



Carver Coyote Monthly Newsletter

April 2017

A day to remember at CES! Clear blue skies were the perfect backdrop for this special occasion.



The Topping Off Ceremony was held at Carver Elementary School on 3/30/17. During this ceremony, the last steel beam was set on the new school. This beam was signed by all current students, teachers and staff. The students watched with excitement as the beam was hoisted and positioned in its place. MSBA Executive Director John McCarthy joined us for the special occasion and posed for a photo with 5th graders, Adam Jones-McDavid, Lucas McGrail, Jessica Baldwin and 4th grader, Colin Reardon.

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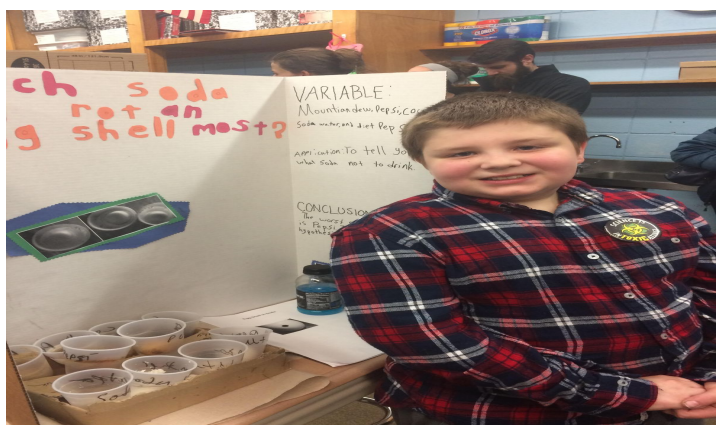
Beam signing at Carver Elementary



Students in Mrs. Johnson's 3rd grade class smile for a photo as others add a finishing touch to their signature on the beam.

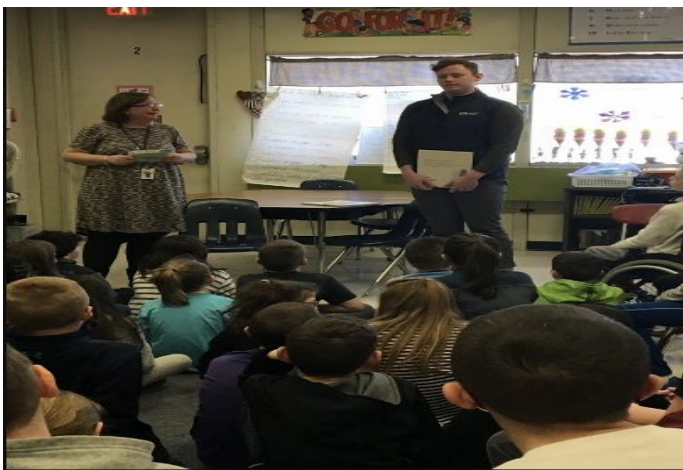
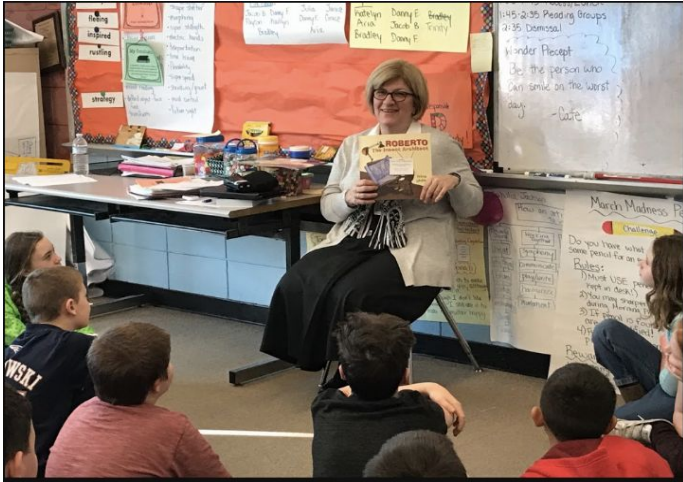


Mrs. Maestas finds her signature among all the others. Nearly 1000 staff and student signatures are on this beam.



The Science Fair was held on March 9. Students learned about the importance of following the steps to conduct a research project. They also learned a lot about planning, patience, perseverance and presentation skills. We are extremely proud of all our students and their teachers.

