



# Carver Coyote Newsletter

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**Happy Holidays from the staff of the Carver Elementary School!!!**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2015. Carver Elementary School welcomed 40 Veterans. They were honored by students and staff. Students sang patriotic songs, shared poems and honored the Veterans with refreshments and gifts. After the ceremony Veterans visited classrooms and shared stories with the students. Thank you to all the staff at CES for their collaboration in making this an enjoyable and educational experience for all our students.

All are cordially invited to the Carver Elementary PTO's Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please join us for raffles, bake sale, crafts for the kids, kid-priced holiday shoppe and appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visit [www.carverpto.org](http://www.carverpto.org) for more information.

Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in the EKW IMC.

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### December's Topic of the Month:

Setting Goals with Elementary School Aged Children

<http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/style/how-to-teach-kids-perseverance-goal-setting/>

[http://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/RtP\\_Goals.pdf](http://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/RtP_Goals.pdf)



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**Calendar of Events:**

Monday, December 7, 2015	School Building Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Carver Town Hall
Wednesday, December 9, 2015	Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal
Wednesday, December 9, 2015	PTO Meeting, 7 pm, IMC
Saturday, December 12, 2015	Town Wide Ballot Vote, 8 am to 6 pm, CMHS Gymnasium
Saturday, December 12, 2015	Winter Wonderland, 10 am – 2 pm
Monday, December 14, 2015	School Council Meeting, 3:00 pm
Monday, December 14, 2015	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, MLLC
Wednesday, December 16, 2015	Winter Band/Chorus Concert, 6:30 pm, CMHS Auditorium
Thursday, December 17, 2015	Preschool Holiday Workshop, 10 am & 1:30 pm
Wednesday, December 23, 2015	Grade 1 Sing-A-Long, 10:40 am, EKW Cafeteria
Wednesday, December 23, 2015	Early Release Day, 11:45 Dismissal
	Holiday Recess Begins
Monday, January 4, 2016	School Reopens – Welcome Back!!

**NEW Traffic Pattern in EKW parking lot.** In an effort to reduce congestion in the EKW parking lot, we need your assistance to follow a one-way traffic pattern. Please use the first right to enter the parking lot and the 2nd right to exit. We have attached an aerial view of the new traffic pattern.



## NAEYC News

Carver Elementary has accomplished another great feat! Our kindergarten has been re-accredited and our preschool has been accredited for a five-year term with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our Early Childhood Coordinator, Mrs. Paula Foley and teaching staff of Mrs. Blackden, Mrs. Crump, Ms. Farias, Mrs. Kalianiotis, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Sexton, Ms. Stahl, Mrs. Wall, and Mrs. Wethington continue to work tirelessly to meet the requirements of NAEYC. The Carver Elementary Early Education Program is to be congratulated for continuing to uphold the mark of quality represented by the NAEYC Accreditation system. Please visit the NAEYC website at <http://families.naeyc.org/> for information on how this accreditation impacts you and your child.

### Special Needs Preschool Screening

If you are a Carver resident and feel that your preschool child, age 3 to 5 (just before kindergarten), has special needs, please contact the Carver preschool and schedule a screening. Screenings are generally held on the first Friday of the month throughout the school year. Please call Mrs. Blackden (508-866-6307), Mrs. Mitchell (508-866-6265) or Mrs. Wethington (508-866-6403) to schedule a screening or to address any questions.

### Preschool Screening Schedule for 2015/2016

December 4

January 8

February 5

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

## Read Across the Continents Update

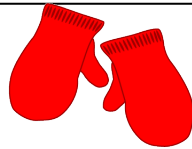
This year's read at home initiative is Read Across the Continents. It has been wildly successful. For every 20 minutes a student reads at home the school travels 1 mile. Together we have traveled almost 20,000 miles since October! We're reading so much we have already traveled over continents! Weekly updates of our new locations are read over the morning announcements. We would like to thank our very generous sponsor, Edaville USA, for donating tickets to each grade's winning homeroom. Edaville USA has been sponsoring our reading program for three years now and Carver Elementary is so grateful to have them as a part of our school!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Carver Elementary School's Annual Food Drive. Together we collected over 1,000 items to be donated to our local food pantry. Congratulations to Ms. Dolan and Mrs. Steed's classes for being the top collectors in each building. They will be treated to lunch with Principal Maestas.

Mrs. Steed's Class



Ms. Dolan's Class



During the winter months, we will continue to take the students outside for recess unless the temperature drops below 25 degrees. We want all of our students to participate in recess so please make sure your child comes to school with mittens, hat and a winter coat.

