

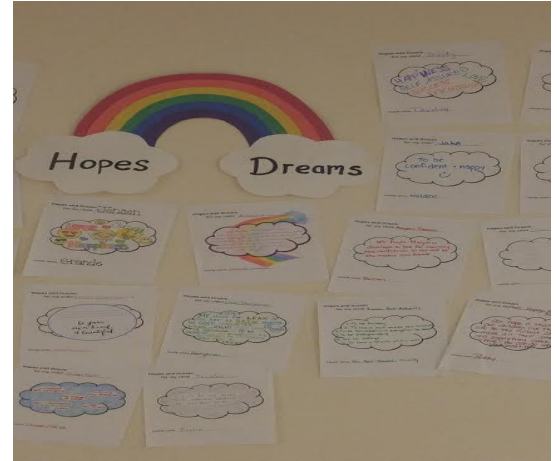


Carver Coyote Monthly Newsletter

October 2016

Thank you to everyone for sending in your student(s) hopes and dreams. We have gathered them all and posted them in our hallways. If you have not had an opportunity to get your hopes and dreams in, there is a template that can be found at:

<http://carver.org/carver-elementary-school/from-the-principals-office/>



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year we welcome Mrs. Stephanie Clougherty as a new member of our 2016-17 School Council. Mrs. Clougherty was appointed as a parent representative as she was the only parent to respond expressing her interest. 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 12 at 3:00 pm in the Mrs. Leatherbee's classroom in Pod 2.

Thank you to every parent and family that helped to support this year's Quick Kids Coyote Fun Run. We appreciate all your efforts and contributions to our PTO and our school community. We welcome all our new families and hope you will join us at our next PTO meeting. To learn more about how you can be a part of our Carver PTO, please visit www.carverpto.org/.

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Ruby Maestas, Principal
Paula Foley, Associate

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Students at Carver Elementary will go to the polls on Monday, November 7, 2016. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist us at our student voting booths. Please call us at 508-866-6210 or 508-866-6220 if you are able to help.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

Making Every Day Count: http://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/RtP_Attendance.pdf

School Attendance: One of our goals each year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Coming to school each day has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's school.



Stay Up To Date on School News and Events
Please visit www.schoolway.com to
download this app.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 10/7/16		No School - Teacher Professional Day
Monday, 10/10/16		No School - Columbus Day
Tuesday, 10/11/16	3:00 pm	Volunteer Training, GJC Cafeteria
Wednesday, 10/12/16	3:00 pm	School Council Meeting
Friday, 10/14/16	5:00 pm	Groundbreaking Ceremony
Monday, 10/17/16	7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting, MLLC
Thursday, 10/20/16		Early Release Day, 11:45 am dismissal Lunches are not served PTO Scholastic Book Fair (8 am - 8:30 pm) Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
Friday, 10/28/16	6:30-8:00 pm	No Tricks, Just Treats

SCHOOL NURSES' CORNER

Please remember that students of ALL grade levels should keep an extra set of clothes in their backpacks in the event a clothing change is needed due to food/drink spills, puddles, bathroom accidents, etc.

Please remember to pack a snack for your students and remind them that for safety reasons, including life-threatening food allergies, any food eaten in school is *not* to be shared.

We hope for everyone to have a healthy and productive year. We will be reinforcing hand washing and hygiene, as it is our goal to have everyone in school, ready to learn. Please review with your student when to visit the nurse so as to minimize disruptions to their school day.

WHEN TO SEE THE NURSE

HEADACHE

1. Did you try a drink of water (dehydration)? Eat a snack (if no breakfast or near lunch).
2. Put your head down for 10 to 15 minutes. (If your teacher says ok)
3. See the nurse if headache is bad enough to interfere with class work.

STOMACH ACHE

1. Try the bathroom (constipation, gas). Drink water. Eat a snack (if no breakfast or near lunch).
2. Wait 15 minutes to see if your stomach ache improves, after drinking water & using the bathroom.
3. See the nurse if it persists.

SORE THROAT

1. Drink some water for a sore throat.
2. Wait 15 minutes to see if pain eases.
3. See nurse if your sore throat persists, or you have chills, or difficulty swallowing.

MINOR CUTS / SCRAPES

1. Student should wash wound with soap and warm water in bathroom.
2. Apply Band-Aid from classroom first aid kit if light bleeding.
3. See the nurse with significant bleeding, infected, dirty wounds, or puncture wounds.

OLD INJURIES / CHAPPED HANDS OR LIPS / RASHES/MISCELLANEOUS

1. See nurse during student's lunchtime or with permission from your teacher when student has "free time" during class.
2. Students who need lotion or lip ointment frequently should bring their own supply from home.

