

George Washington Carver Elementary School



Carver Family News November 2016

What's Happening This Month

- Oct. 28 - Wear your favorite team jersey!
- Nov. 2 - School Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 3 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Symphony, Five Flags Theater, 11:50 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.
- Nov. 4 - Late Arrival - 9:40 a.m.
- Nov. 4 - Spirit Day - Popcorn at Lunch Recess (Thanks to Mindframe Theater for donating the popcorn and to PTG for bagging this treat.)
- Nov. 4 - Kindergarten Fifties Day
- Nov. 7-10, 14 - Iowa Test of Progress (formerly Iowa Test of Basic Skills) for grades 3-5
- Nov. 8 - Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Room B208
- Nov. 11 - Late Arrival - 9:40 a.m.
- Nov. 11 - Carver Holiday Event and Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., more information to come
- Nov. 14 - Elementary Band and Orchestra Concert, 6:00 p.m., Hempstead High School Auditorium (Students should arrive at 5:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 17 - 4th Grade Vocal Music Program, 6:30 at Roosevelt Auditorium
- Nov. 18 - Late Arrival - 9:40 a.m.
- Nov. 21 - 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Tracy's class) - 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Nov. 22 - Kindergarten and Preschool, Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
- Nov. 22 - 2nd Grade Book Club (Ms. Maneman's class) - 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Nov. 22 - Progress Reports will be sent home
- Nov. 23 - No School, Professional Learning Day
- Nov. 24 and 25 - No School (Thanksgiving)
- Nov. 29 - 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Budde's class) - 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Nov. 29 - Carver Skate Night, Skate Country - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 30 - 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Valentine's class) - 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Dec. 2 - Late Arrival - 9:40 a.m.
- Dec. 2 - Spirit Day - Popcorn at Lunch Recess (Thanks to Mindframe Theater for donating the popcorn and to PTG for bagging this treat.)

The mission of Carver School is to: Invigorate the Mind, Invest the Heart, Invent the Future.

DCSD Inclement Weather Line 563 552-3035
Our Home Page www.carver.dbqschools.org

Lunch Menu Line 563 552-3250
DCSD Home Page www.dbqschools.org



A Moment with the Principal

Dear Parents,

I cannot tell you how impressed I am with the Carver Community and its support of the students and teachers. To think that in the first two months of school the PTG served 780 desserts at Open House, bagged popcorn for 1,000 students, and had another successful fundraiser and book fair. AMAZING!!!!

All of this would not be possible without volunteers. Helping out at your child's school may seem too big of a time commitment to even consider. But study after study has shown that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. There are countless ways to help, both during the school day and in the evenings.

If you are available during the day:

- ❖ **Library Helper:** The Carver library welcomes volunteers who can help shelve books, assist children in picking out materials, and gather materials for teachers. Contact Carver's LRC teacher, Donna Schmitt, if you have time to spend in our library.
- ❖ **Classroom Helper:** Many times there is a need for an adult to read with students, practice math facts, or assist in completing missed classroom work. Contact your child's teacher if you are interested in helping in a classroom.
- ❖ **Special Events:** PTG, teachers, and I need extra assistance when there's a special event planned, like picture day or popcorn day. If you see an event on the calendar or hear of an upcoming event from your child, contact us to see if you can help.
- ❖ **Field Trips:** Volunteer on field trips by helping supervise small-group activities and keeping students on task, making the field trip a truly educational experience. Let the teacher know if you're interested in volunteering as a chaperone. Don't forget to fill out the volunteer disclosure form before going.

If you are available after school:

- ❖ **Family Nights:** The PTG has put together a list of events held monthly for Carver families. While these events are major projects, PTG feels strongly about bringing parents together to meet each other. In the future be looking for information on a Carver Night at the Fighting Saints, skiing at Sundown, and the Carver Vendor Fair.
- ❖ **Special Committees:** Carver has a Site Council and a PTG that meets on a regular basis. Both of these committees serve vital roles at Carver. If you want to become a member of Site Council, contact me at Carver or attend a PTG meeting the second Tuesday of the month at Carver in room 208.

