

George Washington Carver Elementary School



Carver Family News March 2017

What's Happening This Month

- March 2 Progress Reports sent home
- March 3 Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- March 3 Spirit Day, Popcorn at Lunch Recess (Thanks to Mindframe Theater for donating the popcorn and to PTG for bagging this treat.)
- March 3 Carver Dance, 6:00-7:30, Carver gym
- March 6 4th Grade Field Trip, U.D. Heritage Center, 9:15-10:45 a.m.
- March 6 District String Festival Concert, 6:30 p.m. Hempstead Moody Gym, orchestra students arrive by 5:00 p.m.
- March 7 District Band Festival Concert, 6:30 p.m. Hempstead Moody Gym, band students should arrive by 5:30 p.m.
- March 8 2B and 2T to Dubuque Museum of Art, 9:20-11:00 a.m.
- March 9 2M and 2V to Dubuque Museum of Art, 9:20-11:00 a.m.
- March 10 Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- March 13-17 No School, Spring Break
- March 15 Open enrollment applications available at the Forum or any school office
- March 21 Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in room B208
- March 21 District Choral Festival, 6:30 p.m. Hempstead Moody Gym, Carver Choir students arrive at 6:00 p.m.
- March 23 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Valentine's class), 11:45-12:15
- March 24 Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- March 24 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Budde's class), 11:45-12:15
- March 28 Carver 10 Year Anniversary Celebration, 5:00-7:00 in various classrooms
- March 29 5th Grade to Human Body Bee, Clarke University, 9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- March 30 2nd Grade Book Club (Mrs. Tracy's class), 11:45-12:15
- March 31 Late Arrival, 9:40 a.m.
- March 31 2nd Grade Book Club (Ms. Maneman's class), 11:45-12:15



The DCSD Inclement Weather Line (563) 552-3035

www.carver.dbqschools.org

Lunch Menu Line (563) 552-3250

www.dbqschools.org

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



George Washington Carver Elementary School's 10th Anniversary Celebration



It is hard to believe but George Washington Carver Elementary School is celebrating 10 years of AMAZING education. The students will be participating in a day-long celebration on March 28. They will be recognizing George Washington Carver as a scientist and inventor by participating in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities.

Carver school has partnered with the University of Dubuque to continue the celebration with STEM activities for families after school. Come join us in our celebration!

Save the Date

March 28 5:00-7:00

These two hours are an opportunity for families to explore different STEM disciplines through hands-on activities. This night will be open-house style with different activities in all of Carver's classrooms and in the gym. Don't forget to order your 10 year anniversary shirts. These will be a one time only order!

Sincerely,

Cindy Steffens

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.

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Minutes from February's meeting

2017 Spring Apparel Order Form 3 2 17

Check out the new Carver Spring apparel- Orders due March 8th

Two by Two Kids Character Camp 3 2 17

Join Two By Two this summer for an exciting week of activities starting June 19th

Shrine Circus 3 2 17

March 8th at the Five Flags Center



Volunteer Reminder

All volunteers in the Dubuque Community Schools need to have a current background check on file with the district. Packets may be picked up at our main office.

The weather will be getting warmer, and classes will be taking field trips and doing outdoor activities. Don't miss out on the chance to spend time with your student's class at school!

If you have a question regarding volunteering, call the main office at (563) 552-4500.

Open Enrollment Applications for Elementary School

Elementary Open Enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 school year will be available March 15, 2017 at all schools, the district administration building (2300 Chaney Road), and on-line at:

<http://www.dbqschools.org/parents/quick-links/open-enrollment/>

Elementary applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

A written response will be mailed on or before June 1.



If you have an incoming Kindergartener this information is for you.

Kindergarten packets were mailed out by the District offices this week. If you did not receive a packet, please stop or call the Carver Office to get one. Carver's Kindergarten event will be held April 25th. More information will be coming about the event.