AUTOMATIC VISIT TO THE NURSE

1. Vomiting / diarrhea.
2. Significant bleeding.
3. Faintness / dizziness / change in level of consciousness.

4. Need for feminine products.
5. Students with a history of asthma, diabetes, or seizures.

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.

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.

CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE: On Friday evening, October 28th, the halls of the EKW will be transformed into a not-so-tricky, not-so-scary, spectacular!!! Don't miss this annual "No Tricks, Just Treats" event. More information to follow!!!

The Coyote Convenience will be open during lunches on Tuesday, October 4th. The children are invited to purchase items after they have eaten their lunch before leaving for recess. Please send any money in a plastic baggie labeled school store for any purchases they wish to make.

Our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair is taking place on Thursday, October 20th from 8 am to 8:30 pm in the EKW Gym. Please make sure to stop in during your conferences to support the book fair.

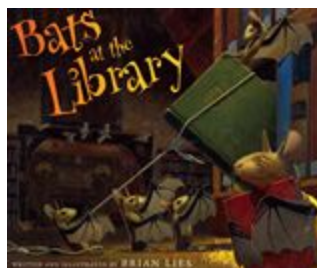
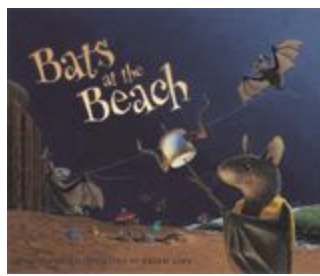
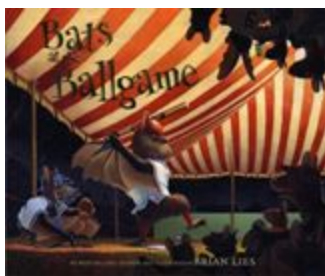
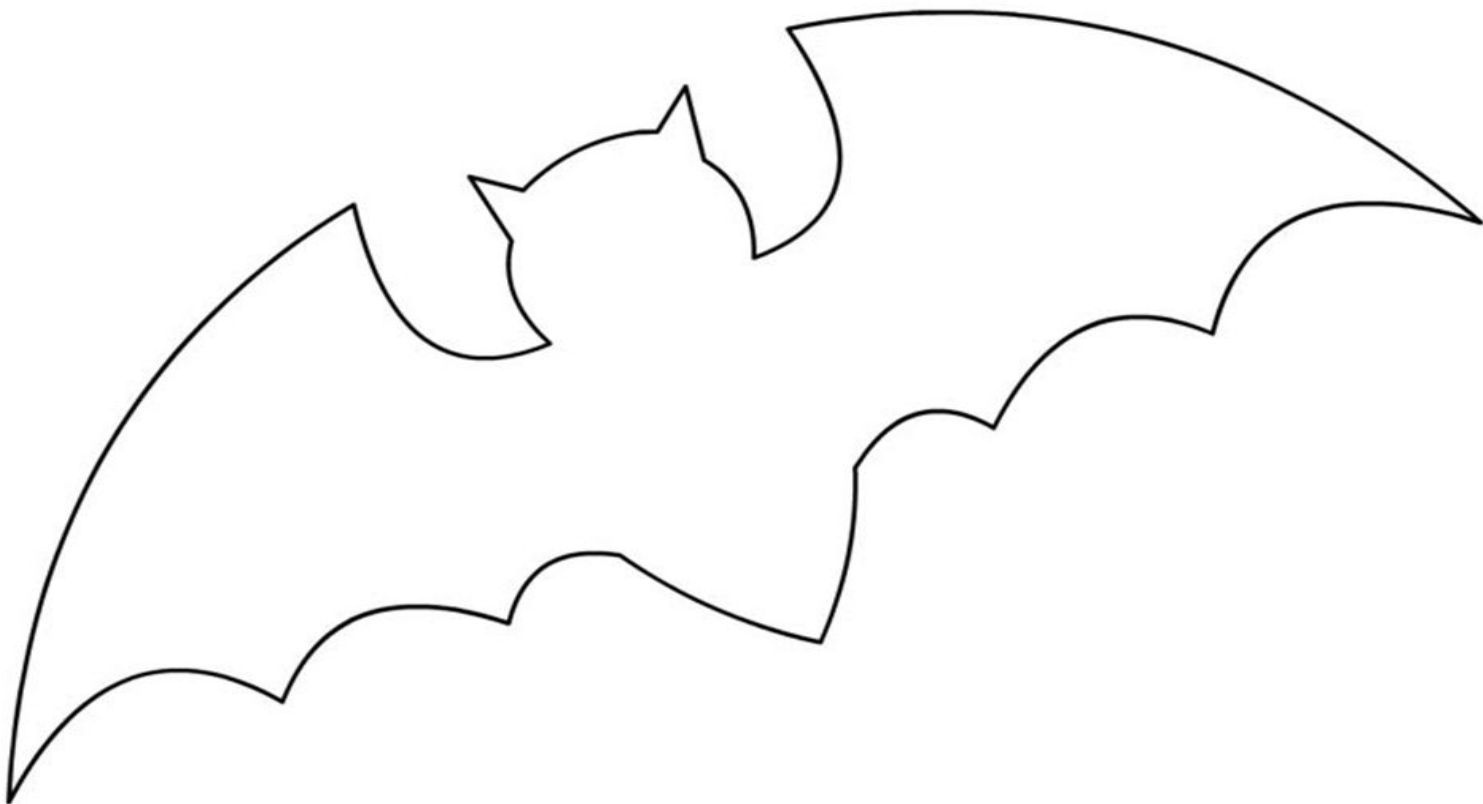
We will be looking for volunteers to help set up the book fair on October 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We will also be looking for volunteers to help pack up the book fair on October 20th from 8:30pm until 9:30pm. Please watch for a flyer to come home or email kristin.moore@carverpto.org for more information.

