

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

2017/18



Thursday, August 25, 2017

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

3:30 p.m. – Dismissal

Thursday 8/24/17

Take Home Folders go home

Friday 8/25/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Friday 9/1/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Spirit Day, wear Carver colors

Monday 9/4/17

No School (Labor Day)

Thursday 9/7/17

Cub Scouts Sign-Up Night, 6:30 pm

Friday 9/8/17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Upcoming Events

9/12 – Open House

9/12 – Carver PTG Mtg.

9/18 – Carver Skate Night @ Skate Country

9/26 – Book Club (2V)

9/27 – Book Club (2T)

9/28 – Book Club (2B)

Principal's Corner

Visitors: ALL visitors coming to school during school hours will need to enter through the front door and check in with the office staff.

Attendance: We at Carver want to stress the importance of on time and daily attendance at school. That is why we have decided to “step up” our efforts to ensure that students are: **1)** attending school every day we are in session, **2)** arriving to school on time and **3)** remaining in school for the entire day. Frequent tardies and absences greatly interfere with a child’s learning and the growth that is so crucial at the elementary school level. Additionally, excessive tardies and absences can cause unnecessary stress on children and may send the message that school attendance is not important. Habits formed at this stage in children’s lives will often stay with them and influence attitudes in later years. Our goal is that the habit of punctuality and attendance will become innate as they go forth as adults into the workplace.

Open House: We will host our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families are welcome to visit their child’s classroom from 5:30-6:15 p.m. The Carver PTG will provide

hospitality in the back playground area (weather permitting) starting @ 6:15 p.m. Please plan to join us for this event.

On behalf of the entire Carver Staff, I would like to thank you for a great start to the 2017/18 school year. We look forward to a successful year.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend!

Mr. Maloney

PTG News

Carver Parent/Teacher Group would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. Please join us after the Open House on September 12 to see what PTG is all about!

If you haven’t returned your gold volunteer information sheet, please do so. The first volunteer opportunity will be August 31st to bag popcorn for Spirit Day. Watch your email.

There are extra 2016-2017 yearbooks available for sale in the office for \$15.

PTG is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Milk Moola. There is a box outside the Carver office for their collection. Please DO NOT send Labels for Education or Swiss Valley milk caps as we are no longer collecting those items.

Celebration Guidelines

Birthdays and holidays are so exciting to celebrate! We often celebrate these special occasions with snacks, but due to our school and district wellness policy and possible allergies in the classrooms, we ask that you **DO NOT** send edible treats to school. Although it is not expected, you may choose to send something for a special occasion. If you do, we ask that it be nonedible as all edible treats will **NOT** be passed out and will return home.

Thank you for your support in following our school and district wellness policy.

Other News

Cub Scout Sign-Up Night—Boys and parents come to Carver on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 to hear what the Cub Scout program is all about!

Reminder—Breakfast is served on Friday late starts from 9:25-9:50. There is **no breakfast** served when there is a **2-hour delay** due to weather.

New Carver Staff

We have many new faces this year!

My name is **Donna Cluff**, and I am the new **first-grade teacher**. I am married and have two children. My husband is an electrician, my daughter is a 6th grader at Roosevelt and my son is a 3rd grader here at Carver. I have been teaching for 21 years, most recently at Eisenhower. My experience is in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. First grade is an amazing year. During the summers, I spend lots of time watching my kids' baseball and softball games. I am really excited to be teaching at Carver and looking forward to getting to know families.

Hi, my name is **Ashley Frank** and I am a new **Kindergarten teacher** here at Carver. I am married and my husband's name is Michael. I also have two little girls, Avery (5) and Alyssa (2). Prior to teaching here at Carver I taught fourth grade at East Dubuque Elementary School for 7 years. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family as well as cheering on the Hawkeyes and Cubs. I look forward to getting to know the wonderful families here at Carver and I'm excited to be a Carver Cougar!

My name is **Jen Martel** and I am very excited to be joining the Carver family as a **fourth-grade teacher!** This will be my twelfth-year teaching fourth grade and my thirteenth year with the district. Prior to that I taught pre-school for the Air Force in New Mexico. I am originally from Dubuque. My family moved back after my husband retired from the Air Force. I have a grown son and daughter who live in the area. Last year I became a grandmother and have found it to be the best thing in the world! I enjoy reading, gardening and crafts. It is with great pleasure to become a Carver Cougar and I look forward to working with the students.

Hi, my name is **Abby Nauman**, and I am one of the new **Instructional Coaches**. I am married to George Nauman and together we have 4 children (Owen-11, Mena-10, Clara-7, Laney-5). I taught at Bryant Elementary School for 10 years before coming to Carver. I have experience teaching K-5 special education and 5th grade general education. My husband and I own Jumble Coffee Company, so I love coffee ☺ I enjoy baking, especially around the holidays! I also enjoy running and have completed 2 half marathons!

My name is **Kelly Neumann**, and I am a new **Kindergarten teacher**. I was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa. I have been married for 32 years to Kyle. My son, Tyler and Daughter-in-law Lauren have two beautiful boys, Raylan (2 years) and Crosby (2 months). I have taught at Kennedy, Marshall and Hoover, just to name a few. During my free time, I love to read as well as spend time with family and friends.

My name is **Annie O'Connell**, and I am a **sign language interpreter**. I am originally from Madison, earned a bachelor's degree at UW-Platteville, and earned an associate degree in Sign Language Interpreting in Texas. I was interpreting at a community college in Texas for 3 years before I decided to move back to the Midwest this summer to be close to family again. I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband, Jordan, and my dog, Chile Pepper.

My name is **Patti Millius**. As your **new Music Teacher**, I am super-excited to be joining the Carver family! Even though I am new to Carver, I am not new to teaching music in and around the Dubuque area, having taught at every level from Preschool through High School. I bring with me a variety of musical experiences from directing plays at the Grand Opera House to directing the Dubuque Children's Choir and most recently directing a Steel Drum Ensemble for the past 10 years. I hold a BA in Music Education from Clarke University and also have a Masters Degree in Educational Technology. Our experiences together at Carver will be new and different, so hold onto your hats as we begin this exciting journey together! Stop by and introduce yourselves when you have a minute. I would love to meet you!

Be sure to check out more new staff introductions in the next Carver Courier!

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