

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

2018/19



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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**

Thursday 8-30-18

Fundraiser Kick-Off

Friday 8-31-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Monday 9-3-18

No School, Labor Day

Friday 9-7-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Tuesday 9-11-18

Fundraiser Sales End

Carver Open House, 5:30-6:30

Friday 9-14-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Upcoming Events

- 9-15-18** DCSD One Mile Fun Run,
Audubon School
- 9-18-18** PTG Meeting, 6:30



Principal's Corner

On behalf of the entire Carver Staff, I would like to thank you for a great start to the 2018/19 school year. We are looking forward to an amazing year of learning. Thanks for your continued support of your child and the staff at Carver.

Mr. Maloney

Visitors

ALL visitors coming to school, during school hours, will need to enter through the front door and check in with the office staff. If you are a first-time visitor, you will need to have your drivers license with you in order to check in through our Raptor System.

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 or absences greatly interfere with a child's learning and 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 daily attendance will become innate as they go forth as adults into the workplace.

With our change over to Infinite Campus, students will be marked one of two ways (see below) for their daily attendance. Regardless of the reason for the absence or tardy, it will be marked as unexcused. Please know that with each absence or tardy a comment will be placed in the comment box on Infinite Campus (i.e. ill, bereavement, out of town, etc.). These comments will be based on the information given by the parent/guardian as to the reason for your child's absence.

- Absent Unexcused (AUX)
Student is not in school
- Tardy Unexcused (TUX)
Student is late (not in their classroom) to the beginning of the school day OR leaves school before the end of the school day

Open House

We will host our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom and other teachers (i.e. PE, Music, Art, etc.) during this time. We look forward to seeing each of you on September 11 at our Open House.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of our students and staff, please be sure to follow the established procedures for our arrival and dismissal times. Staff who are supervising the parking lot or crosswalks are easily identified by wearing a fluorescent vest. Our number one concern, during arrival and dismissal, is getting students to and from school safely. We greatly appreciate your efforts to keep our students and staff safe. A couple additional notes about arrival and dismissal times:

- **AM Drop-Off:** Please remain in your vehicle and have your child exit out on the right side of the vehicle. This should be a "drop and go" process. We ask that parents allow staff to assist those students who need it. NOTE: There is NO parking in the Drop-Off Lane.
- **PM Pick-Up:** Please remain in your vehicle and pull forward as far as possible. Students will use the sidewalk to get to your vehicle in the pick-up lane. Staff will assist students getting to their vehicle. NOTE: There is NO parking in the Pick-Up Lane

- Pets (i.e. dogs) are not allowed on school grounds during arrival and dismissal times
- Students riding a bike, scooter, etc. should walk them across crosswalks and while on school grounds
- Please be sure to contact the school office by 2:00 p.m. if you need to communicate dismissal information to your child.

Celebration Guidelines

Birthdays and holidays are so exciting to celebrate! We often celebrate these special occasions with snacks, but, due to our district wellness policy and a growing number of allergies in the classrooms, we ask that you **DO NOT** send edible treats. Of course, we will continue to celebrate special occasions at school, but in different ways. Although it is not expected, you may choose to send something for a special occasion. If you do, we require that it be nonedible. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions regarding these guidelines. Below are a few ideas you can send to school instead of an edible treat:

- pencils, erasers, stickers, chalk, bubbles, a box of crayons, notepads, bookmarks, rings, bracelets, wrist bands, play dough, fun straws, stamps, or donate a book/game to the classroom.

September Health Focus: Emotional Health/Feelings

This month's health topic focuses on identifying and promoting positive health behaviors and responsible decision-making.

New Staff

Hello! I'm **Taylor Ozee**, and I am the new **Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** at Carver. Before coming to Carver, I taught at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois for five years. I was born and raised in Galena, so I am excited to be back in the area! Outside of school, I coach volleyball for Galena High School, teach fitness classes, and spend time with my husband, and two boys.

