

Carver Elementary School

Carver Courier

2018/19



September 20, 2018

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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 9-21-18

NO SCHOOL, District PD

Tuesday 9-25-18

2T Book Club, 11:40-12:05

Wednesday 9-26-18

Apple Lady visiting Kindergarten

2V Book Club, 11:40-12:05

Thursday 9-27-18

Kindergarten Field Trip, Maquoketa,
9:15-1:15

2B Book Club, 11:40-12:05

KN Walking to Luther Manor, 2:20

Friday 9-28-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

First Grade Picnic, Asbury Park,
11:00-1:30

2K Book Club, 11:40-12:05

Wednesday 10-3-18

Fifth Grade to Symphony,
Five Flags, 10:00-12:00

Friday 10-5-18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Upcoming Events

- 10-9** PTG Meeting
- 10-10** First Grade to Fire Station
- 10-10** Fund Raiser Pick-Up
- 10-11** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10-17** Picture Day



- 10-17** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10-18** NO SCHOOL,
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10-18** Pounce and Bounce
- 10-19** NO SCHOOL

Principal's Corner

Student safety is a priority for Carver Elementary School and the Dubuque Community School District. We work each day to ensure that our students encounter an environment in our schools that fosters learning while being safe and inclusive. In recent years, the district has worked to revise its safety protocols to better respond to emergencies – in particular, enhancing our protocol for responding to active intruder situations. Working with area law enforcement, the district has transitioned from a one-size-fits-all model to an options-based approach that empowers individuals to make the best decision possible should they encounter an active intruder situation.

During the first part of each semester, students in all district schools participate in a safety training exercise. We held our Carver fall safety training exercise on Tuesday, September 18. This exercise consisted of a short video presentation that introduced these updated safety protocols in an age-appropriate format. The exercise also gave students the chance to process the video with their

teacher, and participate in a training exercise.

This training session discussed the options students and staff have should they encounter an intruder. Based on best-practice responses across the nation, the training included the following main components:

EVACUATE - running to escape the situation is an option

LOCKDOWN - locking down is still an option, and now may include additional safeguards such as barricading doors to stay safe.

COUNTER - as a last resort, individuals may need to throw items, kick, scream or shout to escape a dangerous encounter.

While we know these are sensitive topics to discuss with students, they are important to address. Just as we regularly hold evacuation and severe weather drills, we use regular discussions about active intruder situations to help students better understand their options for staying safe both in and out of school.

Overall, we hope this training was a positive, non-threatening way to raise awareness of safety issues and spark conversation. Thank you for your ongoing support of Carver Elementary School and our efforts to give all students a safe environment in which to learn and grow.

Mr. Maloney

PTG News

Save the date of October 18th for our very first **Carver Cougars Pounce & Bounce Night at Vertical Jump Park** from 6-9 pm. Please watch for the flyers to come home soon with your child. We would love to show our Carver Spirit that night and fill the jump park. Feel free to extend the offer to friends and family!

Thank you so much to all the families that participated in our **fall fundraiser** with the catalog sales. The items will be delivered to the school on **October 10th**, and we get more details for pick up when closer.

Please “like” the George Washington Carver Elementary School page on Facebook. This is where we will post reminders of events. We will also do our best to send home flyers and keep upcoming events posted in the newsletter.

First Grade News

First Grade is off to a wonderful start this school year! Time has been spent learning the routines, how to be a good kid of character, and getting to know each other better. On Friday, September 28, all of the first grade students will be participating in a friendship picnic at Asbury Park for lunch. We thought this would be a great way for new friends and families to connect with one another. Our goal this year is to get as many families connected to Seesaw as possible. This is a great communication tool for parents to see their children's growth more often throughout the year.

Mrs. Cluff
Mrs. Goerd
Mrs. Lex
Mrs. Treanor

Lunch Room News

2018-2019 Meal Account Guidelines

Parents, please note that the policies for student meal accounts has changed this year.

*Pink meal deposit envelopes will be sent when an account reaches a **positive** \$5.00 balance.

*Pink envelopes will be sent to classroom teachers only on Thursdays to send home.

*Parents will receive low balance notifications via email on Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday. A positive \$5.00 balance is considered a low balance.

*A milk charge is 55¢. Students will not be able to purchase a milk if their account does not have 55¢.

