

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

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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 12-1-17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Saturday, 12-2-17

Carver Choirs performing at Festival of Trees, 11:30, Roshek Building

Monday 12-4-17

Elementary Band Concert,
6:00 Hempstead Auditorium

Wednesday 12-6-17

3rd grade Burn Prevention Puppet Show, 11:40

Friday 12-8-17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Monday 12-11-17

Elementary Orchestra Concert,
6:00 Hempstead Auditorium

Tuesday 12-12-17

Carver Choirs performance,
6:30 Carver gym

Friday 12-15-17

1-hour late start (District PD)

Principal's Corner

Winter Weather: Although we haven't reached really cold temperatures yet I wanted to remind families that students will be outside in the morning for line-up and for recess if the wind chill is zero degrees or above. Please make sure your child is coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather outside.



Celebration Guidelines: Due to our district and school wellness policy and 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 be returned home.

Mr. Maloney

Other News

Open Enrollment for grades 6-12 for the 2018-19 school year

Applications will be available beginning **January 15, 2018**, and are accepted through **March 1, 2018** for the initial consideration round. Applications received after March 1st will be held for consideration after registration in August 2018.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

12/19 Skate Night

12/22 1-hour late start

12/25/17-1/2/18 Winter break

1/3/18 Return to school



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Fifth Grade Update

Fifth grade is having an amazing year! We began our school year learning about other cultures and exploring through Lead 21. Students wrote a personal narrative and a persuasive essay in Writing. We are currently working on a compare & contrast essay. In Math we are learning about place value in big numbers, fractions, multiplication, and a little bit of decimal work. We had a super time learning about chemical reactions in our Mixtures & Solutions unit in Science. In Social Studies we are focusing on geography & Native American cultures. Fifth grade recently traveled to the Five Flags Center to hear the wonderful sounds of the symphony! Mrs. Donath, Mrs. Evarts, Mrs. Fitting, & Mrs. Waskow look forward to even MORE learning as we continue our school year!

Caring and Sharing Tree

Remember, we are still collecting new socks, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and other warm clothing. The items collected will be given to the Salvation Army to help families in need in Dubuque. Thanks for your generosity!



Spelling Bee Update

Carver held our school Spelling Bee on November 16. We enjoyed having a returning student, Jack Doyle, as our guest pronouncer. In 4th grade he had advanced to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Congratulations to our top 3 spellers in the school. They advance to the Sectional Spelling Bee at Clarke University in January. Good luck!



3rd place – Will Houselog
2nd place – Jacob Weis
1st place – Brendon Zheng

Technology Update



It's that time of year again! For the 5th consecutive year, EVERY student at Carver will be participating in one the largest educational events in history: The Hour of Code! Computer Science Education Week and Code.org started the Hour of Code idea to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Starting December 4th, Carver students will experience what it is like to tell the computer what to do. They will work through the tutorials found on the Code.org website and will utilize their sequencing and coding skills to program some of the cool robots Carver received from the Dubuque Racing Association Grant. Be sure to talk to your child about this event next week and join in on the fun...you too can participate in the Hour of Code by completing one of the online tutorials found at <https://code.org/learn>.

Counselor Update

In guidance classes, we have been discussing mindset. Carol Dweck, a professor at Stanford, has been researching these mindsets for decades and what she has discovered is so simple but so incredibly powerful: **First:** She found that the most important factor in achieving success, in any arena, is our capacity to learn grow and adapt. **Second:** The key to becoming a great learner is our mindset and attitude towards learning. Her work shows that there are really two mindsets we can adopt:

A **fixed mindset** or a **growth mindset**. A **fixed mindset is:** a belief that skills are something that you're born with, that you either have them or you don't – that you can't (or don't have to) learn and grow. Some things a person with a fixed mindset might say are: "I can't do this.", "I'm stupid.", "Who cares?" They do NOT want to appear stupid to others so they won't try.

A **growth mindset is:** a belief that skills are built, that you can grow and develop them – that you can learn. Some things a person with a growth mindset might say are: "I can't do this **yet.**", "I will keep working until I get this.", "I will keep trying.", "I can ask for help." "It's okay to make mistakes. I can learn from my mistakes."

Everyone makes mistakes!

Parents have many opportunities to teach their children about handling errors and mistakes. In three steps, you can teach your children a coping skill that will benefit them for life.

Many parents cover up their mistakes from their children. Some adults have the tendency to quickly mask the mistake or blame others for their error. What parents are teaching their children is that mistakes are bad and not to be recognized as a part of being human.

It is time to humanize your errors and teach your children the ways to handle any situation.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. Acknowledge the mistake by saying: ***I made a mistake, it is okay to make mistakes, everyone does.***
2. Secure confidence by saying: ***I can handle it. Nothing horrible will happen***
3. Plan for problem solving: ***I will change the mistake by.....***

If you make a wrong turn. Say: I will just turn around in this driveway and we are back on our way.

If you spill something. Say: It is okay to have an accident. I will clean it up and pour myself another glass of milk.

Teach your children that when they make a mistake, they need a good plan, not a good excuse. Empower your children by modeling what to do when you make a mistake. Your children will be more responsible for their actions and learn from their own mistakes.

To err is human, to cover it up is _____!

Here is a great video on mindset <http://trainugly.com/portfolio/growth-mindset/> .

PTG News

Carver PTG November 14th Minutes

New Business

Vendor Night was a success!!

\$1360 was first deposit made from vendors

\$ 1743 was second deposit made from silent auction/last minute vendors (\$178 of this was donated from Elle & Beck's gelato cart)

Film fundraiser information presented by Mrs. Herman

Do we want to try this?

Vote on having Sinnippe Smoke LLC & gelato cart join us on fun night

Sinnippe's food sold out!!

Gelato cart can do cones as well

Will discuss closer to Fun Night

No popcorn for month of Jan.

Reminder ski night scheduled for Jan. 27th

Fliers will be sent out after Winter break

Cost - \$16 – Lift only

\$21 – Lift with skis

\$27 – Lift and snow board

\$5 – helmet

PTG will get \$1/ticket if we sell 50+

\$2/ticket – 100-150 tickets

\$3/ticket – 150 – 200 tickets

Fundraiser suggestion for pick up next year-Elizabeth

Should be a different week than conferences. Some parents were confused about what time they needed to be there for pick up.

It continues to be difficult to get needed volunteers

Treasurer's Update

Current balance - \$14,288.45

There are a few outstanding bills.

PTG earned \$21 from Panera and \$202 from Chipotle nights. Unsure what has been earned from BWW.

Principal's Report

Positive feedback from vendor fair.

Game plan for getting more parents to volunteer??

Dance – Loras Dance Marathon will be in March. PTG will keep their dance in April

Some computers in the building are starting to get outdated. As a school, they will need to develop a plan on how to replace computers

PTG will be replacing the old volleyballs in the gym.

Carver has a flag that was presented to them from the White House. Joe will be researching how to display. He also is planning on hanging a picture of staff celebrating Carver's 10-year anniversary.

The fire department and other businesses have voiced concerns about parking at dismissal. Joe will address.

Next meeting Jan. 9th, 2018. 6:30pm-7:30pm

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