News from Carver PTG

The Parent/Teacher Group is looking for 2 individuals to fill open positions for the 2017-18 school year. The **Volunteer Coordinator** and **Fund Raiser Coordinator** positions involve calling volunteers from our list of parents and business partners to fill various needs throughout the school year. Do you have some time to spare each month? Call the Carver main office for more information:
(563) 552-4500.

Carver Skate Party

The Skate Party that was previously scheduled for Mar 28 has been **canceled** due to the Carver 10-Year Anniversary Celebration.



Box Tops/Labels for Education February Update

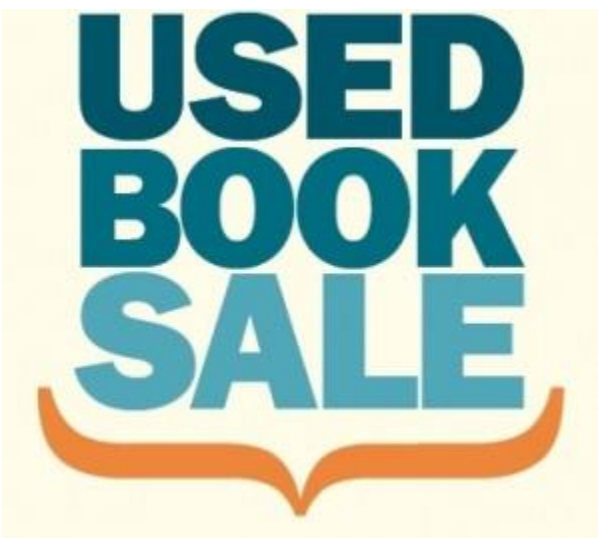
The winner of the extra recess for the February box top collection is ... Mrs. Budde's class with 183 labels! Coming in a close 2nd place is Mrs. Evarts' class with 180 labels, and 3rd place goes to Mrs. Knopp's class with 177 labels. Wow! That was a close race!
Enjoy your extra recess 2B!



**Thank you, Dubuque
Racing Association!
Carver School received
\$3,77.75 to purchase new
outside security cameras!**

WHAT A TRRFCC WEEK!

Carver School would like to thank all the students that brought in their loose coins to purchase books for our school. Together we raised just over \$1,500! The week also brought about an opportunity to explain and reinforce the core values upon which character is formed, namely: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. On Friday, our youngest students in the building wore blue to remind others to be honest, loyal and have the courage to do the right thing. First grade students wore yellow to encourage others to remember the golden rule. Second graders that wore green wanted everyone to know how important it is to be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes. Students wearing orange in third grade spread the message that you need to play by the rules and treat people fairly. The fourth grade students wore red to promote compassion and a grateful attitude. And our oldest students wore purple to remind everyone to do their share to make our school and community a better place.



We are still looking for used books for our annual Carver Used Book Sale to be held on April 13th. Money made from the sale will be used for author visits.

You can drop off used books in the library.



Counselor's Corner

Attend, Eat, Learn

- ❖ When one thinks about the benefits of attending school regularly, often what comes to mind are academic outcomes: building skills, reading on grade level, grade promotion. While these are all critically important, there is another important benefit that children can only access when they are present – school breakfast, school lunch, and in some cases afterschool snacks and meals. Three out of four public school teachers say that their students regularly come to school hungry. Eighty-one percent of teachers say that children come to their classrooms hungry more than once a week.
- ❖ The research is clear. Hunger makes it difficult to learn, increases behavioral problems, and has a long-term negative impact on health outcomes. On the flip side, consistent access to nutritious meals makes a significant and positive impact, particularly on students experiencing poverty. Students who aren't experiencing hunger are more alert, have improved concentration, are less likely to be referred to the office for disciplinary reasons, and perform better on tests.
- ❖ Carver offers hot and cold breakfast daily from 8:25-8:50. The cost of breakfast is \$1.55. For those qualifying for reduced or free meals, breakfast is 30¢ or free. *If school is delayed 2 hours, breakfast is not served.* If you have any questions regarding free or reduced meals, please call the Carver office at (563) 552-4500 or Food and Nutrition Services at (563) 552-3237.