Our first Half Day Hat Day of the school year is October 20th. If your student sends a dollar into their classroom by October 20th, they can wear a hat to school for the half day! Hope you join in the fun!

The first Box Tops monthly classroom contest for the year is October 21st. Please send any Box Tops that you have collected in a ziplock bag with your child to their classroom by October 21st. The classroom that has the most will win a special surprise!

Our Summer Box Tops Collection Contest is in the process of being counted. Stay tuned for the winner to be announced in the November newsletter!

Help decorate Carver Elementary in preparation for author/illustrator Brian Lies' visit this month. Show him your creativity! Return your decorated bat cutout with your name/teacher on the back by **Thursday, October 6th**.



CARVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Storytimes, ages 3 and under meet for stories, songs and activities.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. –Storytime, ages 3 to 5 meet for stories, songs and related activities.

Reading Buddies

Wednesdays from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Grades K - 2, register for time slot. Marilyn Thayer and her certified family therapy dogs will be running a 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, followed by reading time. Children are encouraged to bring their own books or choose one from the library.

Lords & Ladies Medieval Party

Saturday, October 1 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 12 and under, please register.

Creative Journaling

Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 10 and up, please register.

NERF Zombie Apocalypse II

Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register. BYO NERF Gear or use some of ours.

Zentangle Leaves

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

Jeopardy Finals with DJ Bryan

Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Finalists in grades 6 to 8 compete for cash prizes and bragging rights!

Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m. – All ages, drop-in. BYO pumpkins and use our tools, ideas and space. Carve with your Carver friends.

Halloween Lego Night

Tuesday, October 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Texting Bee

Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, drop-in. Decode the abbreviations and acronyms to find out what we're really saying... SYT!

Spider Web Art

Saturday, October 22 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 4 and up, must register. Make some gorgeous webs!

Halloween Spooky Scene

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, please register.

Spooky Stories with Marilyn Thayer

Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, please register.

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 10 and under, must register. Costumes are MOST welcome!

