

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

2017/18



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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 12/15

1-hour late start (District PD)

Monday 12/18

Tuesday 12/19

Skate Night, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday 12/20

Band playing for students, 9:00 am

Thursday 12/21

Author Kurt Wagner visiting
Orchestra caroling classrooms

Friday 12/22

1-hour late start (District PD)

All-School Pajama Day

Monday 12/25—Tuesday 1/2

No School, Winter Break

Wednesday 1/3/18

School resumes

Thursday 1/4

Friday 1/5

1-hour late start (District PD)

Upcoming Events

1/9 3rd and 4th Grade Music

Performance, 6:30 at Roosevelt

1/9 PTG meeting, 6:30

1/27 Carver Ski Night

2/10 Carver Night at the Saints

Principal's Corner

Winter Weather Guidelines

Students will be outside in the morning for line-up and for recess if the temperature, with wind chill, is zero degrees or above. With that said, please make sure your child is always dressed with the proper attire for the weather outside. Families are strongly encouraged to label your child's clothing with their first and last name. This will assist students in locating any lost or misplaced items.

Arrival and Dismissal

Thanks to everyone for paying special attention to our drop-off and pick-up procedures. I realize there may be times when you are in a hurry to get to an appointment or to the next scheduled event, but it's important to always adhere to the procedures that have been established and follow the direction of the Carver staff during these times. Ultimately our number one goal is to assist students in getting home safely. Additionally, after speaking with some of our neighbors it sounds like there have been concerns with parents blocking side streets and parking in No

Parking spaces when coming to pick their children up at dismissal. Please be aware of these types of issues, so we can be good neighbors to those living around Carver. Also, with being so close to the Asbury Fire Station it is essential that families follow the street parking guidelines so you are not obstructing our emergency responders if they would need to be called upon.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Mr. Maloney

Other News

All-School Pajama Day

Wear your favorite jammies to school on Friday, December 22!



PTG News

The next **Carver PTG meeting** will be January 9th from 6:30 to 7:30. Come and check out all the exciting events we have planned for 2018!

Once again we will be hosting a **Ski night at Sundown Mountain** on January 27th. This is a great chance to try out skiing as a family. More information and sign-up forms will be coming later.

Carver Saint's Night will be held on February 10th. The Carver Choir will be singing the National Anthem. Watch for information about ordering tickets!

Kindergarten ROCKS

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten has been hard at work learning about living creatures. We have been studying fish, snails, worms, and bugs as part of our Science curriculum. We were lucky enough to have a guest speaker come from Swiss Valley to teach us more about worms and bugs. She even brought a red worm and a hissing cockroach for us to observe up close. The children were all very excited to learn more about those creatures!

This past week each kindergarten class spent an hour learning how to code with Mrs. Schmitt. We first practiced by

giving specific directions to Mrs. Schmitt. After a few struggles and many laughs, everyone realized how specific they needed to make their instructions in order to complete their task. Then we applied those skills to a coding program where students worked together to complete various coding tasks. This was a great experience that the students enjoyed!

We also have been studying families and types of homes in our Lead 21 series. We are excited to extend our knowledge about homes by creating our own gingerbread homes on our Gingerbread Day! We look forward to seeing families come into our classrooms to create gingerbread houses with their children. We can't wait to see how these houses turn out!

Preschool News

Preschool students have been busy at work and play! We learned about seasons, trees, hibernating animals, and winter holidays! We are learning letters, numbers, shapes, patterning, and how to work with our friends. We also have visited a few classic stories like Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man! We look forward to the season of winter and playing in the snow!



Ms. Walker came and read us holiday stories!



Preschool and kindergarten students had a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving together!



Health Office News

We are starting to get some confirmed cases of Influenza, so we will be implementing the following guidelines again for this cold and flu season. This information is also available on the DCSD website under Health Services:



Along with the recommendation that all staff and students receive the flu vaccine, the Dubuque Community School District will start the implementation of **not returning to school until free from fever (greater than or equal to 101 F), diarrhea, or vomiting without the use of medications for 24 hours** to help reduce the spread of germs that cause diarrhea, colds and influenza. In addition, we will be reminding staff and students of the importance of good handwashing.

Clean Hands Saves Lives

Handwashing is like a “do-it-yourself”

vaccine—it involves five simple and effective steps (Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry) you can take to reduce the spread of diarrheal and respiratory illness so you can stay healthy. Regular handwashing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the



spread of germs to others. It's quick, it's simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick.

Learn more about when and how to wash your hands, the importance of using soap and water, and what you can do if soap and clean, running water are not available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>

Whether you are at home, at work, traveling, or already sick, find out how good hand hygiene can protect you, your family, and others. See school recommendations for schools from the Iowa Department of Public Health for more information.

Handwashing is a win for everyone, except the germs.

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

