



Carver Coyote Monthly Newsletter

September 2016

Carver Elementary Welcomes New Teachers



From left to right, Ms. Emily Levenson (Preschool), Ms. Kylie Thompson (Kindergarten), Mrs. Karen Geraghty (2nd grade), Ms. Erika Johndrow (4th grade), Ms. Shannon Madden (Special Education 4th grade), Ms. Katherine Chernicki (5th grade), Ms. Jordyn Krall (School Adjustment Counselor, grades 3-5-long term substitute), Mrs. Kerri Virden (Security Desk) and Mrs. Tanya Duff, Associate Principal.

WELCOME BACK PACKET

As in previous years, we are sending all families a folder filled with information. When you open the folder, you

will find forms in the right pocket that need to be returned to school as soon as possible. In the left pocket, you will find the school calendar in addition to this newsletter. Please go through the folder and read these important items. We suggest that you save the folder so that you can add other important information to it throughout the school year. We will continue our practice of sending home notices from both the EKW and GJC offices on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please remember to check your child's backpack every day for notes from the teacher and your child's work.

VOLUNTEERING AT CES

Anyone wanting to volunteer in any capacity at Carver Elementary School is welcomed. Volunteer Orientation dates for the month of September can be found in our Calendar of Events section of this newsletter. The Orientation is for new volunteers and anyone whose current CORI will expire during the 2016-17 school year. The CORI process can be completed through the Superintendent's office or at the school office. You will need identification to complete this process.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, 9/2/16	No School
Monday, 9/5/16	No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, 9/6/16	Preschool and Kindergarten begin
Thursday, 9/15/16	Volunteer Orientation, GJC cafeteria, 6pm
Wednesday, 9/21/16	Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal. Lunches are not served.
Wednesday, 9/21/16	Carver Coyote Quick Kids Fun Run-Boosterthon Fundraiser
Thursday, 9/22/16	Parent/Guardian Information Night/Open House, 6-8 pm
Friday, 9/23/16	Volunteer Orientation, GJC cafeteria, 9 am
Tuesday, 9/27/16	Student Picture Day

EKW PARKING LOT TRAFFIC PATTERN

Remember that traffic in the EKW parking lot, located to the right of the bus circle, is one way. When entering the parking lot you must take the first right and travel through the lot in a counterclockwise direction.

Office Hours with the Principal are from 7:30-7:50 every morning and/or by scheduling a meeting. Also, to provide feedback, suggestions or comments regarding any/all aspects of our school day, there is a comment box located near the parent waiting area in the EKW building. Remember that if you are trying to reach the principal or one of the associate principals during the school day, we are throughout the school, getting to know all our students, conducting classroom walkthroughs, and supporting our teachers. If you leave us a message, we will make sure to get back to you within 24 hours. For emergencies, please do not hesitate to let our office administrative assistants know that you need to speak with one of us immediately.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Carver Elementary School campus is preparing to begin construction in October 2016. We will provide you with periodic updates as the project develops. Thank you in advance for your patience during construction. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for October 12 at 5:00 pm on the Elementary campus. Everyone is invited to attend. The rain date is scheduled for October 13. Mark your calendars for this Carver community event.



PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Our neighbors at National EMS have allowed us to use some of their parking spaces during construction. When we are holding large events, parents and guardians will be allowed to park in the National EMS lot. It will be important for everyone to respect this property by parking only in designated areas and following the direction of the

detail attendant. Remember that this is a private parking lot and we do not want to run the risk of losing the privilege of using this space. Your support is appreciated to help us maintain our agreement with National EMS.

READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE
www.carver.org

FAMILY DIRECTORY

A special thank you to Mrs. Kelly Yenulevich and Mrs. Pauline Lopez for compiling the Family Directory for the 2016-2017 school year. You will receive a family directory if you send in the form by **October 7, 2016**. (The form is in your child's welcome back packet.) This user-friendly directory is handy and nice to have for playdates and birthday party invitations. Our goal is to send the directory home by the middle of October. To be sensitive to all our students' feelings, we ask that you do not send home birthday invitations through school. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

According to the 1993 Education Reform Act, every school is required to have a School Council. The School Council is comprised of teachers, parents, the principal, and a community representative. The group meets monthly to develop the School Improvement Plan and acts as an advisory group to the principal. School council meetings are open to all, so please join us. Meetings are held in the EKW building. Our first meeting will be held on October 19 at 3:00 pm in the IMC.

CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INFORMATION

Attention Carver Coyotes! The Coyote Quick Kids Fun Run is back! The 9-day program kicks off with a Pep Rally on September 12th. You will then have time to get pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on Wednesday September 21st. With our big goal to raise funds for classroom technology and construction phase playground upgrades, we have again asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and of course FUN!

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, BACKYARD BOX OFFICE! It's a movie theme all about making a difference by getting into character. Our students will learn from five REAL kid difference-makers. From inventors, to world-class speakers, to business owners, to world-record holders, these five kids will inspire our students to practice the five "Character Acts" and make a difference in our community.

Donations will go toward classroom technology, construction phase playground upgrades and the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on the students at the Fun Run on September 21st, so be sure to be on the lookout for future information regarding times and location! Thank you for your support! Parking during this event will be available at the National EMS lot across from the school. Remember to adhere to the parking information mentioned above.

CARVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Carver Public Library will be offering the free Home Alone/Babysitting Class to those who are age 11 and older this fall. The class will meet on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 beginning Tuesday, September 27th and ending Tuesday, October 25th. The class is for those who wish to learn about babysitting as well as for those who stay home alone. There will be guest speakers covering topics such as fire safety, personal safety, nutrition, child

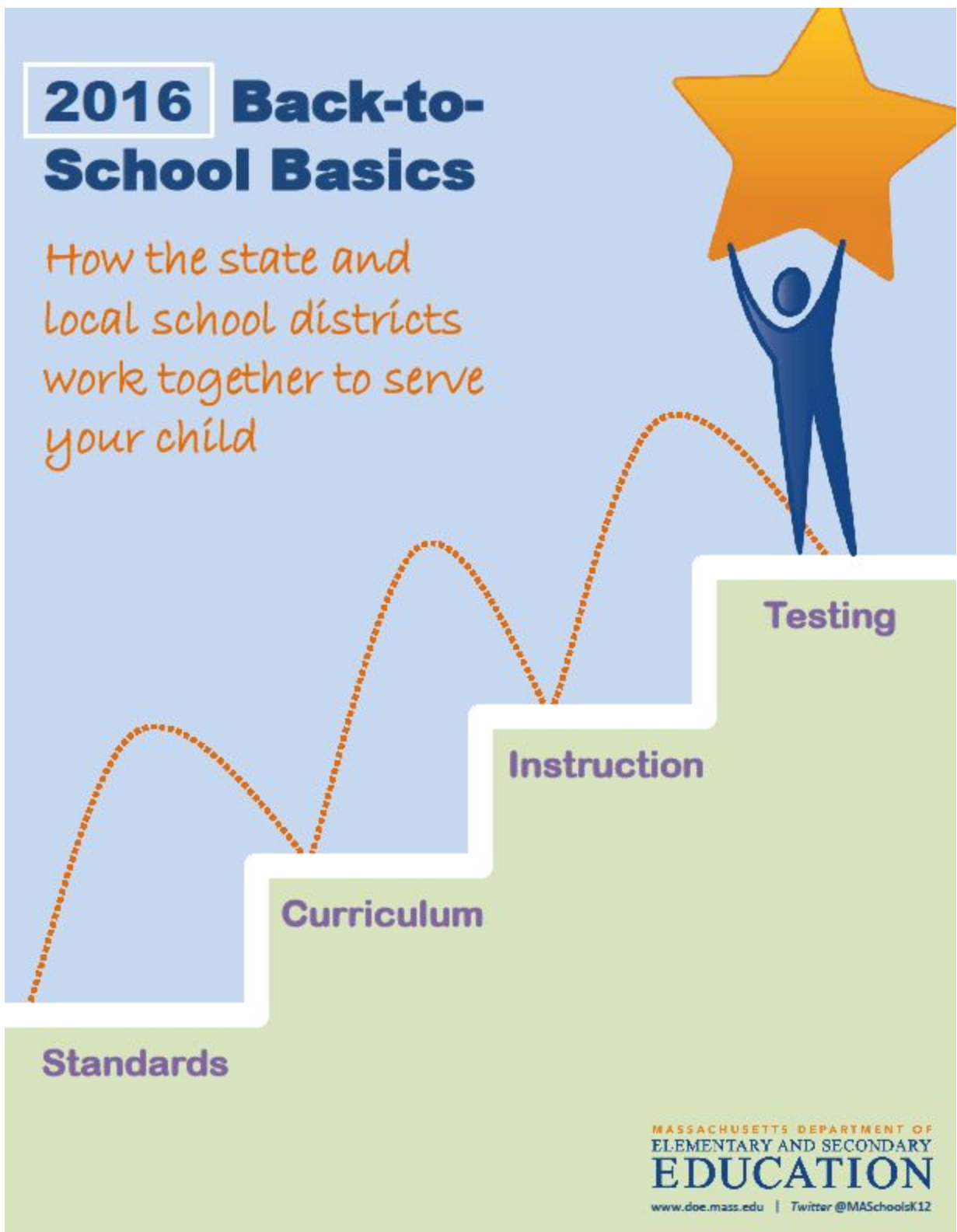
development and activities. The class will be held in the Small Meeting Room. Registration is required. Please call the library at 508-866-3415 to sign up.