The Annual Community Readers Day was held at Carver Elementary School on March 16, 2017. This year, we invited members of our construction team to read to our children. Our staff also joined in as readers on this special day: Assistant Principal, Mrs. Foley; Mr. Brian McCourt, CTA Construction Superintendent; Dylan Heinricher, CTA Construction; and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Knief. The students enjoyed listening to the story of Roberto the Architect, Rosie Revere the Engineer, Iggy Peck the Architect, The Three Little Pigs-An Architectural Tale, Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site and Mighty, Mighty Construction Site all tied to our theme of the year, 'Under Construction for Academic Success.'



Students participated in the ABC's of ALICE lessons on March 21st and March 23rd. A special thank you to Officer Melo, MHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Souza; School Counselor, Mrs. Hardiman; School Psychologist, Mrs. Hines; School Counselor, Mrs. Langner; Behavior Specialist, Mrs. Liddy; and Associate Principals, Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Foley. All of these staff members collaborated over the last several weeks to develop a customized ALICE program for the children of Carver Elementary. The most important message we gave to the students is to always listen to their teacher. We hope your children shared what they have learned about the ABC's of ALICE. Special thanks to our teachers for their collaboration, support and their flexible thinking during this training process. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Calendar of Events.....April 2017

Tuesday, 4/4/17	6:30 pm	Harlem Wizards vs. Carver Crushers Basketball Game CMHS Gym
Wednesday, 4/5/17	11:45 am	Early Release Day - lunches are not served
Monday, 4/10/17	7:00 pm	Carver School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 4/11/17	During lunches (K-5)	Coyote Convenience (School Store)
Tuesday, 4/11/17	7:00 pm	Carver Town Meeting, 7:00 pm Carver Middle High School Auditorium
Friday, 4/14/17	11:45 am	Early Release Day - lunches are not served
Monday, 4/17/17 through Friday, 4/21/17	Spring Recess	
Thursday, 4/27/17	6:00 - 7:15 pm	Game Night - EKW Cafeteria Student Council will be selling Game Wright Games to raise funds for the food pantry.
Thursday, 5/4/17	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Preschool Pajama Party
Thursday, 5/11/17 Monday, 5/15/17 Thursday, 5/18/17	3:15 - 5:15 pm	Active Parenting Series, Part I Active Parenting Series, Part II Active Parenting Series, Part III
Tuesday, 6/20/17	11:45 am dismissal	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

High Five Fridays at Carver Elementary School.

Beginning on Friday, March 24, some of our local police officers joined the morning drop off staff to greet our students as they arrived to school. Police officers gave High Five's to our smiling students as they walked off the buses or out of cars at our busy drop off time between 8:00 and 8:15. High Five Fridays is an opportunity for our police officers to engage positively with the youth of Carver and is in line with the following two pillars outlined in the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and Crime Reduction:

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy
2. Community Policing and Crime Reduction

The goals of High Five Fridays are to:

- Build positive interactions with our students and the police
- Create an added sense of security on our school campus
- Build on the concept of viewing our police officers as guardians of our community
- Encourage a greater sense of friendship with students, families and staff
- Build trust and reduce fear

For more information on this initiative please visit: <http://bit.do/21st-Century-Policing>



Active Parenting Workshop Series

This parenting workshop series will be offered in May at the Carver Elementary School. The Coyote Kids Club will be available for school aged children while parents attend this informative three part workshop. Please look for more information to come home soon. Space will be limited.



Office Hours with the Principal

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.

ROLE MODEL SCREENINGS

The Carver Public Schools' Preschool Program, located at the Carver Elementary School, will begin scheduling appointments on Monday, April 3, 2017, for screenings for role model slots for the 2017-2018 school year. Screenings will begin April 14 and continue through May 12.

A screening is required for acceptance into the program. Children considered are those who do not currently receive special education services and are not in need of special education services. Applicants are expected to demonstrate age appropriate skills (within 6 months) in the areas of speech and language, cognitive/school readiness, fine and gross motor development, and social/emotional and behavioral development. In addition, a child must be at least 3 years of age by September 1, 2017 and toilet trained. They must also be a resident of Carver and families must provide transportation to and from the program. Those children found eligible will be entered into a lottery. Appropriate role model students who are not selected in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list. Please note that slots are limited.

This program for role model students is a fee based program. We offer 2, 3, and 4 half day sessions; the fee for each half day is \$12.00.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Pauline Lopez at (508) 866-6220. Requests for appointments received after May 12 will be put on a waiting list. Screenings will be held on Friday, 4/14/17; Friday, 4/28/17; Friday, 5/5/17; Friday, 5/12/17.

