

Carver Coyote Monthly Newsletter November 2016



Thank you to the Carver Elementary PTO for having Visiting Author Brian Lies at our school in October. The students thoroughly enjoyed his books and presentation. In preparation for the visit, students colored their bats at home and brought them in to hang in our entry way. We had two days filled with bat stories and activities and a bat filled entryway that doubled as halloween decorations for our annual No Trix Just Treats event.

Topic Of The Month: Supporting Your Child with Friendships

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/Pages/Friend-or-Foe.aspx http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/stages-milestones/lets-be-friends



Breakfast

Is Served Daily Including Early Release Days

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Math Matters

The Carver Elementary School follows the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Mathematics. We have adopted *Everyday Mathematics 4* as our primary curriculum for use in our K-5 classrooms. *Everyday Mathematics* was developed by educators at the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project (USCMP). *Everyday Mathematics* is a research-based and field-tested curriculum that focuses on developing children's understanding and skills that produce life-long mathematical power.

Here, at CES, our teachers embed *Everyday Mathematics 4* using the Math Workshop Model. In this model, teachers provide instruction in a variety of settings (whole group, small group, one-to-one) to provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students. Our instruction is always based on student data and groupings are flexible based on students' readiness levels. Teachers deliver instruction to meet the needs of the students by providing real-life examples, repeated exposures to math concepts and skills, frequent practice of computation, and using multiple methods and problem solving strategies.

Support your child at home by creating a positive math environment. Here are some ideas:

- Have a positive attitude about math!
- Think aloud when <u>you</u> use math.
- Play games...board games, card games, outdoor games!!
- Use numbers in fun ways.
- Give hints, not answers.
- Let your child feel the struggle of problem solving.
- Ask your child to explain their thinking.
- Communicate with your child's teacher.

If you have questions on how to support your child, please feel free to contact Jennifer Kelley, Math Coach and Coordinator K-5 @ kelleyj@carver.org or 508-866-6287. We are here to help you make learning Math fun!

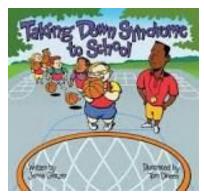
ELA at CES

Our dedicated teachers worked hard last spring to develop a more flexible content schedule to allow for additional opportunities for differentiated learning experiences. As a faculty, we also participated in professional development in Universal Design for Learning. Our English Language Arts blocks incorporate 30-60 minutes of core instruction daily, followed up by 45 minutes of small group reading instruction. The small group block is dedicated time for teacher directed, peer collaborative & independent reinforcement and enrichment of skills and concepts. Fall reading groups are well underway! Teachers and specialists joined together to examine student data, form instructional groups and establish targets for instruction. Reading groups run by classroom teachers are designed to meet the needs of all students. With support from Special Education teachers, Reading Specialists and the building Literacy Coach, teachers are integrating word work, novel study, literature circles, cooperative center activities and opportunities for direct instruction. Many students will access technology for skill building this year at CES. This opportunity will expand over time with the construction of our new facility! Stay tuned for some exciting updates and insights from our students as they share their ELA experiences with us through this section of our monthly newsletter.

We applaud the tremendous efforts of our students that participated in the Summer Reading BOOK BINGO event! These students will be recognized by their peers at an upcoming PBIS assembly.

For more information on our Math and Literacy programs, please plan to attend our upcoming November 15 PTO meeting at 7pm in the EKW IMC/Coyote Commons. Childcare will be provided for school aged children and toddlers who are toilet trained. Please RSVP at 508-866-6210 or 508-866-6220 if you will be accessing our childcare.

Accepting Differences During the month of October, students listened to a story about Down Syndrome and had an opportunity to ask questions about this disability. Support staff teachers visited the students during their morning meeting and read a book entitled, "Taking Down Syndrome to School." The story is about a child with Down Syndrome and aims to promote empathy and caring for every child. The child in the story, Nick, has the same feelings and emotions as any child growing up. This book discusses what Down Syndrome is and that even though someone may have differences, they are still able to learn, socialize, participate in activities including sports, and build friendships.





Carver Public Library, Police Station and Fire Department get a visit from Carver Elementary kindergarten students.