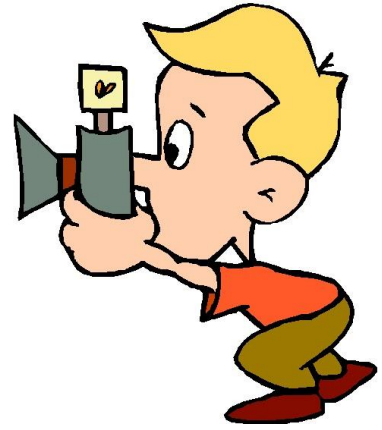
Carver has started an event-filled year. To keep this going we need "all hands on deck." Remember that by volunteering at Carver everyone wins—you, the school, and most importantly, your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Steffens

Picture Re-Take Day Wednesday, November 2

- If you did not have your picture taken on Picture Day, bring in your order envelope with payment.
- If you want to re-take your pictures, bring in your photo packet.



Carver Skate Night

Date: November 24, 2015

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Skate Country

Admission: \$4.00

Quad Skate Rental: \$1.50

In-Line Skate Rental: \$2.50

We are thankful!

As we take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Wednesday, November 23, Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th and reopens Monday, November 29th.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.





Counselor's Corner

IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE ITP TESTS

Parents Please Help . . .

On November 7-10 and 14, the third through fifth grade students will be taking the Iowa Test of Progress (ITP), formerly called Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Your child will be involved in an approximately one hour session each testing day. You can help make the testing days successful for your child by helping her/him to:

- *Get a good night's sleep.*
- *Eat a nutritious breakfast.*
- *Be on time for school.*
- *Take ITP testing seriously because it is a measure of their achievement.*
- *Keep your home routine consistent and relaxed.*



It is important for parents to talk with their children and encourage them to give their best effort.

Thanks for your support!

Mrs. Steffens and Ms. Weber

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Thanksgiving meals for the needy families in Dubuque. Remember to wear your favorite team jersey on Friday, October 28th. If you could use help with your Thanksgiving dinner, please contact Angie Hohmann at 563-581-8270 email angie@livelikejack8.org or message the Live Like Jack Facebook page.



MFC Food Pantry



3rd Friday Monthly
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Pre-registration Required

Thanks to St. Stephen's Food Bank and a John Deere Dubuque Works grant, the Multicultural Family Center (MFC) is able to distribute free food to families in need.

To receive food items, pre-registration is necessary. Families can only receive food from the MFC Food Pantry every other month. To register, call or stop by MFC during registration window.

Recipients must show one document proving Iowa residency (driver's license, ID card, utility bill, etc.) and complete required paperwork when they come to receive the food. Proof of income is not required.

Registration Begins	Food Pick-Up Day
Saturday, September 3rd	Friday, September 16th
FULL. No longer accepting registrations	Friday, October 21st
Friday, October 28th	Friday, November 18th
Saturday, November 19th	Friday, December 16th
Saturday, December 17th	Friday, January 20th
Saturday, January 21st	Friday, February 17th
Saturday, February 18th	Friday, March 17th



➡ Check out our **NEW** website: www.mfcdubq.org! ⬅

Multicultural Family Center | 1157 Central Ave | Dubuque, IA 52001 | (563) 582-3681 | www.mfcdubq.org

Thursday Mailbag



Welcome to the Thursday eMailbag! We will post links from nonprofit community members to which DCSD approval is granted. This will replace sending home flyers in the Thursday mailbag. New links will be posted each week and a reminder email will be sent each Thursday. Distribution of the following publications does not constitute an endorsement by the Dubuque Community School District.

[November lunch menu 10-27-16](#)

[What's for lunch?](#)

[Leisure Services Tennis 10-27-16](#)

[For grades 4 & 5. Deadline to register is Friday, Nov 11th](#)

A large, stylized graphic of the words "BOOK FAIR" in bright green, bold, block letters. The letters have a slight 3D effect with shadows.

The Carver Book Fair was a huge success! Our library earned over 2000 Scholastic Dollars to be used to purchase books online.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the book fair, and a special thank you to Stephanie Wolter and Tara Metz for their extra hours setting up and tearing down the book fair.

We are so grateful to have such AMAZING volunteers!

Mrs. Schmitt & Mrs. Miller

News from PTG.....