Character Trait of the Month: **Kindness**

During the month of December, students at Carver Elementary School will be learning about kindness within their classrooms. Kindness is showing concern about the well-being and feelings of others. **Our CES students think “kindness” is:**



“Kindness is helping others, being good, listening to others, being the best you can be.” (Joshua- Grade 2)

“Kindness is being a friend to everyone, using manners and being considerate.” (Nolan- Grade 3)

“Kindness is a helping hand. It’s as simple as sending a smile to someone who is sad.” (Faith- Grade 2)

“Kindness is when you help someone up. It can also be when you think about other people first. You can listen to people to be kind.” (Aidan- Grade 3)

“Kindness is someone being nice. They are doing the thing that they are asked to do. They might let someone use their pencil.” (Lucy- Grade 2)

“Kindness is a choice, it is an act and a feeling. Kindness is appreciated it is noticeable. Kindness is making people laugh when they are sad. Kindness is respect.” (Tori- Grade 5)

“Kindness is being nice to each other every day.” (Kathleen-Grade 3)

“Kindness means to show an act or words of caring and friendliness to another person other than yourself.” (Anonymous Grade 4)

“Kindness is sticking up for others.” (Aaron -Grade 3)

“Kindness means to help other people with kind acts like by inviting somebody to play a game if you see them playing alone.” (Kaylee- Grade 4)

“Kindness is caring, helping, understanding and it also means the opposite of harm. “ (Anonymous- Grade 3)

“...the people who have a heart trigger kindness but you can trigger kindness too, so go ahead and spread kindness through everyone; throughout the world so go ahead and make some warm hearts by spreading kindness.” (Ethan - Grade 5)

*What does kindness **look** like?*  
People who are kind:

- Treat everyone fairly
- Show concern when someone is sad
- Take care of the environment
- Refuse to tease or ridicule others

*What does kindness **sound** like?*  
People who are kind may say things like:

- “How can I help?”
- “Do you want to join us?”
- “Are you okay?”
- “I’m sorry that I hurt your feelings.”

Listed below are some great books that teach children about kindness:  
Because Amelia Smiled by: David Ezra Stein (A cute story about how contagious kindness is- starting with something as little as a skip and a smile.)  
Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler by: Margorie Cuyler (To get her kids to be more kind, Mrs. Ruler gives an assignment to do 5 acts of kindness.)



“Barn Babies” visited Grade 1 classroom at Carver Elementary. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event.



## LUNCH MENU

11/30 Brunch for Lunch Belgian Waffle sticks w/syrup Hash brown Egg Patty/Applesauce 100% Juice Cup Chicken Caesar Salad	12/1 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Veggie sticks w/dip R/F Cape Cod Chips Fresh Orange Wedges  Chicken Caesar Salad	12/2 Chicken Ranch Wrap Grilled Chicken Strips & Romaine w/ranch dressing Gold Fish crackers Baby carrots/fresh grapes  Chicken Caesar Salad	12/3 Pasta w/sauce Side of meatballs Spinach Salad w/dressing Warm Pretzel stick Chilled Peaches  Chicken Caesar Salad	12/4 Pizza Day Girardi Stuffed Crust Cheese or Pepperoni Tossed salad w/Romaine Roasted Chick Peas  Chilled Fruit Cup
12/7 Toasted Cheese on Wheat Homemade chicken Noodle Soup Veggie sticks w/dip Banana Teriyaki Chicken Salad	12/8 Popcorn Chicken Bites Whipped Potatoes Peas W/G Soft Pretzel Rod Chilled Strawberry Cup Teriyaki Chicken Salad	12/9 Early Release Day	12/10 Chicken Fajita W/G Soft Tortilla Wrap Seasoned Brown Rice Salsa & Bean Dip Chilled Peaches Teriyaki Chicken Salad	12/11 Pizza Day Sal's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Spinach Salad w/dressing Roasted Chick Peas Chilled Pineapple Chunks
12/14 Brunch for Lunch W/G French Toast w/syrup Scrambled Egg Patty Cinnamon sweet potato bites Chilled applesauce Buffalo Chicken Salad	12/15 Taco Tuesday Beef Taco/Lettuce & cheese Salsa/baby carrots Seasoned Brown Rice Chilled Pears  Buffalo Chicken Salad	12/16 Chicken Tenders Smiley Fries Green Beans W/G Dinner Roll Fresh Banana  Buffalo Chicken Salad	12/17 Hot Dog in a Wheat bun Regular or chili Dog BBQ baked beans Carrot sticks Apple  Buffalo Chicken Salad	12/18 Pizza Day Gilardi Wedge Style Cheese or buffalo chicken Caesar Salad w/dressing  Chilled pears
12/21 Chicken Nuggets Sweet potato puffs Corn Fruit Cup Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad	12/22 Sal's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Caesar Salad w/dressing Roasted Chick Peas Chilled pears	12/23 Early Release Day  Holiday Recess Begins  School Reopens on Monday, January 4, 2016	<b><u>Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday Coyote Grab 'n Go</u></b>  <b>Crispy chicken wrap w/ranch Baby carrots w/dip Fresh Fruit</b>	<b><u>Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday</u></b>  <b>Coyote Grab 'n Go Soft Pretzel/Cheese Pretzel Baby Carrots w/dip Fresh Fruit</b>
1/4/16 Hamburger on a wheat bun (plain or cheese) Lettuce, tomato & pickles Baby carrots W/G Pretzels Fresh Apple Chicken Caesar Salad	1/5/16 Taco Tuesday Beef Taco/Lettuce & cheese Salsa & Bean Dip Seasoned brown rice Chilled pears Chicken Caesar Salad	1/6/16 Chicken Tenders Baked potato puffs Broccoli W/G Dinner Roll Blueberries  Chicken Caesar Salad	1/7/16 Meatballs in Sauce Wheat Sub Roll Parmesan Cheese Fresh Spinach Salad Strawberry Cup  Chicken Caesar Salad	1/8/16 Pizza Day Sal's Pizza Cheese or pepperoni Tossed salad w/dressing Roasted Chick Peas Cinnamon Applesauce

### **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, fruit

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.

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.

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

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