Grade 3 classes visited Plymouth during the month of October. They took the Jenney Museum walking tour of downtown Plymouth.



<u>Groundbreaking Ceremony</u> Thank you to our Carver Elementary chorus for singing at the ceremony. Congratulations also to Kira Bradford our student speaker. Kira and her fellow 3rd graders will be in 5th grade when the new school is complete. (Photos courtesy of Wicked Local Carver).





Construction Update

This week crews will begin to set up erosion control fencing around the perimeter of the school. The fencing will assist with erosion control as there will be tree clearing that will take place during the first

phase of construction. A temporary construction fence will go up on the actual construction site in the next few days.

<u>Annual Pumpkin Parade</u> was held on Monday, 10/31/16. Students in grades 1 and 2 decorated pumpkins and lined our bus circle for all their peers to view. Thank you to everyone who brought their pumpkin to school as we kicked off the fall season.





Students at Carver Elementary will go to the polls on Friday, November 4, 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.

Important Dates:

Monday, 11/7/16 Music Boosters Meeting, 7 pm, CMHS Lower Library Tuesday, 11/8/16 Teacher Professional Day, No School for Students Thursday, 11/10/16 3rd Annual Veteran's Day Celebration Friday, 11/11/16 Veteran's Day- No School Monday, 11/14-Friday, 11/18/16 Spirit Week (see page 10) 11/14, 11/15, & 11/17 Turkey Trot (see page 11) Tuesday, 11/15/16 Volunteer Training, 6:30 pm and PTO Meeting, 7 pm, EKW IMC/Coyote Commons Thursday, 11/17/16 Volunteer Training, 9:00 am, GJC Cafeteria Wednesday, 11/23/16 Early Release Day Thursday, 11/24/16 Thanksgiving Day GIVING Friday, 11/25/16 Thanksgiving Break-No School Marks Close for Term I Wednesday, 11/30/16 Friday, 12/9/16 Report Cards Issued

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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.

From the Nurses' Corner:

Getting a good night's sleep influences everything we do. It is at the foundation of maintaining good health for optimal growth, development, and learning for all ages.

Here are some age appropriate related sleep recommendations from <u>http://www.sleepforkids.org</u>:

Sleep and Preschoolers (3-5 years)

Preschoolers typically sleep 11-13 hours each night and most do not nap after five years of age. As with toddlers, difficulty falling asleep and waking up during the night are common. With further development of imagination, preschoolers commonly experience nighttime fears and nightmares. In addition, sleepwalking and sleep terrors peak during preschool years.

Sleep Tips for Preschoolers

- Maintain a regular and consistent sleep schedule.
- Have a relaxing bedtime routine that ends in the room where the child sleeps.
- Child should sleep in the same sleeping environment every night, in a room that is cool, quiet and dark and without a TV.

Sleep and School-aged Children (5-12 years)

Children aged 5-12 need 10-11 hours of sleep. At the same time, there is an increasing demand on their time from school (e.g., homework), sports and other extracurricular and social activities. In addition, school aged children become more interested in TV, computers, the media and Internet as well as caffeine products – all of which can lead to difficulty falling asleep, nightmares and disruptions to their sleep. In particular, watching TV close to bedtime has been associated with bedtime resistance, difficulty falling asleep, anxiety around sleep and sleeping fewer hours.

Sleep problems and disorders are prevalent at this age. Poor or inadequate sleep can lead to mood swings, behavioral problems such as hyperactivity and cognitive problems that impact on their ability to learn in school.

Sleep Tips for School-aged Children

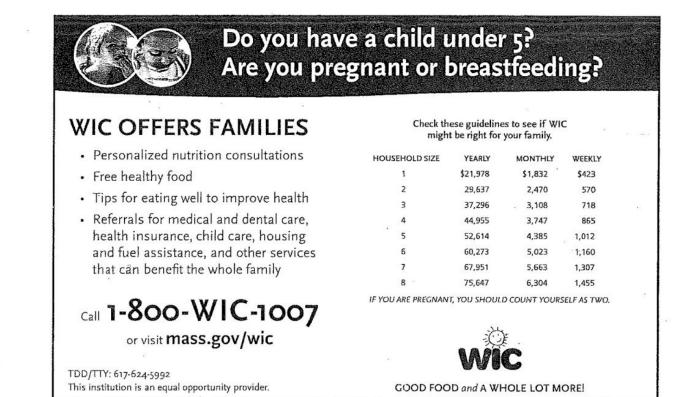
- Teach school-aged children about healthy sleep habits.
- Continue to emphasize the need for a regular and consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine.
- Make your child's bedroom conducive to sleep dark, cool and quiet. Keep TV, computers, video games and other electronic devices such as IPods and smartphones out of the bedroom.
- Avoid caffeine.