Carver PTG would like to thank all the volunteers who worked at the book fair and helped with fundraiser pickup. It is greatly appreciated!

If you are interested volunteering for an event, please email Stephanie Wolter at sswolter74@gmail.com. Volunteers will be needed for the Carver Holiday Event in November, the spring book fair, and Family Fun Night in May. The PTG greatly appreciates our volunteers! We cannot do all these events without YOU!

Please consider attending the November PTG meeting on, November 8, 6:30-7:30, at Carver School. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you
Stephanie Wolter, PTG Volunteer Coordinator

A graphic that says "WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS". The word "WE" is in large, bold, black letters. To its right is a large, red, 3D heart. Below the heart and "WE" is the word "VOLUNTEERS" in large, bold, black letters.

Cooler Weather/Safety Reminders

- Call the DCSD weather line at 552-3035 for school delays or cancellation information rather than calling school.
- Sign up for Iowa School Alerts, a free notification service. Details are available on our district web site at <http://www.dbqschools.org/district/departments/transportation/delays-cancellations/>.
- Cancellation of school, or delays due to inclement weather, will be announced on local radio stations beginning at 5:30 a.m.
- Early dismissals will be announced by 10:30 a.m. Information will also be announced on local radio stations and television throughout the day.
- In the event there is a late arrival, AM preschool will be cancelled. If there is an early dismissal, PM preschool will be cancelled. Students that attend preschool all day will have the same adjusted arrival or dismissal time as the rest of the school.
- Breakfast will not be available if there is a two hour late arrival.
- Establish and talk with your children about a plan for unexpected early outs due to weather BEFORE the next ice/snow storm.
- Dress students appropriately for winter weather. Students will be outdoors for recess unless the temperature dips below zero.
- Students should NOT be on the playground before 8:30 a.m. There is no adult supervision before that time.
- Drivers, please allow extra time for dealing with snow and ice. Follow the parking lot procedures and drive slowly as you come into our school community. It's worth the inconvenience for the safety of our children!

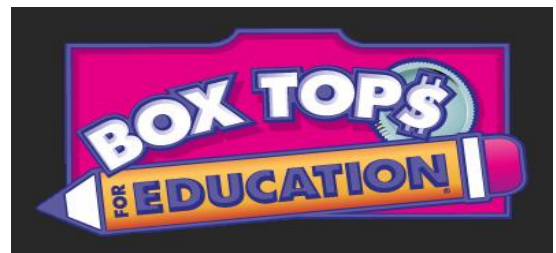
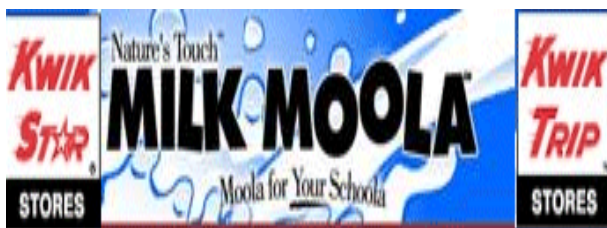


Box Tops and Milk Moola September Update

The August/September winner of the extra recess was Mrs. Evarts' fourth grade class! They collected 737 box tops and caps!

The next highest totals were 223 from Mrs. Maneman's class and 191 from Mrs. Koch's class.

Please continue to bring in Labels for Education which can be found on many products. Milk Moola caps and bag tops are found on Nature's Touch milk from Kwik Trip and Kwik Star. Bring them to school in a baggie or envelope labeled with your student's class.



Music Department News

Reminder: 4th grade music concert will be November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Auditorium.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 552-4563 or mharkey@dbqschools.org.

Mrs. Harkey



From the Carver Gym...



We have completed the **Fall Fitness Assessments**... Thank you to all students for their hard work in each assessment!!! Reminder to all students—our #1 focus is for each of you to improve your personal fitness level by the end of the school year!!! We had some really great scores!!! The following are the Top Fitness Stars for this year, as of today:

2016-17 Top Fitness Records...