From the Health Office

As a Health Office, we are usually happy to see the month of March, and that continues to hold true! This school year, February has been our "sickest" month—including just a little bit of everything: influenza, norovirus, strep throat, etc. Our flu ban remains in effect and states that students and staff should be free of vomiting, diarrhea, and fever for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use medication before returning to school. This rule, along with the use of frequent hand washing, is going to be our best defense at keeping illnesses out of our school.

With the warmer temperatures, our muddy playground has put a damper on our supply of extra clothes. We are in need of boys and girls elastic-waist pants, sizes 6-10.





Reach & Rise® Group Mentoring Program Information

WHAT IS REACH & RISE? WHY WAS THIS PROGRAM CREATED?

- Reach & Rise is a free, group mentoring program of the YMCA, established to provide young people in our community with positive and peer relationships.
- 2 adult mentors are matched with a group of 6 youth
- The group will meet once a week for 2 hours.
- The program cycle runs for 8 weeks during the summer and 16 weeks during the fall and spring.
- Mentors are meant to serve as role models, friends, and confidants. They're another source of support for your child. They are not meant to take the role of a parent, babysitter, or financier.

HOW ARE MENTORS SCREENED BEFORE BEING MATCHED WITH MY CHILD?

- Mentors fill out a volunteer application and are screened by the Program Director and Y policies.
- Mentors complete 15+ hours of mentor training
- Mentors will have passed a background security screening and thorough reference checks.

ONCE MY CHILD IS MATCHED WITH A MENTOR, WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- Group mentors will meet with their mentee group every week for 2 hours at an assigned site. This may be at a Y facilities, a school, community center, etc.
- Parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from the group.
- Typical times to meet are weekday evenings or the weekend during the day.
- You should expect consistency from the mentors (e.g. meeting should be held at a consistent site, day and time). If for some reason they are unable to make a meeting, the mentor should call in advance and let you and your child know.

WHAT ARE SOME ACTIVITIES THAT MENTORS DO WITH THEIR MENTEES?

- Mentors will utilize a group mentoring handbook compiled by Reach and Rise to engage youth in discussions and activities relevant to each mentee's daily life.
- Here are some sample activities that your child may do with his or her mentor:
 - Go to the YMCA to play sports or swim
 - Practice social skills through role play and other fun games
 - Community service project
- Many mentors try to introduce their mentees to new activities to help them grow and learn about themselves and their community.

SHOULD MY CHILD SPEND TIME AT A MENTOR'S HOUSE?

- Your child should not go to his/her mentor's house.
- Your child should never spend the night at his/her mentor's house, or go away with his/her mentors for an overnight or the weekend.
- If at any time throughout the relationship you are uncomfortable with the type of activities your child is doing with his/her mentors, you should call the Program Director right away to discuss it.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS/HER MENTOR?

It is important that your child attends mentoring groups regularly and on time. This will help establish the consistency and structure that children need. The relationship between the mentors and your child will be most effective if they are allowed confidentiality. Mentors are trained to discuss situations with you in which the safety and well-being of your child may be jeopardized. If you have any questions, concerns, or are feeling uncomfortable for any reason, it is important to call and discuss it immediately. Children will be more willing to participate fully in the new relationship if they know their parents are comfortable.

QUESTIONS or MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Kim Shird
Director of Community Outreach
Dubuque Community Y
563-556-3371

March Health Topic: Substance Use/Misuse

This month's health topic focuses on safe use of medications and health risks of alcohol, tobacco and other legal/illegal substances. Children also learn and practice refusal skills.

**Spring Picture Day is
coming, Tuesday,
April 18, 2017!**



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
(563) 557-9545 or (800) 226-3369

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.

Any person having inquiries about this statement or the district's compliance with regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 or Iowa Code Section 280.3 is directed to contact: The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA 52001 (563) 552-3019.