



This year's Game Night was a fabulous, fun filled event for 65 students and their families. There were many exciting literacy and math games available for everyone. In conjunction with Game Night our student council was on hand to sell games from GameWright. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Carver Food Pantry. Thank you to all our student council members and special thanks to Nolan Blackwell, Paige Medico, Maggie Turner and Katelyn Zabriskie pictured above.

Members of our Carver Elementary Student Council known as the Green Team (Maggie Turner, Corin Clougherty, Paige Medico, Natalie Waitkus, Dylan Young, Robbie Peterson, Nolan Blackwell and Anna Foley) have been helping everyone to recycle. The Green Team meets biweekly and collects recyclable materials such as paper and magazines and delivers them to our paper retriever behind the GJC building. We thank them all for working together to support this important initiative.



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Calendar of Events for May 2017

Thursday, 5/4/17	6:00 - 7:00 pm 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Preschool Pajama Party PTO Meeting
Monday, 5/8/17	7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 5/9/17		Coyote Convenience (during lunches)
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 (more information on page 3)
Tuesday, 5/16/17 Wednesday, 5/17/17	6:00 pm (IMC) 2:00 pm (GJC Cafeteria)	Volunteer Orientation
Wednesday, 5/24/17	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Art Fair Recorder Concert Bottle Project Display
Monday, 5/29/17	No School	Memorial Day
Thursday, 6/1/17	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night (more information on page 9)
Tuesday, 6/20/17	11:45 am dismissal	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Carver Crushers vs. the Harlems Wizards was a fun and exciting night!! The team members from Carver Elementary School gave it their all (despite the height difference). Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser!!





Carver Elementary School
in conjunction with
South Shore Family Network
is pleased to offer

Active Parenting

A **free** three-part workshop* with Susan West, LPN

This program assists parents with the challenges of caring for children ages 1-8. Topics will include developmental stages of childhood, discipline and problem prevention techniques, encouragement and the importance of a child's self-esteem, and parental self-care.

Instructor: Susan West, LPN is a Parent Educator for BID Hospital and a trained facilitator for Active Parenting Programs

Dates: Thursday, May 11; Monday, May 15; Thursday, May 18 (**You must register to attend all three sessions.*)

Time: 3:15-5:15

Location: Carver Elementary School, Erwin K. Washburn Building (rear)
85 Main Street, Carver, MA

Childcare: **FREE**—After School Kids Club Available for School-Aged Children

**To register for this three-part workshop, please complete the registration form below and return to the school by Friday, May 5th. SPACE IS LIMITED!
If you have questions, please contact us at 508-866-6210.**

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

of Children in Family: _____

Names and Ages of Those Requiring Childcare:

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 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, 5/5/17 and 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 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

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 May, our topic is Taking Speech Disorders To School. 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.

Fifth Grade Book Tasting



This fall, the 5th grade teachers received a grant which enabled them to purchase library-quality volumes of children's classic literature. The 5th grade students had an opportunity to 'taste' the various classics on April 7th. Students were excited and engaged while perusing and discussing these timeless selections. Students are able to check-out these books for the remainder of the school year. Thank you to all of the 5th grade teachers for hosting this wonderful event.

Coyote Family Challenge



We had a great turnout at our Annual Coyote Family Challenge on April 8, 2017. Thank you to everyone who came to run or volunteer their time.

Carver Elementary PTO

The Carver Elementary PTO would like to thank the Carver Cultural Council for supporting our program last fall featuring well known author and illustrator Brian Lies.

The 3rd Annual Look Whoooo's Reading Read-a-thon was once again a huge success! Students at Carver Elementary read over 293,000 minutes during the month of March and helped raise just over \$6,000 for the school! Students enjoyed logging their reading minutes and earning wisdom coins they could then use to update their 'owl'vatars. Students who participated and earned awards, such as getting to throw water balloons at some of the school's administrators, will get to do so on Read-a-thon Prize Day currently scheduled for Monday June 19th.

Bus Driver Appreciation Week is May 22-26!

During this week please take a moment to write a note or make a bus stop sign letting your favorite driver know just how much you appreciate them.

Please join us for our last PTO meeting of the year, Thursday May 4th at 7:00 pm in the EKW cafeteria. We will be holding elections for the 2017-2018 Carver Elementary PTO Executive Board.

Coyote Convenience will be open for the final time this school year on **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.

Thank you to everyone for turning in their Box Tops for the March classroom contest. The top 3 classes for March 2017 were:

Ms. Stahl's class with 322

Mrs. Champignie's class with 261

Mrs. Steed's class with 196

Ms. Stahl's class won spirit sticks and a visit with Coco the Box Tops Monkey! Great job Kindergarten!