- **5th Grade:** **Pacer**—67 Keelee Leitzen (5W), 95 Drew Lewis (5F)
½ Mile Run—2.42 Keelee Leitzen (5W), 2.39 Drew Lewis (5F)
1 Mile Run—6.06 Keelee Leitzen (5W), 6.01 Drew Lewis (5F)
Curl Ups—58 Gwen Deutsch (5W), 62 Drew Lewis (5F)
Flex Arm Hang—1.35 Keelee Leitzen (5W), 1.32 Cole Ramler (5D)
- **4th Grade:** **Pacer**—54 Addison Scardino (4H), 75 Bryce Roling (4J)
½ Mile Run—3.18 Ava Lassen (4K) and Addison Cook (4E) and Aubrey Schlichte (4E), 2.33 Mitchell Tackney (4K)
1 Mile Run—7.10 Shayla Murphy (4J), 5.40 Mitchell Tackney (4K)
Curl Ups—50 Ava Lassen (4K), 49 Owen Leitzen (4K)
Flex Arm Hang—40 Aubrey Schlichte (4E), 1.03 Owen Leitzen (4K)
- **3rd Grade:** **Pacer**—58 Alyssa Meneguín (3P), 64 Will Jewett (3P)
½ Mile Run—3.04 Paisley Backstrom (3H) and Alyssa Meneguín (3P), 2.51 Will Jewett (3P)
1 Mile Run—7.45 Soraya Munson (3H), 6.15 Owen Hall (3H)
Curl Ups—41 Alyssa Meneguín (3P), 54 Jack Kirman (3P)
Flex Arm Hang—51 Soraya Munson (3H), 1.07 Owen Wagner (3P)
- **2nd Grade:** **Pacer**—41 Hattie Peterson (2B), 63 Parker Johns (2B)
½ Mile Run—3.18 Natalie Leitzen (2V), 3.04 Parker Johns (2B) and Kobe Hargrove (2B)
Curl Ups—36 Maisy Duehr (2V) and Kaylee Carley (2M), 43 Brayden Nelson (2B)
Flex Arm Hang—1.02 Becca Roling (2M), 37 Connor Carpenter (2M)
- **1st Grade:** **Pacer**—30 Lilah Ettema (1T), 41 Evan Hefel (1G)
½ Mile—3.56 Holly Roling (1T), 3.25 Brock Freiburger (1G) and Evan Hefel (1G)
Curl Ups—32 Cadence Becker (1G), 33 Gus Pins (1L)
Flex Arm Hang—35 Stella Houselog (1L), 50 Evan Hefel (1G)
- **Kindergarten:** **Pacer**—17 Cali Arnold (KG), 15 Chase Schmitt (KB) and Ty Hughes (KG) and Jack LuGrain (KG), and Hayden Wood (KG)
½ Mile Run—3.57 Eleanor Johnson (KG), 3.44 Jack LuGrain (KG)
Curl Ups—26 Sammy Bries (KK), 34 Hayden Wood (KG)
Flex Arm Hang—48 Alanna Meyer (KK), 29 Braelyn Nechkash (KK)

In November, students in grades K-5, during physical education class, will have the opportunity to work on their Snag Golf skills and cooperative games!

Please be sure to have your child wear **gym shoes** that are clean and fit appropriately each day to class. We have some students without proper shoes or shoes that do not fit. Thank you!

Mrs. Kirman and Mrs. Borgwardt

News from the Art Room

Digital Fringe: This online gallery of student art in the Dubuque Community School District is a way to highlight the remarkable products of art education in the district. It's a digital attempt at bringing the work of our student artists at all levels into your home – because art is created for others to take in. The following students are showing artwork until April: **Natalie Leitzen, Drayden Ayers, Karise Benson, Anthony Kiefer, Alex Kirman, Whitney Hohmann, and Preston Pena.**

Artsonia Update

Parents, please note that Artsonia has a new policy about parent permission. To view any art work published after July 2016 you must respond to the e-mail! 72% of Carver parents have updated their Artsonia account. Need help, email Mrs. Deppe at sdeppe@dbqschools.org. Thanks!

Today I want to share some websites where kids can create art works. As always, I believe the best way for kids to explore the Internet is under adult supervision. Besides, playing with our kids and digital art is FUN!



If your kids love to color, they'll enjoy playing with the digital patterns at **Scrap Coloring**. There are many templates to choose from, then areas within these can be filled with either solid color or a range of patterns. The patterns can also be reconfigured by adjusting the colors.