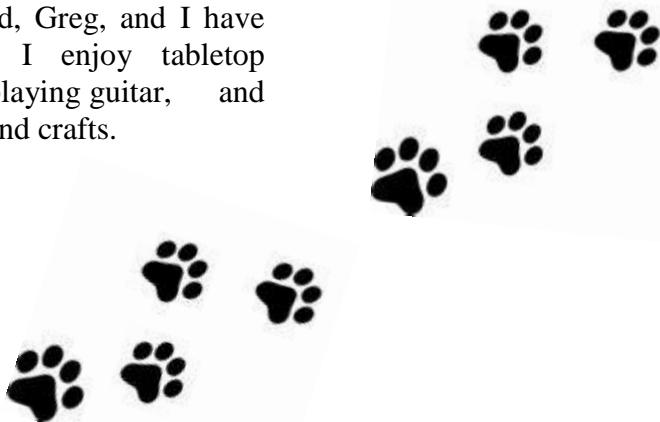
Hi, I am **Dawn Streets**, the new **Kindergarten teacher**. I am going into my 13th year of teaching. I was at Fulton for 12 years prior. I am married and my husband Chris teaches at Hempstead. We have 3 kids. My stepdaughter Lauren is 22, our daughter Lexi is in 1st grade and our son Max is in Preschool. I love teaching and working with young children. As a family we love being outside or on the river. We also love watching football, especially the Vikings. I am excited to be a part of the Carver community and can't wait to meet all of the students and staff!

I am **Megan FitzPatrick** and will be **teaching special education** this year at Carver. I previously taught special education at Marshall Elementary for the past 17 years. My husband and I have two kids, both in elementary school. I enjoy cooking, baking, gardening, and traveling. I look forward to meeting the students and families of Carver.

New Staff (cont.)

Hello everyone! My name is **Kea Whittington**. I will be **teaching 5th grade** with Mrs. Donath for the 2018/19 school year. I graduated from Clarke University with a B.A. in education last May. I am currently in our 4 + 1 Master's program. This program allows me to do everything a first-year teacher does with a partner teacher available on a daily basis to help with anything I may need. I enjoy playing basketball, watching sports, and spending time with family and friends. I have a Shihtzu/Bichon puppy named Brody. I am excited to be a part of the Carver community; we will have a great year!

Hello again, Carver Cougars! My name is **Ivy Miller**, and I am happy to be returning to Carver for my 8th year as a **sign language interpreter** with the Dubuque Community School District. I worked at Carver for my first four years, and have been at Hempstead for the last three. I am from Iowa City. My husband, Greg, and I have two cats. I enjoy tabletop games, playing guitar, and doing arts and crafts.



Hello Carver Cougars and families! My name is **Deanna Tomkins**, and I am a **Special Education paraprofessional**. I have worked for the Dubuque Community School System at Lincoln Elementary, bringing almost 18 years of experience to this new position. I attended Northeast Iowa Community College with a focus on education. My first and foremost love has always been working with children, knowing how precious life is, after losing a son. We also have a family business, Midwest Printing and Bindery, which our other son manages. What do I do for fun? Nature Photography has been my go-to hobby and passion. I have contributed many photos to our local newspaper, Telegraph Herald, and even have had a "few" published. Looking forward to meeting the Carver staff and families! This will be a g-r-r-reatt year!

Hello Carver Families, My name is **Julie Donovan** and I am happy to be a part of your school community as a **paraprofessional**! I just moved back to this area to be closer to family, after living many years in Branson, Missouri. My husband and I have 2 grown children. My son lives on Orcas Island, Washington, and my daughter lives in Washington DC along with my 4-year-old granddaughter Frances. I was in banking for 25 years and decided to pursue my dream of being a teacher. I taught kindergarten for 4 years at Branson Elementary. In my free time I like to do nature walks, read, do yoga, and spend time with family and friends. I am so happy to be a paraprofessional this year at Carver!

PTG News

PTG is excited to start off another great year. We are excited to invite all parents & teachers to join our group this year. We do our best to provide a variety of fun events for all families to enjoy and fundraising to support our children. Please see our Meet the PTG flyer that is coming home with all students and feel free to reach out to any of us with suggestions or comments. We appreciate any feedback and new ideas are always welcomed.

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