According to <u>http://healthy sleep.med.harvard.edu</u>, there are significant consequences to lost sleep for adults too: Sleep is vital for learning and memory, and lack of sleep impacts our health, safety, and longevity. Most people don't get enough sleep. We are a society that burns the candle at both ends, a nation where people stay up all night to study, work, or have fun. However, going without adequate sleep carries with it both shortand long-term consequences. In the short-term, a lack of adequate sleep can affect judgment, mood, ability to learn and retain information, and may increase the risk of serious accidents and injury. In the long-term, chronic sleep deprivation may lead to a host of health problems including obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and even early mortality.

Sleep and Disease Risk The price of insufficient sleep may be poor health. Study after study has revealed that people who sleep poorly are at greater risk for a number of diseases and health problems.

If you or your child are suffering from sleep challenges, check out any of these sites for additional information and consult your physician if needed.

http://healthysleep.med.harvard.edu https://sleepfoundation.org/ http://www.sleepforkids.org/ http://www.apa.org/topics/sleep/why.aspx http://www.parents.com/health/healthy-happy-kids/why-your-kid-needs-sleep/





CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INFORMATION

The numbers are in and the 2nd Coyote Quick Kids Fun Run was another huge success raising over \$32,000 for Carver Elementary School! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a huge success!

Have you been looking high and low for somewhere to recycle your old clothes, linens and stuffed animals? Our textile recycling bins have been relocated to the Carver School District administration building (across from the post office) to make room for the construction of the new building.

Our annual winter festival, Winter Wonderland will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016. If you are interested in donating an item or basket for our annual raffle please email info@carverpto.org.

The next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the EKW IMC.

The results for the Summer Box Tops contest are in and the winners are: Jack Nelson in Mrs. Geraghty's class with 157 Luke Porter in Mrs. Doherty's class with 148 Mackenzie Moore in Ms. Harkins' class with 148 Brooklyn Benting in Ms. Dolan's class with 139. Enjoy your Target gift cards and thank you for your hard work!

Our first classroom Box Tops contest was great! Thank you to everyone for turning in their Box Tops. The top 3 classes for October 2016 are: Mrs. Sowa's class with 280 Mrs. Kalianiotis' class with 197 Mr. Baldo's class with 168 Mrs. Sowa's class has won spirit sticks and a visit with Coco the Box Tops Monkey!

The November Box Tops collection date will be 11/21/16. Please make sure to turn in your Box Tops to your classroom teacher by that date. The November results will be announced in the December newsletter.

The PTO has a challenge for the Carver Coyotes-can your classroom collect the most Box Tops for the whole school year? If your class can do it, your class will win a special surprise in June. The top 3 classes as of November 1st are: Mrs. Steed's class with 583 Mrs. Champignie's class with 512 Ms. Abbott's class with 486

Coyote Convenience will be open on 11/1/16 and 12/6/16. Please visit <u>www.carverpto.org</u> to make a shopping list. Please send your student with any money in a ziploc bag. Please email kristin.moore@carverpto.org with any questions or if you are available to volunteer.

CARVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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. -Storytime, ages 3.5 to 7 meet for stories, songs and related activities. **Creative Journaling** Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 10 and up, please register. **Pajama Storytime** Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 10 and under. Kids come dressed in their PJs for stories, songs and related activity. Autumn Leaf Suncatchers Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 4 and up, register. Silly Polls Tuesday, November 8, all day – Have some election day fun. All ages, drop-in. **Veteran's Day Project** Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in. Silhouette Collages Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 6 and up, register. **Thanksgiving Bracelets** Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6 and up, please register. **Dreamcatcher Craft** Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register. Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them Saturday, November 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, drop-in to hunt some fantastic beasts. Make-it, Take-it Tuesday, November 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in for self-service craft. **Holiday Pajama Storytime** Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 10 and under. Kids come dressed in their PJs for stories, songs and related activity. **Holiday Window Painting** Saturday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 4 and up, must register Holiday Lego Challenge Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register. **Kid's Paint Night** Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register. **Ornament Making** Saturday, December 10 from 11:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m. – All ages, drop-in. Make a memory or two for your tree! Holiday Song Pop! Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Family and friend teams encouraged! Please register. **Dream Butterflies Release Party** Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. – Celebrate the release of a very special book by local author and illustrator team, Paul and Connie Kelly. Yes, this is the library's own Miss Connie and her husband! Come down to support the publication of their collaborative effort and say congratulations. Elf Workshop Saturday, December 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – All ages, drop-in to make some special holiday gifts.

Carver Elementary School Spirit Week Coordinated by the 5th Grade!



November 14-18



Monday: Sports Day Tuesday: Color Battle- each grade wears their assigned color Wednesday: Costume Day- dress up as your favorite character (no masks or face paint!) Thursday: Pajama Day Friday: Hawaiian Day

| Color Battle Colors: | | | | |
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| Pre-k- purple | 3- red | | | |
| K- pink | 4- yellow | | | |
| 1- orange | 5- blue | | | |
| 2- green | | | | |
| All other staff- black | | | | |

For each day of participation please bring in a non-perishable donation for the local food bank! Extra donations are always appreciated.

*If participating in all five days bring in 4 items on Monday to get a day "free"

COYOTE TURKEY TROT FUNDS FOR FOOD



The first annual Carver Coyote Turkey Trot benefitting the Carver Food Pantry will be taking place during specials on November 14th, 15th and 17th. Students may bring change or small bills to put in a donation jar. Monies collected will go to gift cards for the Carver Food Pantry which they can use to purchase items that they need. Grades 3 through 5 will complete a one mile course while grades K, 1, and 2 will complete a half mile course. Preschool will complete a modified Turkey Trot on Monday November 14th. The top three fastest boy's and girl's times for each grade level will be recognized at a school assembly.

November 14: 8:30 Morning PK 12:20 Afternoon PK

November 15:
8:50 Ms. Balboni, Ms. Curley, Mrs. Lynam
9:35 Mrs. Champignie, Mr. MacEachen, Mrs. Steed
10:25 Mrs. Burr, Ms. Kane, Mrs. Swanton
12:20 Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Leatherbee, Mrs. Sowa
1:05 Ms. Crump, Mrs. Sexton, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Kalianiotis
1:55 Ms. Owen, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Geraghty

Nov. 17:

8:50 Ms. Chernicki, Mrs. Gesualdo, Mr. Baldo
9:35 Ms. Johndrow, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Harkins
10:25 Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Ogozaly
12:20 Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. Bennett
1:05 Mrs. Lake, Ms. Stahl, Mrs. Wall
1:55 Ms. Dolan, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Campopiano

Lunch Menu

Price for Lunch: \$2.40

Monday, 10/31

Toasted Cheese Sandwich On wheat bread Cup of tomato soup Celery sticks w/dip Fresh apple Buffalo chicken salad

Monday, 11/7

Hot Dog/Wheat bun BBO Baked beans Baby carrots Honey Graham snacks Fresh pears Chicken Caesar Salad

Monday, 11/14

Chicken Noodle Soup Warm W/G Pretzel Cheese stick Baby carrots Fresh apple Teriyaki Chicken Salad

Monday, 11/21

Deli turkey sub Side of stuffing, cranberry Sauce, baby carrots With ranch dip Bag of W/G pretzels Cinnamon applesauce Chicken/Bacon Ranch Salad Chicken/Bacon Ranch Salad

Tuesday, 11/1 Chicken Faiitas Chicken & cheddar cheese Seasoned brown rice Salsa & Bean Dip Chilled pineapple Buffalo chicken salad

Tuesday, 11/8 No School Teacher Professional Day

Tuesday, 11/15 Taco Tuesday Seasoned beef on hard shells Oven baked smiles lettuce/cheddar cheese Salsa and bean dip

