

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

2017/18



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Daily Schedule

8:25 a.m. – Supervision Begins

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:25 a.m.

8:25 a.m. – Breakfast Begins

8:40 a.m. – First Bell

8:50 a.m. – Tardy Bell, breakfast ends

3:30 p.m. – Dismissal

Friday 10/27/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

2B Book Club, 11:45

Wednesday, 11/1/17

ITP Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Thursday, 11/2/17

ITP Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Friday 11/3/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Spirit Day

KF, KK to Asbury Fire Station, 10:20

KG, KN to Asbury Fire Station, 1:20

Tuesday, 11/7/17

ITP Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Wednesday 11/8/17

5th Grade to Symphony, 10:00

ITP Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Thursday 11/9/17

ITP Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Friday 11/10/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Carver Holiday Event and Silent

Auction 5:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Nov. 13, 1st grade to Heritage Center,

“The Cat in the Hat”

Nov. 14, PTG meeting

Nov. 20, 2V Book Club

Nov. 21, 2T Book Club

Nov. 22, No school, District PD

Nov. 23-24, No school, Thanksgiving

Nov. 27, 4th grade to Heritage Center,

“Dr. Kaboom”

Nov. 29, 2B Book Club

Principal's Corner

Conferences: I would like to thank all families who attended our recent Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. Conferences provide a great opportunity for parents to hear how their students are progressing as a student throughout the school year.

Iowa Testing Program: Students in 3rd through 5th grade will be taking the ITP tests (formerly ITBS) on November 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9. The ITP Test provides information on each student's skills and performance in many basic skill areas. Combined with other information, like grades and input from teachers, these tests can help us identify student's strengths and areas to provide additional support to develop the

best educational plan for each student. Here are some things you can do to help your child do his/her best:

- 1) Encourage your child to take the test seriously and not see the test as a nuisance or as a break from "real" school,
- 2) Continue to maintain a consistent family routine (stress or conflict before the test may interfere with your child's performance) and
- 3) Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test and that he/she eats a healthy breakfast in the morning.

One of the most important factors of being successful during ITP is for students to attend all days of testing, try their best on the tests, and do not interrupt others taking their tests. Parents play a huge role in achieving this success, so please help us to provide a positive testing experience for your child.

Mr. Maloney

PTG News

Holiday Event and Silent Auction

Carver PTG would like to invite the public to our *Annual Holiday Event & Silent Auction* on Friday, November, 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Carver gym.

Shop from these local vendors and crafters. The list of vendors has been increasing daily, so please check the Carver Elementary Facebook page for updates.

The Silent Auction will be held from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Food/refreshments will be available by Sinnipee Smoke, LLC until 7:00 pm.



A big thank you to those who volunteered for the Book Fair and fundraiser pick up.

Carver volunteers ROCK!

We will be looking for volunteers for vendor night on November 10th. Watch your email for a link to sign up.

As always, keep collecting those Box Tops for Education and Milk Moola!



Other News

Third Grade Happenings

Third grade students have been working hard this year and we have had many exciting learning opportunities. We have had two field trips so far this fall. Our first field trip was a walking trip to Dittmer Recycling. This trip went along with our social studies unit on solving environmental problems.

Our second field trip was to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra at the Five Flags Theater. It was an Arts Trek trip which was sponsored by community members to all third graders in the Dubuque schools. The funds for bussing were provided by our amazing PTG.

Geri Buelow from Helping Services of Northeast Iowa has been teaching Life Skills weekly to each class. She is covering the Trimester 1 health topics related to friendship, self-esteem, advertising, tobacco use, peer pressure, stress, and human body.

We are looking forward to having naturalist Allie from Swiss Valley coming Oct. 31st. She will be teaching our students more about owls. This goes along with our Lead21 story in Unit 2 called "Owl Moon". It also will go along with our second trimester science unit "Structures of Life".



Vocal Music News

Boomwhackers, Recorders and Singing ... Oh My!

What? Never heard of a Boomwhacker? Well just ask your children. Many of the grades are making music using these colorful pitched tubes that are great fun to play! When we are not playing Boomwhackers, we are singing songs about Football, reading (well singing actually) books about "The Little Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves," learning to read music by playing recorders, visiting the Dubuque Symphony for a performance, and a whole variety of other exciting musical activities.

Our choirs have begun, including a new group to Carver, the Hand Chime and Bell Choir in 3rd Grade. The musicians have all begun to learn music for our upcoming concerts, so make sure to check out the Performance Schedule below for all Carver Performances. Please mark these dates, times and locations on your family calendars.



THANK YOU

The Carver Community GENEROUSLY showed their support for two service projects the past two weeks. Food donations poured in for the Thanksgiving Blessing Bags. The Live Like Jack organization, whose mission is to give back to others, collected two large boxes filled with donations that will be used to assemble bags of food containing everything a family needs to sit down and enjoy a holiday meal together.

Not only did students support a local cause but they also gave **\$2,073.63** in coins to the "Coins 4 Books" campaign to help buy books for schools that have been affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Carver plans to partner with the MackinFunds Disaster Relief Program, who will in turn, give 100% of every donation to help replace school and library collections that have been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.

By participating in these two service events, Carver students truly lived up to the T.R.R.F.C.C. pledge that they recite each day.

"I pledge to be a caring and a good citizen and to make the world a better place!"

Grade/Group	Date	Time	Location
Choir/Hand Chimes	Sat, Dec 2	11:30 – 12:30	Roshek Building
Choir/Hand Chimes <i>Caroling</i>	Mon, Dec 11	3:30 – 4:30 4:30 – 5:30	Caroling around town Pizza Party place TBA
Choir/Hand Chimes <i>"Cocoa and Carols"</i>	Tues, Dec. 12	6:30p	Carver Gym
Grades 3/4 Choir/Hand Chimes <i>"Winter Wonderland"</i>	Tues, Jan 9	6:30p	Roosevelt Auditorium
Choir	Sat, Feb. 10	?	DBQ Fighting Saints Game
Grade 2 <i>"3 Piggy Opera"</i>	Feb. 20, 21, 22 The performances are during their music time. Each class performs alone.	1:45 – 2:30	Carver Music Room
Choir	Tues, April 3	6:30p	DCSD Choir Festival
Grade 5 (TBD) Choir/Hand Chimes	April 26	6:30p	Carver Gym
Grades K/1 <i>"Music on the Lawn"</i>	Mon, May 21	6:30p	Carver Back Lawn

It's an Amazing Day to be a Carver Cougar!