NEWS FROM THE MA DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

This three-page document provides a brief overview of how the state and local districts work together in different capacities in Massachusetts' public schools. It includes the distinction between learning standards and curriculum and notes the role of assessments. Please visit the DESE website for additional information at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/nextgen/>.

2016 Back-to-School Basics

How the state and local school districts work together to serve your child



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A message to parents:

Massachusetts has statewide learning standards that outline what students are expected to know and be able to do in each subject area and grade level. The standards set high expectations for all students – regardless of the school district they live in.

More than 20 years of education reform

The 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Act introduced the statewide learning standards, helped all districts provide at least a minimum level of school funding, introduced new requirements for teachers, and created a statewide test (MCAS) to measure students' progress on the standards.

From the middle of the pack to #1 in the nation

Since the implementation of education reform, Massachusetts students have moved from being at the middle of the pack compared to other states to leading the nation in academic achievement. Massachusetts students are also competitive on a global scale.

Yet while Massachusetts students perform well overall, some students are not achieving at a level that prepares them for success after high school. The state's education leaders

understand that preparing our students for the 21st century requires frequent re-examination of and improvements to our standards and assessments.

Teachers use standards and tests to help guide their instruction

Learning standards are not classroom curriculum, so while the state sets what students need to know and be able to do in each grade level, many decisions are made at the local level.

Curriculum, lesson plans, books, materials and other resources are all selected locally, sometimes at the district level, and sometimes, as in the case of specific materials, by individual teachers.

(Although some states have state – mandated curricula and textbooks, that is not true in Massachusetts.)

Click to watch Commissioner Chester's video on why Mass. students are #1 in the nation



Step by step,
**schools use
state standards
and testing to
improve teaching
and learning**



4. Testing

State assessments help teachers, administrators and state officials figure out where students are mastering the material and where they need additional help.

3. Instruction

Teachers are responsible for providing instruction that helps students learn and retain information so that they build on their knowledge each year.

2. Curriculum

At the local level, school districts choose curriculum and assemble materials – lesson plans, assignments, text books, and other resources – to help students meet the learning standards.

1. Standards

The state, working with Massachusetts educators, establishes learning standards that describe what a student should know and be able to do at each grade level.