Lunch Menu

Price for Lunch: \$2.40	Breakfast Program begins 10/3/16
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<u>Monday</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
<u>3-Oct</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Teriyaki Chicken W/ Rice</u>	<u>Meatballs in Sauce</u>	<u>Chicken Patty on a Wheat Bun</u>	<u>Pizza Day</u>	
<u>Teriyaki Glazed Chicken</u>	<u>Wheat Sub Roll</u>	<u>Plain or Spicy</u>	<u>W/G 4x6 Square</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>
<u>Steamed Brown Rice</u>	<u>Parmesan Cheese</u>	<u>Oven Baked Smiles</u>	<u>Cheese or Sausage</u>	
<u>Green Beans / Fortune</u>	<u>Side of Garden Salad</u>	<u>Crunchy Carrots</u>	<u>Fresh Spinach Salad</u>	
<u>Cookie</u>	<u>w/dressing</u>	<u>Orange Wedges</u>	<u>w/dressing</u>	
<u>Chilled Pineapple</u>	<u>Fresh Apple</u>	<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	<u>Garlic Roasted Chickpeas</u>	
<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	<u>Chilled Fruit Cup</u>	
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>Nacho's Supreme</u>	<u>Chicken Nuggets</u>	<u>Hamburger on a Wheat Bun</u>	<u>Pizza Day</u>
<u>NO SCHOOL</u>	<u>Seasoned Beef & Cheese</u>	<u>Baked Potato Puffs</u>	<u>Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes &</u>	<u>Sal's Pizza</u>
	<u>Sauce</u>	<u>Steamed Peas</u>	<u>Pickles</u>	<u>Cheese or Buffalo</u>
	<u>over White Corn Chips</u>	<u>W/G Bread Stick</u>	<u>Pepperidge Farm W/G</u>	<u>Chicken</u>
	<u>Salsa / Carrot Sticks</u>	<u>Chilled Fruit Cup</u>	<u>Pretzels</u>	<u>Fresh Garden Salad</u>
	<u>Fresh Apple</u>	<u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u>	<u>Side of BBQ Baked Beans</u>	<u>w/dressing</u>
	<u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u>	<u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u>	<u>Fresh Banana</u>	<u>Chilled Peaches</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>Deli Ham /American</u>	<u>Taco Tuesday</u>	<u>Popcorn Chicken Bites</u>	<u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u>	<u>Pizza Day</u>
<u>Cheese</u>	<u>Seasoned Beef on a Hard</u>	<u>Oven Baked Smiles</u>	<u>No Lunches Served</u>	<u>Gilardi Stuffed</u>
<u>Wheat Sub Roll</u>	<u>Shell Taco</u>	<u>Steamed Carrots</u>		<u>Crust</u>
<u>Baby Carrots w/Ranch</u>	<u>Shredded Lettuce &</u>	<u>Warm Pretzel Rod</u>		<u>Cheese or Pepperoni</u>
<u>dip</u>	<u>Cheddar Cheese</u>	<u>Chilled Strawberry Cup</u>		<u>Fresh Caesar Salad w/</u>
<u>Smartfood Delight</u>	<u>Salsa & Bean dip</u>	<u>Teriyaki Chicken Salad</u>		<u>Dressing</u>
<u>Popcorn</u>	<u>Chilled Fruit Cup</u>			<u>Chilled Cinnamon</u>
<u>Fresh Banana</u>	<u>Teriyaki Chicken Salad</u>			<u>Applesauce</u>
<u>Teriyaki Chicken Salad</u>	<u>Teriyaki Chicken Salad</u>			
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>W/G Waffles</u>	<u>Italian Pasta Bake</u>	<u>Chicken Tenders</u>	<u>Deli Turkey Sub</u>	<u>Pizza Day</u>
<u>w/ Blueberry Topping</u>	<u>Elbows, Sauce & Cheese</u>	<u>Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy</u>	<u>on a Wheat Roll</u>	<u>Whole Grain Slice</u>
<u>Sausage Links</u>	<u>Side of Broccoli</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles</u>	<u>Cheese or Seasoned</u>
<u>Sweet Potato Bites</u>	<u>Wheat Bread Stick</u>	<u>W/G Dinner Roll</u>	<u>Baby Carrots w/ Dip</u>	<u>Hamburg</u>
<u>Chilled Applesauce</u>	<u>Fresh Orange</u>	<u>Chilled Peaches</u>	<u>GoldFish Crackers /Fresh</u>	<u>Fresh Garden Salad w/</u>
<u>Chicken/Bacon Ranch</u>	<u>Wedges</u>		<u>Apple</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
<u>Salad</u>	<u>Chicken/Bacon Ranch</u>	<u>Chicken/Bacon Ranch Salad</u>	<u>Chicken/Bacon Ranch Salad</u>	<u>Garlic Roasted</u>
	<u>Salad</u>			<u>Chickpeas</u>
<u>31</u>		<u>Breakfast Program begins</u>	<u>Breakfast will be free for</u>	
<u>Toasted Cheese</u>		<u>10/3/16</u>	<u>approved eligible free</u>	
<u>Sandwich on wheat</u>		<u>Available daily: Assorted</u>	<u>students, \$.30 for</u>	
<u>bread</u>		<u>gluten free cereals, milk &</u>	<u>approved eligible</u>	
<u>Cup of tomato soup</u>		<u>fresh fruit. We will also</u>	<u>reduced students and</u>	
<u>Celery sticks w/dip</u>		<u>offer on alternating days:</u>	<u>\$1.65 for all others. If</u>	
<u>Fresh Apple</u>		<u>muffins and other</u>	<u>you have any questions,</u>	
<u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u>		<u>breakfast pastries.</u>	<u>please call (508)</u>	
			<u>866-6230.</u>	

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.