

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 3-23-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Monday 3-26-18

No School, Spring Break

Tuesday 3-27-18

No School, Spring Break

Wednesday 3-28-18

No School, Spring Break

Thursday 3-29-18

No School, Spring Break

Friday 3-30-18

No School, Spring Break

Tuesday 4-3-18

Spring pictures taken

Choral Festival, 6:30 at Hempstead

Wednesday 4-4-18

2V to Dubuque Museum of Art,
9:20-11:15

Thursday 4-5-18

2B and 2T to Dubuque Museum of
Art, 9:20-11:15

PTG Benefit, *Your Pie*, 11:00-9:00

Open House, Roosevelt Middle
School, 7:00

Friday 4-6-18

1-hour late start (District PD)
Spirit Day, no popcorn

Upcoming Events

4-9-18 5F and 5W to Planetarium
4-10-18 5D and 5E to Planetarium
4-10-18 PTG Meeting
4-10-18 Middle School Open House
Roosevelt, 7:00
Jefferson, 6:30
Washington, 6:30
4-13-18 Spring Dance
4-17-18 Kindergarten Open House



Principal's Corner

Crosswalks: For the safety of your children, parents are urged to use the designated crosswalks with their children. We have staff assigned to these crosswalks each morning and afternoon to assist students and parents in getting across the street safely.

Spring Break: There will be no school Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30 due to Spring Break.

Contact Information: Please be sure to contact the school office if your contact information (address, phone numbers, etc.) has recently changed. It is always helpful for the school office to have the most accurate contact information for each family.

Attendance: It is important for your child to 1) attend school every day that we are in session, 2) arrive to school on time, and 3) remain in school for the entire day. If your child needs to miss school, please be sure to contact the school office (552-4500) to report their absence.

Mr. Maloney

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students are as busy as bees!

In language arts, the children are learning about everyday and special celebrations. They are learning how family celebrations of losing a tooth, riding a bike, having a good sports game or dance recital can all be everyday celebrations. They are also learning about special celebrations such as holidays, and why people like to celebrate. On that note, we recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading a variety of his books, and sharing in a variety of activities such as graphing goldfish crackers to go along with One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish and focusing on rhyming words with The Cat in the Hat.

In science, students recently started a new unit called, Materials and Motion. In this unit, they will be learning more about the properties of wood and paper, along with how these different materials can be changed. Students will discover how things move using different kinds of force. As a culminating activity for this unit, we anticipate going on a field trip to Cherry Lanes, in April.

In connection with science and spring, we have some fun field trips planned towards the end of the year. We hope to go on a farm field trip and have a guest speaker from the agriculture department come to do a class presentation to teach us about farm animals, and new life in the spring. We also hope to go to Adam's Pet Hospital in connection with our unit on community helpers, and to compare and contrast farm and pet animals.

With May comes Mother's Day. A kindergarten tradition is to hold a Mother's Day Tea. In order to honor the mothers, we invite them to a special celebration to recognize all they do for us. So,

watch for further information and more explicit details to come, for all these exciting events.

In math, the children are using comparisons to become better estimators. They continue to work on number sense by learning how to express their ideas when participating in number talks, and solving a variety of addition and subtraction story problems using multiple strategies.

As spring fast approaches, with the change in daylight savings time, with spring sports starting soon, our last trimester of school will fly by. We will continue to work hard and do our best to get ready for first grade!

Mrs. Frank
Ms. Gerdemann
Mrs. Koch
Mrs. Neumann

Other News

Spring Pictures

Siebe Studio will be here to take spring pictures on **Tuesday, April 3rd**. Due to the technology used to change backgrounds, please make sure your child does not wear green.

About a week after pictures are taken, you will receive an order form with a sample picture and information about ordering.

Open Enrollment

Elementary Open Enrollment is open now through May 1. Forms can be accessed and completed online. Go to www.dbqschools.org and click on the red "Open Enrollment" rectangle.

Scroll down on the screen to the 2018-2019 section, and click on the form for Elementary.



Used Book Sale



Spring cleaning? Please consider donating any used books to Carver for our used book sale. The sale will be May 23rd, but you can start sending books to school now.

Preschool News

Students in Preschool are working and playing hard every day! We learn lots of concepts and skills in our daily work and play activities. Our student teacher, Miss Galuska, finished her time with us and has moved on to a different school. Students in preschool continue to work on kindergarten readiness skills. We look forward to being kindergartners! Be sure to pay attention to Kindergarten registration/open house information!

Preschoolers had a fun day as they participated in Young Athlete Play Day sponsored by Special Olympics Iowa. This was at Loras college--everyone was a Gold medal winner!



Mrs. Bell

PTG News

The next **PTG meeting** will be Tuesday, **April 10** at 6:00. Come join us!

The annual **Family Spring Dance** will be held on Friday night, **April 13th** in the gym. Please watch your child's Thursday mailbag for more information.

Save the date! **Family Fun Night** will be **May 11th** from 5:00-7:00 on the Carver playground. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Sign up will be posted the end of April.

Hungry? You can eat out and raise money for PTG at the same time! Eat at **Your Pie** on **April 5th**, and 15% of your purchase will come back to Carver PTG.



Our **Buffalo Wild Wings** fund raiser continues through May 19th. Show your Home Team Advantage Card and 10% of your total will be donated to PTG. (Copy this image and keep it on your phone!)



PTG is seeking volunteers to fill two **Co-President** positions for the **2018-2019 school year**. Voting will take place at the May meeting. Please consider this opportunity to help the Carver community.

Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival

Families are invited to attend the Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Clarke University, Kehl Center Gym. The festival is free and open to the public.

The goals of the festival are to promote, inspire and engage youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities and to introduce children and parents to STEM careers in their local communities.

Exhibits will feature interactive STEM activities for students and their families. Attendees can explore the galaxy by taking a tour through our solar system in a modern planetarium. In addition, they can control a robot, operate a flight simulator, discover healthcare fields, conduct exciting scientific experiments, and much more!

The Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival is a community-wide partnership led by the Northeast Iowa Region Governor's STEM Advisory Council at the University of Northern Iowa, in partnership with Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council, Dubuque Community School District, Holy Family Catholic Schools, Dubuque Works, Northeast Iowa Community College, Iowa State University Extension, Clarke University, Loras College, University of Dubuque, IowaWORKS, Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency, Keystone AEA and National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium.

To learn more, please visit our website at neiowastem.com.

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