

George Washington Carver Elementary School



Carver Family News September 2016

What's Happening This Month

- Sept. 2 - Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- Sept. 2 - Spirit Day
- Sept. 5 - No School, Labor Day
- Sept. 9 - Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- Sept. 13 - Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., room B-152
- Sept. 16 - Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- Sept. 17 - DCSD Fun Run, 9:30 Dalzell Field
- Sept. 20 - Artist in Residence Assembly, Vocaldente, 9:15
- Sept. 20 - Carver Skate Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23 - Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- Sept. 23 - First Grade Field Trip to Asbury Park, 11:30-1:30
- Sept. 27 - 2T Book Club, 11:45-12:15
- Sept. 28 - 2V Book Club, 11:45-12:15
- Sept. 29 - 2B Book Club, 11:45-12:15
- Sept. 29 - Carver Open House, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 - No School, professional learning day

*Carver Parent Teacher Group Fundraiser—September 1 - 13, 2016.

The DCSD Inclement Weather Line (552-3035)

Lunch Menu Line (552-3250)

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

A Moment with the Principal

This will be the last "paper" copy of the Carver newsletter that will be printed for the school. Carver Elementary School will be piloting paperless ways of communication. Each month an e-mail will be sent to you with a link for the monthly newsletter. The August newsletter was sent Friday, August 19 and the September newsletter was sent on Thursday, September 1st.

- If you did not receive the e-mail, check your spam or junk mail and unblock emails from carverschool@dbqschools.org
- If you did not receive the e-mail and it is not located in another folder, log onto your parent account in PowerSchool at <https://ps-dubuque.gwaea.org/public/home.html> , click on e-registration, and update your e-mail address.
- If you did not receive this e-mail because you do not have access to a computer, please complete the yellow form that was sent home with your student so we can make sure you get a paper copy of all the school information.

We are excited about the process as it provides easy, ongoing communication about Carver and opportunities for your child. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Carver School Office.

My best,

Mrs. Steffens

Helpful Links:

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/>

Welcome to Carver!

The Carver Parent Teacher Group (PTG), is a group of parents, teachers, grandparents, and friends that work to make each school year the best it can be. Because of the wonderful work these individuals do, Carver is able to reach many goals and have a good time doing it! Here are just a few of the awesome programs and technology advances Carver made last year:

iPads for classrooms	Field Trips	Computers in pod areas
Headphones for computers	Family Fun Night	Book Fair
Teacher Appreciation Week	Spring Dance	Open House Picnic
Walk-a-Thon/Skating PE Unit	Yearbook	Field Day
Skate Parties	Spirit Days	Vendor Night/Silent Auction
Calculators for classrooms		

What can you do?

Everyone wants what is best for their children! Let's make sure we do just that this year! It is a fact that children have a better learning experience when their parents, school staff, family and community work together. There are many ways you can become involved in the planning and executing processes and make sure your voice is heard.

- Attend meetings
- Volunteer for events throughout the year
- Fundraising
- Membership dues-\$7.00 per family which is used for school field trips throughout the year. This can be done online while registering your student(s) or by filling out this form. Make checks payable to: Carver PTG.

Family Name: _____
Student Name(s) & Grade(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Optional tax deductible contribution: \$_____ enclosed

While the PTG's strength is its volunteers, we understand that your time is valuable. We certainly value any time you could provide throughout the year. However, even if you are unable to make a commitment of time, please consider joining the PTG. PTG always welcomes parents to each meeting.

PTG Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30.

We would like to see you there!

Carver Skate Party

Date: September 20, 2016
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: Skate Country
Admission: \$4.00
Quad Skate Rental: \$1.50



A Reminder from the Carver Handbook:

ARRIVAL

Children should not arrive at school before 8:30 a.m. for their own safety. This is when adult supervision begins. The Safety Patrol goes on duty from **8:25-8:45** each morning. Children should always use the crosswalks provided and never cross in the middle of the street.