Next Generation MCAS

This April and May, Carver Elementary students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the Next Generation MCAS assessment. The ELA and Math assessments will be computer based. There will be a stronger alignment to the Massachusetts learning standards and new items on this assessment will more deeply assess both skills and knowledge. The grade 5 Science & Technology assessment will remain paper based. Testing dates for each grade level are below.



Grade 3 ELA - April 4, 6, and 7 *April 5th is an Early Release Day- No MCAS on this day

Grade 4 ELA - April 11, 12 and 13

Grade 5 ELA - April 25, 26 and 27

Grade 3 Math - May 2-3

Grade 5 Math May 4-5

Grade 4 Math - May 8-9

Grade 5 Science, Technology & Engineering (STE) May 10-11

PBIS Assembly- Each term we hold a PBIS school wide student assembly. This term, Mrs. Duff and student emcees, Nolan Blackwell and Scarlett Peabody hosted our assembly. They kicked off by announcing the top “Caught Being Good” ticket earners. Carver Elementary School Student Council representatives were introduced as well as their current projects.



Members of the Green Team prepare to start recycling at Carver Elementary School.



Family Game Night

Join the staff of the Carver Elementary School for games, raffle prizes, and fun on Thursday, 4/27/17 @ 6:00 pm. This event is designed to allow families to experience exciting literacy and math games that can be played at home! We will showcase games that many families have at home and/or can easily be purchased in stores. This event is open to all Carver Elementary School students and their families.

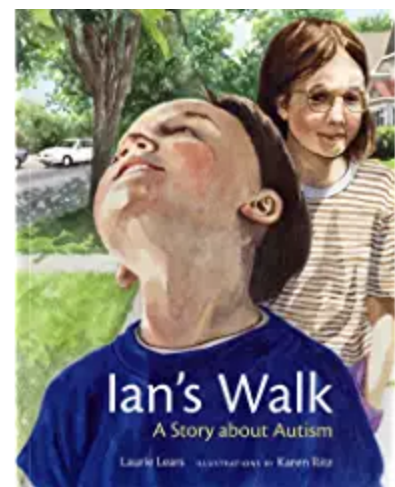
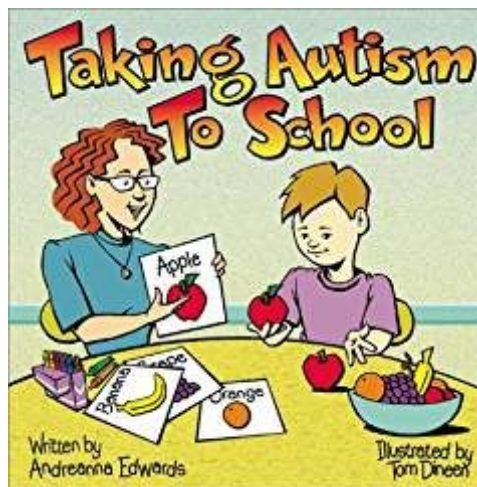
Best of the Bunch Brunch was held on Thursday, March 30. Parents were invited to enjoy this special morning with their student.



Accepting Differences Program

Our team of support staff consisting of Mrs. Langner, Mrs. Hardiman, Mrs. Schriefer, Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Maestas has been visiting every classroom during our morning meeting time to read disability awareness books and answer questions that the students may have about the book. Our selection of books is geared to help students understand various disabilities and provide information on how to be

a good friend to all students regardless of differences. During the month of April, our topic is autism and the team will read *Taking Autism To School* to grades 2-5 and *Ian's Walk* to Grades K and 1. For more information or questions, please contact us at 508-866-6210.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2017 and you have not registered for kindergarten for the upcoming school year, please call the Elementary School office to make an appointment. The phone number is 508-866-6210.

Carver Elementary PTO

Coyote Convenience will be open on **4/11/17** and **5/9/17**. Please visit www.carverpto.org to make a shopping list. Please send your student with any money in a ziploc bag. Please email info@carverpto.org with any questions or if you are available to volunteer.

The 5th Annual Coyote Family Challenge is approaching quickly on **April 8th, 2017**. Please visit: <http://southshoreracemgmt.com/5th-annual-coyote-family-challenge-5k---april-8-2017.html> to register. The race is taking place here at Carver Elementary! Special family pricing is still available online only by **4/6/17**. Please contact kristin.moore@carverpto.org for more info on how you can help or with any questions.