LUNCH MENU

<u>Monday, 8/29</u>	<u>Tuesday, 8/30</u> Popcorn Chicken Bites Oven Baked Smiles Carrot sticks w/dip Cinnamon Applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	<u>Wednesday, 8/31</u> Hamburger on a Bun Plain or Cheese Lettuce, tomato & pickles, Cape CodChips Fresh Banana Chicken Caesar Salad	<u>Thursday, 9/1</u> Pizza Day Sal's Pizza Cheese or Buffalo Chicken Fresh Romaine Salad Roasted chick peas Chilled peaches	<u>Friday, 9/2</u> No School
<u>Monday, 9/5</u> Labor Day No School	<u>Tuesday, 9/6</u> Meatballs in sauce Wheat sub roll Side of Pasta Salad W/G Cinnamon Bear Grahams Chilled pineapple chunks Chicken./bacon ranch salad	<u>Wednesday, 9/7</u> Chicken Tenders Shoestring potatoes Corn Warm pretzel rod Chilled fruit cup Chicken/bacon ranch salad	<u>Thursday, 9/8</u> Toasted cheese sandwich Baby carrots w/dip W/G pretzel snack Orange wedges Chicken/bacon ranch salad	<u>Friday, 9/9</u> Pizza Day Gilardi stuffed crust Cheese or pepperoni Romaine salad w/dressing Roasted chick peas Fresh apple
<u>Monday, 9/12</u> Hot dog in wheat bun BBQ baked beans Veggie sticks with dip Cinnamon Applesauce Buffalo chicken ranch salad	<u>Tuesday, 9/13</u> Taco Tuesday Seasoned beef on a hard shell with lettuce, cheddar Rice/salsa & bean dip Fresh apple Buffalo chicken ranch salad	<u>Wednesday, 9/14</u> Chicken patty on a bun Plain or buffalo Lettuce & tomato Sweet potato crinkles Fresh banana Buffalo chicken ranch salad	<u>Thursday, 9/15</u> Deli turkey sub Lettuce, tomato, pickles Smart food delight Cucumber slices with dip Chilled fruit cup Buffalo chicken ranch salad	<u>Friday, 9/16</u> Pizza Day Crispy French Bread Cheese or pepperoni Fresh Caesar Salad With dressing Chilled peaches
<u>Monday, 9/19</u> Pasta/buttered or sauce Side of meatballs Parmesan cheese Caesar salad W/G roll Chilled pineapple chunks Teriyaki Chicken Salad	<u>Tuesday, 9/20</u> Chicken Fajitas Seasoned chicken in a soft taco with cheddar cheese Spanish rice Corn, fresh apple Teriyaki Chicken Salad	<u>Wednesday, 9/21</u> Early Release Day	<u>Thursday, 9/22</u> Popcorn chicken bites Baked potato puffs Green beans Fresh orange wedges Teriyaki Chicken Salad	<u>Friday, 9/23</u> Pizza Day Gilardi Pizza Wedge Cheese or sausage Fresh Spinach Salad with dressing Roasted chick peas Chilled blueberry cup
<u>Monday, 9/26</u> W/G Waffle sticks w/syrup Crispy hash brown Yogurt Cup Fresh orange wedges Chicken Caesar Salad	<u>Tuesday, 9/27</u> Deli Ham/American Cheese Wheat sub roll Smart Food Delight Veggie sticks with dip Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	<u>Wednesday, 9/28</u> Chicken Nuggets Whipped potatoes Carrots/Dinner Roll Chilled cinnamon applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	<u>Thursday, 9/29</u> Hamburger on a Bun Plain or cheese Lettuce, tomato & pickle Cape Cod Chips Chilled pears Chicken Caesar Salad	Friday, 9/30 Sal's Pizza Cheese or Buffalo Chicken Fresh Garden Salad with dressing Chilled peaches

Daily Choices

1. WG Bagel with cream cheese, cheese stick & salad
2. Garden Salad with dressing, cheese stick, croutons and fruit
3. Smucker's Uncrustable with side salad and fruit
4. Assorted WG cereals with 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.

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) with any questions.

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

Lunch Price \$2.40

Our breads are Whole Grain Rich

In addition to their lunch, students are allowed to

purchase 1 food item and 1 drink item unless parent notifies us otherwise.