attend pizza party)

where:

**Carver Elementary, 85 Main Street
Erwin K. Washburn Building**

when: Thursday, May 28; 6:00-7:30 pm

r.s.v.p. call 508.866.6210



Report to PARENTS

So Many Activities, So Little Time

Students who are involved in extracurricular activities—from chess club to cheerleading to chorus—tend to have higher self-esteem and stronger connections to school. But an overloaded schedule with too many activities can have the opposite effect, leaving your child—and you!—stressed. Keep these tips in mind for managing your child's activity load.

Aim for 3 activities.

Though every child is different, psychologists often suggest involving a child in no more than three activities at a time: one social activity (like Boys' Club or a church group); one physical activity (like gymnastics, swimming, or basketball); and one artistic activity, such as an art class or music lessons.

Limit involvement.

To avoid burnout, keep involvement in any one activity to just a day or two a week, unless your child absolutely begs for more. Check with them periodically to make sure they are still eager to attend; if not, scale back.

Broaden their horizons.

Although following your child's interests is important, introduce your child to something new, whether it's a new sport, a musical instrument, or a group like Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

The secret to keeping enthusiasm high is to start slowly and gauge your child's interest before committing beyond the first few sessions.

Be supportive, not critical.

No matter what your child is interested in, remember that your job as a parent is to be supportive. The point of activities is to expand your child's interests and abilities, not to transform him or her into a child prodigy or the next sports superstar.

Schedule downtime.

Children need time to ponder, explore, and play—but an overloaded schedule prevents that. Make sure that when the day is over and the homework is done, there's still time for your child to be a kid.



Change it up.

Specializing in one activity—especially a sport—at a very young age can be harmful. Pediatricians discourage the kind of repetitive movements that come from concentrated effort in one sport. Plus, kids who dedicate themselves to a single sport early can burn out later and may regret not trying other sports.

Watch for signs of stress.

The stress of trying to keep up with too many planned activities can take a physical toll on your child. Watch for signs of stress, including stomachaches and headaches, difficulty paying attention, a drop-off in interest in activities he or she used to enjoy, and increased "clinginess" with a parent or other close adult (e.g., teacher, babysitter). If you notice any of these signs, chances are your child needs to cut back on activities and de-stress.

Decompress at home.

Make sure there's room in your schedule for family time. Children need to have meals with their parents, hear bedtime stories, share chores, and play games. Extra-curricular activities can help children learn and grow, but remember that what your child needs first and foremost is to feel special and loved.