Our volunteers are busy counting all the box tops and will announce the March winning classroom & the overall leading classrooms in the May newsletter.

We Need You! Nominations for the 2017-2018 PTO Executive Board are now open. We need a strong board in order to continue doing all that the PTO does for Carver Elementary. If you would like a nomination form or have any questions please email info@carverpto.org.

Our April Box Tops collection date will be 4/26/17. Please make sure to turn in your Box Tops to your classroom teacher by that date for your class to have a chance to win the contest.

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.

Peepsapes are back! Entries due by April 1st! Winner receives a Kindle Fire!

Create a scene using marshmallow peeps in a shoebox or something of similar size. Drop it off at the library by April 1st for a chance to win!

Creative Journaling

Journals and other supplies are provided.

Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, please register.

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, please register. Kids come dressed in their PJs for stories, songs and related activities.

Make-it, Take-it Umbrella Craft

Saturday, April 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Travel Tic-Tac-Toe Game Craft

Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm - ages 5+, please register.

Bunny Mask Craft

Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 4 and up, must register.

Midnight Rider

Fun games, crafts and activities based on Paul Revere's famous ride

Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. All ages, drop-in.

Candy Bar Bingo

Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Admission is 1 full-size candy bar per participant. Seating is limited!

Earth Day Celebration

Fun and eco-friendly games, crafts and activities! Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. All ages, drop-in.

Lego Challenge

Tuesday, April 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Kid's Paint Night

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.- ages 8 and up, please register.

Make your own Shoebox Foosball

Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. - Ages 6 and up, please register.

Shoeboxes will be provided but any donations of shoeboxes will be appreciated!

Big Ryan will be hosting the 6 week Raising a Reader workshop series for preschoolers and their families beginning May 11th. Register today!

Carver Girl Scouts *Spring Food Drive*

Please join us to donate food & household items for
the Shane Gives Thanks Food Pantry in Carver!!

Plymouth Market Basket

Friday – April 14, 2017

12:30pm – 3:00pm


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Saturday – April 15, 2017

9:00am to 3:00pm



LUNCH MENU

4/3 Toasted Cheese on Wheat Smart Food Delight Popcorn Veggie sticks w/dip Cinnamon applesauce Buffalo Chicken Salad	4/4 Taco's w/seasoned beef Shredded lettuce, cheddar cheese, salsa Seasoned rice Steamed carrots Fresh apple Buffalo Chicken Salad	4/5 Early Release Day Lunches not served	4/6 Chicken Patty on a W/W bun Plain or spicy Carrot coins Baked smiles Fresh pear Buffalo Chicken Salad	4/7 Pizza Day W/G Max Cheese Pizza Sticks Warm marinara sauce Fresh garden salad with dressing Garlic roasted chick peas and chilled peaches
4/10 Ham & Cheese Sub Reduced Fat Doritos Pickles Carrot Sticks Fresh Pear Teriyaki Chicken Salad	4/11 Chicken Fajita Seasoned brown rice Steamed carrots Fresh apple Teriyaki Chicken Salad	4/12 PAPA GINOS DAY Cheese or pepperoni Fresh garden salad with dressing Chilled peaches	4/13 W/G Chicken Nuggets Baked smiles Green beans Fresh orange wedges Teriyaki Chicken Salad	4/14 Early Release Day Lunches not served
4/17 SPRING RECESS 	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21
4/24 Hamburger on a wheat bun Cheeseburger or pizza burger Smart Food Delight Popcorn Baby carrots w/dip Fresh apple Chicken Caesar Salad	4/25 Cinnamon Glazed French toast sticks w/warm syrup Scrambled egg patty Sweet potato bites Chilled applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	4/26 Popcorn chicken bites Whipped potatoes Corn Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	4/27 Turkey Sub Thin sliced turkey Lettuce, tomato and pickles Harvest cheddar chips Baby carrots Banana Chicken Caesar Salad	4/28 Sal's Pizza Day Cheese or pepperoni Fresh spinach salad with dressing Garlic roasted chick peas Chilled peaches

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)
Our breads are Whole Grain Rich

Lunch Price \$2.40
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.

BREAKFAST MENU

4/3 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/4 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/5 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/6 Apple/cinnamon muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/7 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals
4/10 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/11 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/12 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/13 Chocolate chip muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	4/14 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals
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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.