*When a student's balance reaches a negative \$8.85, parents will be contacted by the office staff and offered the “no charge alternate meal” for their student. The no charge alternate meal includes the alternate sandwich and milk. This alternate entree and milk will not be charged to the student's account. If the parent decides to have the student take a hot entrée, they will be charged for a meal. Students will be able to charge more than negative \$8.85.

*Once a student's account falls below zero, families will receive an automated phone call on Sunday.

*When a student's balance falls below negative \$15.00, the food and nutrition office will send home a letter via US mail to notify families.

Questions? Contact the food and nutrition services office at 563-552-3225 or food@dbqschools.org.

Counselor News

It has been my pleasure getting to know your students through classroom lessons this month. They have learned a little about me, as their new counselor, and about my role at school. Parents/Guardians should know that Carver's school counseling program is geared toward meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of *all* students. It is developmental and preventative while focusing on helping students achieve academic and personal success through a variety of guidance activities.

In attempt to meet their needs, the counseling program offers many services for you and your student. Services include:

Classroom Guidance Lessons: Whole class lessons, which address broad developmental topics (social skills, problem-solving skills, emotion-regulation, protective factors, career awareness, etc.).

Individual Counseling: Available for students who have specific needs. Counseling referrals may be received from students, teachers, parents/guardians, or peers.

Small Group Counseling: Students who benefit from small group counseling are those who share concerns that are similar to others (i.e. children of divorce, grief groups, emotion management groups, anger management groups, etc.). Small groups offer students the opportunity to share experiences with others, have support, and learn from students who are dealing with similar issues.

All students can learn from our counseling program and can benefit from active participation. I am available for consultation or individual appointments to discuss your child's needs or concerns. I look forward to working with your child this year and meeting with you in the future. Feel free to contact me anytime. It is going to be a great year!

Mrs. Hunold

New Staff

Hi! I'm **Lindy Towler**, and I am a new **paraprofessional** in Mrs. Cluff's room. I have four kids—Kaitlin, Alyssa, Brady, and Rylan. I'm originally from Independence, Iowa. I've really enjoyed working with all of your students. Looking forward to a great year!!

P.E. News

We would like to welcome you to a new school year!!! We are excited to teach your son/daughter physical education this year! In this letter, we want to briefly describe the physical education/wellness program at Carver Elementary School and what your child can expect to learn.

The curriculum is designed to develop physical competence that leads to confidence and participation in physical activity for a lifetime. Our goal is to help children find a variety of ways to enjoy being physically active so they will be able to get all the physical, emotional, intellectual and social benefits of being physically active.

At Carver Elementary, your child will have physical education opposite of art and music, on a three day rotation, for 45 minutes. The class has been designed to teach foundational skills, knowledge and values for a physically literate student

Has learned the skills necessary to participate in a variety of physical activities.

Knows the implications and the benefits of involvement in various types of physical activities.

Participates regularly in physical activity.

Is physically fit.

Values physical activity and its contributions to a healthful lifestyle.

Your child's physical education progress report will be based on the five National Physical Education Standards that include

Standard 1: The physically literate individual demonstrates competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns.

Standard 2: The physically literate individual applies knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance.

Standard 3: The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.

Standard 4: The physically literate individual exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.

Standard 5: The physically literate individual recognizes the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression and/or social interaction.

If for any health reason, your child cannot participate in physical education activities during a class, a note from you is acceptable the first time. The second time your child is going to miss class/sit out a doctor's note is required to be sent to the school nurse indication the medical release or restrictions for physical education class.

As teachers, we recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests. For this reason, in every class, we will

attempt to provide all of the students with experiences that are both beneficial and enjoyable. Each lesson will be adjusted to take into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels that our children have at Carver.

Our class expectations are very simple, we want everyone to have fun while learning, be safe, be respectful, and work hard to become physically fit! By following the Character Counts program of our school, this is easy to achieve for all. Character Counts includes being trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and a good citizen. In addition, each student should come to class with proper gym shoes (tie or velcro and non-marking to the gym floor) and socks. If your child wears a dress or skirt, please have them wear a pair of shorts or pants underneath.

In closing, we want to invite you to talk to your child about the activities they will participate in during physical education class. We encourage you to do something physically active with your child every day, even if it is just going for a walk. You will both benefit greatly from the time spent together!

We are very proud of the physical education program at Carver Elementary School and look forward to a great year!!! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call us.

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