Chilled fruit cup

Tuesday, 11/22

Cheese or Bacon

Chilled pineapple

with dressing

Fresh Spinach Salad

Pizza Day

Sal's Pizza

Teriyaki Chicken Salad

Wednesday, 11/2

Popcorn Chicken Bites Sweet potato crinkles Warm pretzel road Green Beans Orange wedges Buffalo chicken salad

Wednesday, 11/9 Chicken Nuggets Baked potato puffs Peas W/G Bread stick Chilled fruit cup Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, 11/16 Chicken Tenders Steamed green beans Warm pretzel rod Chilled peaches Teriyaki Chicken Salad

Wednesday, 11/23 Early Release Day

Thursday, 11/3 Meatballs in Sauce

Wheat sub roll Parmesan cheese Side of spinach salad w/dressing. Chilled pears Buffalo chicken salad

Thursday, 11/10

W/G Pizza Square Cheese or Sausage Garden Salad w/broccoli & dressing Cinnamon applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday, 11/17

Hamburger on wheat bun plain or cheese Lettuce, tomato, pickles Corn/Cheddar Goldfish Orange wedges Teriyaki Chicken Salad

Thursday, 11/24

Friday, 11/25

Friday, 11/4

Cheesy French Bread

Cheese or sausage

Fresh Caesar Salad

Garlic roasted chick

peas/chilled pears

Friday, 11/11

Veterans' Day

Friday, 11/18

Gilardi stuffed crust

Cheese or pepperoni

Fresh garden salad

w/kale & dressing

Cinnamon applesauce

Pizza Day

No School

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Happy Thanksgiving!!

Monday, 11/28

Chicken Patty on a W/W bun W/G Pancakes Plan or spicy Carrot coins/baked smiles Chilled fruit cup Chicken Caesar Salad

Tuesday, 11/29 Sweet potato bites Strawberry yogurt cup Chilled applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, 11/30 Popcorn chicken bites Brown rice Green beans Fresh hanana Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday, 12/1

Toasted cheese sandwich on wheat bread Cup of tomato soup Celery sticks w/dip Chilled pears Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday, 12/2

Sal's Pizza cheese or buffalo Fresh Spinach Salad with dressing Roasted chickpeas Chilled peaches

Daily Choices

- 1. WG Bagel with cream cheese
- 2. Garden Salad with dressing
- 3. Smucker's Uncrustable
- 4. Assorted WG cereals
- These meals come with a choice of: cheese stick, fruit, veggie of the day.

Juice and WG croutons/crackers

Breakfast is now offered to students

| <u>Breakfast Menu</u> | | | | | | |
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| <u>Monday, 10/31</u> Strawberry Yogurt Cup Graham cracker bites Apple Milk or juice | <u>Tuesday, 11/1</u> Blueberry Muffin Banana Milk or juice | Wednesday, 11/2 Mini pancakes Orange wedges Milk or juice | <u>Thursday, 11/3</u> Apple cinnamon muffin Fruit cup Milk or juice | <u>Friday, 11/4</u> Bagels w/light cream cheese or Smart Balance margarine Applesauce cup Milk or juice | | |
| <u>Monday, 11/7</u> Strawberry/Banana Yogurt Graham cracker bites Apple Milk or juice | <u>Tuesday, 11/8</u> No School | Wednesday, 11/9 Mini pancakes Orange wedges Milk or juice | <u>Thursday, 11/10</u> Chocolate chip muffin Fruit cup Milk or juice | <u>Friday, 11/11</u> No School | | |
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Breakfast Program

Available daily: Assorted gluten free cereals, milk & fresh fruit. We will also offer on alternating days: muffins and other breakfast pastries.

Breakfast will be free for approved eligible free students, \$.30 for approved eligible reduced students and \$1.65 for all others. If you have any questions, please call (508) 866-6230.

Be sure your NutriKids account is updated. To register for Nutrikids, watch daily transactions, check balances and make online prepayments, please visit: <u>www.myschoolbucks.com.</u> 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 (<u>www.carver.org</u>). 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 (<u>farrark@carver.org</u>) 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.