At **Bomomo**, children can experiment to their heart's content. There's a range of interesting tools, and the best way to discover what they can do is to simply try them. Click one of the icons at the bottom of the screen, then move and click your mouse to make a cool abstract composition. If you can't save the creation, try taking a screen grab of it.



One great thing about websites that allow us to explore and play with art is that we may be encouraged to go on from there to try a similar activity in real life. **Aminah's World** is a website presented by the Columbus Museum of Art. Here kids can choose a digital background then build a collage by layering kente cloth and other fabric scraps, found objects, shells, and yarn. Objects can be moved and re-sized, and the result printed out.

Another website that facilitates lots of art exploration is **Toy Theater**. The art activities there include building with colored blocks, doodling, designing, animation, and a glimpse into processes like Matisse's painting, and Japanese



Some people disapprove of digital play for kids. They believe screen-based fun distracts kids from more important things — like reading, painting, and learning. Many parents, however, try to help their children find a balance. If you're one of the latter, I hope you and your kids will enjoy exploring and playing with digital art. I truly believe exploring WITH our kids online opens up all sorts of possibilities for discussion and learning.

If you have any unwanted items that you think the art room might be able to use, stop in to visit or give us a call at 552-4530.

Thanks for your support,

Mrs. Lammer, Mrs. Deppe

Notes from the Health Office



Hi Carver Families!

With cold and flu season fast approaching and as the number of incidents start to increase, we will be implementing the 24-hour Protocol soon that will last through the flu season. This means that students and staff should be free of fever (greater than or equal to 100), diarrhea, and vomiting for 24 hours **WITHOUT the use of medication** before they may return to school. In addition, we really need to step up awareness of good hand washing to prevent the spread of these illnesses. Good hand washing is the number one defense against sickness. Please share with your children the importance of this simple, yet effective step in stopping the spread of germs.

Keystone AEA will be performing their annual hearing tests for all students in grades K-2 this month. The testing dates are scheduled for November 7th, 9th, and 11th, with a re-test being held on November 16th. If you have a child not included in these grade levels, but have concerns regarding their hearing and feel he/she may benefit from a hearing test, please let us know and we can arrange one.

Vision screenings are currently in progress. This year, we will be doing all students in grades K through 5 due to an exciting new program that is being offered to each elementary school in the District. The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque has partnered with a program called Vision to Learn that will provide free eye exams and free glasses to students that fail the annual school screening. Last year, we piloted the program in 5 of the elementary schools. This year, the vision program will expand to all 13 Dubuque public elementary schools.

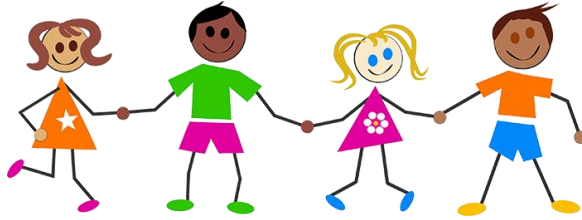
As always, please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Kathy McClimon, RN BSN
Carver School Nurse

November Health Topic

Your Body/Growth and Development/Human Sexuality

This month's K-5 district wide, health topic focuses on children learning the stages of growth and the importance of healthful habits throughout life. Children also learn appropriate terminology and functions of their bodies.



CARVER BUSINESS PARTNERS



Kohl's Department Store
2595 NW Arterial
Dubuque, IA 52002



Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
2775 NW Arterial
Dubuque, IA 52002



Hy-Vee Food Store
2395 NW Arterial
Dubuque, IA 52002



National Mississippi River
Museum & Aquarium
350 East Third Street
Port of Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement

Any form of harassment, bullying, or discrimination can be devastating to an individual. Therefore, the Dubuque Community School District will not tolerate harassment, bullying, or discrimination based upon a trait or characteristic of a student, staff member, volunteer, or applicant for employment including, but not limited to, age, ancestry, color, creed, familial status, gender identity, marital status, national origin, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, political belief, political party preference, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. The school district requires all agencies, vendors, contractors, and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity- School Board Policies #1001/#1005

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