

# George Washington Carver Elementary School



## Carver Family News August 2016

Carver Elementary School will be piloting paperless ways of communication. You have started this process by opening the link in the e-mail sent to you. Each week an e-mail will be sent to you with a link to the "Thursday Mailbag" and each month an e-mail will be sent to you with a link for the monthly newsletter.

On occasion we have to send home information in paper form, such as booklets from Leisure Services, or cookie dough forms. In this case, we will only send home one copy per family. Past practice has been to send these one per family items home with the youngest child or the only child in the family. **If you would like another child to be the mail carrier for the family, please contact the Carver office.**

Some families who have two households have requested that both parents receive the monthly newsletter and progress report. We will be sending all "second family mailings" an e-mail, provided an e-mail is listed in PowerSchool. The only thing we will be sending in a paper form to second families will be the progress reports. **Should you need a second family mailing, please let the school office know so they can plan accordingly.**

We are excited about the process as it provides easy, on-going communication about Carver and opportunities for your child.

Below are helpful links to the monthly newsletter and Carver's Parent Handbook, which can also be found on the Carver homepage under the Parent tab. For your convenience, they are also linked below.

Link to Carver's Monthly Newsletter:

<http://carver.dbqschools.org/parents/quick-links/school-newsletter/>

Link to Carver's Parent Handbook:

<http://carver.dbqschools.org/parents/attending-school/school-handbook/>

In addition, we will be including a new link called "Thursday Mailbag." This link will be live soon and will allow you to view materials traditionally sent home in the Thursday mailbag.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Carver School Office.

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### **A MOMENT WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Carver Parents,

This letter is probably one of the most important letters that you will receive this school year. It affects every student who goes to school at Carver and the families who trust that each and every child will get home safely. What I am referring to is the "green eyed monster" at Carver otherwise known as the parking lot and more specifically pick up at the end of the day.

Kindergarten parents only should use the Roosevelt entrance off of Radford Road, drive around Roosevelt, and park along the back of Roosevelt. (Do not plan on parking in the lot as there will not be any spaces available at the end of the day as volunteers and student teachers start assisting in the school.) Kindergarten students will be waiting in the front playground area for parents or older siblings to pick them up. Kindergarten students will have hand to hand dismissal. This means parents or a sibling meet their Kindergartner in this designated area. The key is that each student is being "handed" off to someone responsible (parent or sibling). If a sibling meets a kindergartner and they need to cross the street the parent will be responsible to get out of their car and escort them across the street. The only place parents can park and leave their cars is when they are at the back of Roosevelt. If you are on the side of Roosevelt wait until cars leave the back and pull up to a "parking area".

Parents picking up students in grades 1-5 have to enter from Heacock Road and form a single file line around the parking lot. No car will be allowed to enter the parking lot or line of cars from the

road around Roosevelt. As students enter their vehicles cars will be moved forward. Parents are to remain in their vehicles at all times. There are “No Parking” signs posted around the parking lot and this will now be reinforced by Asbury law enforcement officials.

Staff will be outside to assist students in getting into cars and directing traffic. Please be patient while in the line of traffic. For those of you who would like a visual of the directions of the explanations given above refer to the diagram below. If you need extra copies of this plan to share with grandparents, uncles, aunts, or whoever may pick your child up please contact the Carver office at 552-4500. As a community we need to make this effort for our children.

Sincerely,

Cindy Steffens  
Carver Principal