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 April 26th are:

Mrs. Champignie's class with 1597

Mrs. Steed's class with 1157

Ms. Stahl's class with 775

We will announce the April & May winning classrooms along with the class that wins this year's overall contest in the June newsletter.

Our May Box Tops collection date will be 5/26/17. 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.

Nurse's Corner

While most ticks are harmless and don't require medical treatment, some ticks (like the deer tick, and others) can carry harmful germs and cause diseases. The deer tick is tiny, and no larger than a pencil point. Other ticks are larger and easier to find on the skin.

Think Prevention

- **Wear appropriate clothing:** please see attached page for more information.
- **Conduct a full-body tick check.** Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- **Examine clothes and gear.** Ticks can ride into the home on clothing, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine coats, and day packs. Tumbling clothes in a dryer on the highest heat for at least one hour may help kill remaining ticks.
- **Shower soon after being outdoors.** Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of being bitten by a tick.
- **Repellents** containing 20% or more DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) can be applied to the skin, and they can protect up to several hours. **Always follow product instructions!** Parents should apply this product to their child before school, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.

What to do if you find a tick attached:

If the tick is still attached to the skin, remove it:

- Using fine-tipped tweezers, grasp the head of the tick close to the skin.
- Firmly and steadily pull the tick straight out of the skin.
- Do not twist the tick or rock it from side to side while removing it.
- Put tick in a sealed container or zip-locked bag and save it to show the doctor if your child becomes ill.
- Do not use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove the tick.
- Wash area with soap and water or swab the area with rubbing alcohol.

Signs & Symptoms of Tick-Related Diseases:

- **Fever/chills:** With all tick borne diseases, patients can experience fever at varying degrees and time of onset.
- **Aches and pains:** Tick borne disease symptoms include headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. With Lyme disease you may also experience joint pain. The severity and time of onset of these symptoms can depend on the disease and the patient's personal tolerance level.
- **Rash**

Tickborne diseases can result in mild symptoms treatable at home to severe infections requiring hospitalization. Although easily treated with antibiotics, these diseases can be difficult for physicians to diagnose. However, early recognition and treatment of the infection decreases the risk of serious complications. So see your doctor immediately if your child may have been bitten by a tick and experiences any of the symptoms described above.

Seek Medical Care if:

- The tick might have been on the skin for more than 6-8 hours.
- Part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal.
- A rash of any kind develops (especially the red-ringed bull's eye rash or red dots on wrists and ankles).
- The bite area looks infected (increasing redness, warmth, swelling, pain or oozing pus).
- Symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, chills, stiff neck or back or muscle or joint aches develop.

For more information about ticks, visit the Center for Disease Control Site <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>

Appropriate Dress for Field Experiences



Adapted from <https://www.nps.gov/mana/learn/education/upload/Tick-Parent-Letter-2.DOC>

KINDERGARTEN IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
...and Carver Elementary School is here to partner with you every step of the way!



To begin a successful transition into kindergarten, Carver Elementary School is hosting a special event to help you better understand how to prepare your child for the upcoming school year. The night will include interactive parent sessions with information and materials to take home.

Some of the important questions we will answer include:

- * Why is kindergarten different today than when we were in school?*
- * What are the early literacy and numeracy skills that best prepare children for success?*
- * How can parents help their child with language acquisition?*
- * How can parents prepare their child for successful social and emotional transitions to full day kindergarten?*
- * How can parents help their child develop fine and gross motor skills?*



Parent Information Night!



All incoming kindergarteners are welcome to join us for a free pizza party and activities while parents attend the information sessions! (registration required for child to attend the pizza party)

Where?

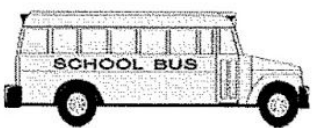
*Carver Elementary School
85 Main Street
Erwin K. Washburn Building*

When?

*Thursday, June 1, 2017
5:30PM- 7:00PM*

R.S.V.P

*Please Call 508-866-6210
by Tuesday, May 23, 2017*



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, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, please register.

May the 4th be with you!

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, drop-in and celebrate Star Wars Day by getting your Wookiee on!

Make-it, Take-it Thumbprint Dandelions

Saturday, May 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – All ages, drop-in.

Altered Books: Butterfly Mobile

Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 8 and up, must register. Turn an old book into something beautiful!

Big Ryan: Raising a Reader Workshop Series

Begins Thursday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m. – Preschoolers and their families may register for this 6 week series hosted by local storyteller, Big Ryan! Sponsored by South Shore Community Action Council.

Mother's Day Craft

Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. – Ages 6 and up, must register.

Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. – All ages, please register.

Kid's Paint Night

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.- ages 8 and up, please register.

Patriotic Beaded Bracelets

Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. - Ages 4 and up, drop-in.

Braided Headbands

Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.- ages 8 and up, please register.

Lego Challenge

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

LUNCH MENU

5/1 Brunch for Lunch W/G pancakes w/warm syrup Scrambled egg patty Sweet potato bites Cinnamon applesauce Chicken bacon ranch salad	5/2 Meatball sub Meatballs in sauce What sub roll Fresh Caesar Salad w/dressing Fresh Apple Chicken bacon ranch salad	5/3 PAPA GINOS DAY Cheese or pepperoni Fresh garden salad w/dressing Chilled pears	5/4 Chicken Patty on a bun Plain or spicy Corn Baked potato puffs Chilled fruit cup Chicken bacon ranch salad	5/5 Cinco De Mayo Chicken Fajitas Seasoned Chicken in a tortilla Seasoned rice w/beans Salsa & bean dip Blueberry cup Chicken bacon ranch salad
5/8 Toasted cheese on wheat Tomato or chicken noodle soup Veggie sticks Cinnamon applesauce Buffalo chicken salad	5/9 Nachos and Cheese Cheddar Cheese SAuce Over white corn chips Seasoned brown rice Salsa & chilled pears Buffalo Chicken Salad	5/10 Chicken Tenders Plain or Spicy Carrot coins Baked smiles Chilled peaches Buffalo Chicken Salad	5/11 Hamburger on a Wheat Bun Plain or Cheese Tiny Twist Pretzels Baby carrots with ranch dip Fresh apple Buffalo Chicken Salad	5/12 Pizza Day Sal's Pizza Cheese or Buffalo Chicken Fresh Spinach Salad w/dressing Garlic Roasted Chick Peas Chilled Mixed Fruit
5/15 Ham & Cheese Sub Reduced Fat Doritos Pickles Carrot Sticks Chilled pears Teriyaki Chicken Salad	5/16 Taco Tuesday Tacos with seasoned beef Shredded lettuce, cheddar cheese, salsa Baked potato puffs Fresh apple Teriyaki Chicken Salad	5/17 PAPA GINOS DAY Cheese or pepperoni Fresh garden salad w/dressing Chilled pears	5/18 Brunch for Lunch Sausage, egg & cheese On an English Muffin Sweet potato bites Cinnamon applesauce Teriyaki Chicken Salad	5/19 W/G Chicken Nuggets Baked smiles Corn Graham Bears Fresh Orange Wedges Teriyaki Chicken Salad
5/22 Meatballs in sauce Warm bread stick Fresh Spinach Salad Fresh apple Chicken Caesar Salad	5/23 Crispy Chicken Ranch Wrap Chicken Tenders in a wheat wrap Lettuce & tomato Harvest Chips Chilled peaches Chicken Caesar Salad	5/24 Popcorn Chicken Bites w/dipping sauces Baked sweet potato puffs Warm pretzel rod Fresh banana Chicken Caesar Salad	5/25 Turkey Sub on wheat roll Lettuce, tomato & pickles Baked crinkle cuts Cinnamon applesauce Chicken Caesar Salad	5/26 Pizza Day Girardi Stuffed Crust Cheese or Sausage Fresh Garden Salad w/dressing Garlic roasted chick peas Chilled strawberry cp
5/29 Memorial Day No School	5/30 Hot Dog on a Bun Plain or Chili BBQ baked beans Celery sticks with dip Chilled mixed fruit cup Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad	5/31 PAPA GINOS DAY Cheese or pepperoni Fresh garden salad with dressing Fresh banana Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad	6/1 BLT Sandwich Bacon/lettuce/tomato on wheat Baby carrots w/ranch dip Reduced fat Doritos Chilled pears Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad	6/2 Chicken Patty on a W/W bun Plain or chicken parmesan Goldfish crackers Spinach Salad w/dressing Chilled peaches Chicken Bacon Ranch Club

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

5/1 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/2 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/3 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/4 Apple/cinnamon muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/5 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals
5/8 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/9 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/10 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/11 Banana muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/12 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals
5/15 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/16 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/17 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/18 Chocolate Chip muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/19 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals
5/22 Yogurt cup Graham cracker bites Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/23 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/24 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/25 Banana muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/26 Assorted W/G bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit, milk or juice Or assorted cereals
5/29. No School Memorial Day	5/30 Blueberry muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	5/31 Mini pancakes Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	6/1 Chocolate Chip muffin Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals	6/2 Assorted W/W bagels Cream cheese or margarine Fruit Milk or juice Or assorted cereals

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.