Students may enter the school building before school begins only for the following reasons:

- Eating breakfast at school from 8:25-8:50 a.m. (Use southeast entrance)
- With permission from the teacher
- Special Duties
- Participating in band, orchestra or choir

Otherwise, students are to go directly to their designated grade level areas. During inclement weather, students are permitted to enter the building and gather in the Commons area in the building.

Please help by providing the safest possible conditions for your child on the way to and from school. It is best when children come to school in groups or with friends at the same time and follow the same route each day.

Please have students arrive close to the start of school. Supervision is assigned to front doors and playground at 8:30 until the bell rings.

It's Not Too Late to Enroll for 2016-2017!



It is not too late to sign your child up for Iowa's free four-year-old preschool in one of our district or community partner preschool classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are a resident of the state of Iowa and your child turns four on or before September 15, 2016, you meet the requirements!

The following are district preschool classrooms that still have openings: Audubon, Bryant, Fulton, Hoover, Irving, Lincoln, Prescott, Sageville, and Table Mound. Visit one of these great elementary schools listed today to enroll your child. Remember, your child may attend preschool at any school. **Homeschool boundaries do not apply** to preschool. Spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and relatives today!

New Staff at Carver School

Nici Hilby – I have come to Carver to be the new instructional coach. I graduated from UW-Platteville, and I started my career 19 years ago at Fulton and then Hoover before spending 11 years teaching 8th grade social studies at Roosevelt. Last year I worked as a district mentor, supporting 9 1st and 2nd year teachers anywhere from kindergarten to 8th grade across 5 buildings. After working with Mrs. Steffens in summer school this year, I am super excited to join the Carver family! I have 3 children, Charlie Reeg (17), Lily Reeg (15) and Gracie Hilby (8). We live on a farm and spend a lot of time caring for our 400 acres and 150 cows. When we're not farming, we enjoy crossfit, playing softball, watching the kids' football and volleyball games, and traveling to visit my family in northern Wisconsin where we enjoy boating and snowmobiling.

Hello Everyone! My name is **Jaymie Zarra** and I am a new paraprofessional here at Carver this year. I recently left my position as Director of a childcare center where I worked for 15 yrs. I am married to my husband Rob and we have 3 sons, Tyler, Nick and Logan which is who I enjoy spending most of my free time with. I also love being outside, cooking out and being with friends. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Carver School and very excited to get to know all the wonderful staff and kids.

Hello! My name is **Ashley Brehm**. I am the new special education teacher. This is my third year in the district. I taught at Table Mound for 2 years before coming to Carver. I grew up in the Dubuque area. I graduated from Northeast Iowa Community College and Clarke University. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, reading, and watching movies. I look forward to being a part of the Carver community.

Jeleighsa Hamilton, Sign Language interpreter

Hello Carver families! I am the new Sign Language Interpreter here at Carver. This will be my fourth year working in the district but my first year at Carver. I previously worked at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School across the street, so I am looking forward to a new experience with a much younger group of students. In my free time I enjoy cooking, playing my guitar, riding bikes, disc golfing, along with many other sporting and outdoor activities. I am excited to start the school year where I will have the opportunity to meet some new friends.



Dear Carver Parents and/or Guardians:

August 26, 2016

We would like to welcome you to a new school year!!! We are excited to teach your son/daughter physical education this year! In this letter, we want to briefly describe the physical education/wellness program at Carver Elementary School and what your child can expect to learn.

The curriculum is designed to develop physical competence that leads to confidence and participation in physical activity for a lifetime. Our goal is to help children find a variety of ways to enjoy being physically active so they will be able to get all the physical, emotional, intellectual and social benefits of being physically active.

At Carver Elementary, your child will have physical education opposite of art and music, on a three day rotation, for 45 minutes. The class has been designed to focus on three major categories that contribute to one's physical health and well-being; therefore each student should be able to:

- Demonstrate competency and understanding in movement skills.
- Participate regularly in physical activity.
- Achieve and maintain a health enhancing level of physical fitness.

Your child's physical education progress report is based on these categories.

If for any health reason, your child cannot participate in physical education activities during class, a note from you is acceptable the first time. The second time your child is going to miss class/sit out, for the same illness/injury, a doctor's note is required to be sent to the school nurse.

As teachers, we recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests. For this reason, in every class, we will attempt to provide all of the students with experiences that are both beneficial and enjoyable. Each lesson will be adjusted to take into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels that our children have at Carver.

Our class expectations are very simple, we want everyone to have fun while learning, be safe, be respectful, and work hard to become physically fit! By following the Character Counts program of our school, this is easy to achieve for all. Character Counts includes being trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and a good citizen. In addition, each student should come to class with proper gym shoes (tie or velcro and non-marking to the gym floor) and socks. If your child wears a dress or skirt, please have them wear a pair of shorts or pants underneath.

In closing, we want to invite you to talk to your child about the activities they will participate in during physical education class. We encourage you to do something physically active with your child everyday, even if it is just going for a walk. You will both benefit greatly from the time spent together!

We are very proud of the physical education program at Carver Elementary School and look forward to a great year!!! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call us.

Sincerely,

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(563)552-4562

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(563)552-4088





FUN RUN

September 17

DALZELL FIELD (by Senior High School)

Come out and enjoy a morning of recreation by jogging or walking at Dalzell field. The purpose of the event is to promote lifelong wellness in our community. Participants may register and join in on the fun, or they may cheer on their favorite runner/walker. An adult must accompany children to the event. This event is FREE for all participants.



FREE!

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
RACE BEGINS:
10:00 a.m.**

**DALZELL
FIELD**

**ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE.**

**Registration is
9:30 a.m.**

**DCSD
WELLNESS
EDUCATION**

Music Department News



Hello all! We are off to a great start in our music classes and I'm looking forward to a great year. We have all of the concert dates planned already. Be sure to mark your calendars.

4th grade – Thursday, Nov. 17th – 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Auditorium

5th grade drumming concerts –

Tuesday, Dec. 13th - 5W – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th - 5F - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th - 5D – 7:00 p.m.

These will all take place in the Carver gym.

2nd grade – Thursday, Jan. 26th – 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Auditorium

Kindergarten & 1st grade – Thursday, Feb. 9th – 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Auditorium

3rd grade – Tuesday, Mar. 7th in the Carver gym

3Dirks and 3Davison will perform at 6:00 p.m.

3Heiar and 3Potts will perform at 6:45 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our performances. If you ever have any questions, you may contact me at 552-4563 or mharkey@dbqschools.org.

Mrs. Harkey



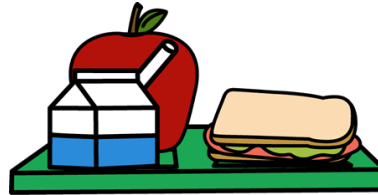
News from the Art Room

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 they will send you on the first of the month to give permission again.

Thanks!

Mrs. Deppe and Mrs. Lammer



Food and Nutrition Services Meal Charge Guidelines July 1, 2016

The policy of the Dubuque Community School District is to offer breakfast and lunches to all students within the district. As a student's account balance approaches a zero balance or becomes negative, the following procedures will apply.

Elementary School

- Students may charge any combination of meals up to a negative balance of \$6.00.
- When the negative \$6.00 charge limit is reached an alternate sandwich with milk will be offered for lunch and graham crackers with milk for breakfast, until the charges are paid in full. This alternate lunch or breakfast will not be charged to the student's account.
- Payment envelopes indicating the student's account balance, for those accounts with less than \$3.00, will be sent home with the students on a weekly basis.
- Parents will receive low balance notification via e-mail through the Meal Magic System.

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Service Substitutes Needed!

Food and Nutrition Services has employment opportunities available for substitute food service workers across the district.

High school diploma required.

Applications available at:

www.dbqschools.org

Click on careers.



Please keep collecting Box Tops for Education and Milk Moola caps and labels. Send them to school, have them labeled with your student's home room. Each month the class that has brought in the most labels wins an extra recess!



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.

[Girl Scouts 9-1-16](#)

Join the Girls Scouts, Sept 16th 5-6PM

[Leisure Services Soccer 9-1-16](#)

Registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept 13th

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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