



Carver School News

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Teaching
The Power of Peace

Carver School Families Making the Difference For a Family in Need!



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Service to others is an important part of the PeaceJam curriculum

At the Carver School Board meeting, held on December 1st, it was decided to have the school adopt a family in need and help make their Christmas a bit merrier.

We would like to provide a nice dinner and family gifts for our "adopted" school family.

Who are they? Of course their names shall remain anonymous, but we can tell you bit about them. They are hardworking folks who, like a whole lot of us, are having a great deal of trouble making ends meet. Currently they are unable to have heat in their home. It brings new meaning to the old saying "We have

our love to keep us warm." Nice thought unless it is 36 degrees outside.

There are two boys around the ages of 7 and 10. They are active athletic boys who enjoy soccer. Think what an active young boy would like. Remote controlled car, athletic type equipment? They do like Legos and those type of activities.

Besides gifts, what kinds of things can be bring to light up the eyes of this family? Well, what do you like to eat for Christmas dinner?

Yum, mashed potatoes. How about a nice bag of potatoes? **Better yet, how about a gift card to Fred Meyer's?** Then they could purchase food, or maybe clothes for their boys.

A Safeway gift card could be used for food or gas for the dad to get to work.

If you want to donate a ham or turkey, or something perishable, we do have two fridges at school. Just make sure it won't expire before Christmas day.

There is a lovely, large Christmas tree, donated by the Skill family, just waiting for us to bring gifts and food items for our adopted family. There will be a list posted of food items for a holiday dinner. Please mark off your gifts so we can have as complete a menu as possible.

Thanks for making a wonderful holiday for a nice family in need. Carver families are the best!

Don't Forget the
Holiday Music
Program!

December 17th
7 p.m.



LAST FAMILY FUN
NIGHT OF 2009

Holiday Party
December 19th
3:00 p.m.

Details Coming!



Calendar of Events

- Dec 5th-Holiday Bazaar Wreath Sale
- Dec 8th-Fundraising Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 10th-Scrapbooking Night 7 p.m.
- Dec 17th-Holiday Music Program 7 p.m.
- Dec 18th-Last Day of School for Holiday Break
- Dec 19th-Family Fun Holiday Potluck Party 3 p.m.
- Jan 4th-School Resumes

Carver School Wreath Sales Travel to Pleasant Valley Bazaar

Ever in search of the elusive fundraising buck, Carver School will be participating in a Christmas bazaar being held at the Pleasant Valley Grange Hall on Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will be selling poinsettias, wreaths and, because I can't bear to be disconnected from my stove, homemade pumpkin pie, cookies, candy, cocoa, coffee, cider and tea. We plan to stuff food in their mouths and load their arms with plants before they can swallow and say no.

If you haven't had a chance to get

a picture with Santa, here is your chance. Petale Photographie, who took our school pictures, will take pictures with the real Santa against a beautiful holiday backdrop (not one of those fake fireplace or Eskimo hut jobs). Full disclosure makes the writer tell you that the photographer is my daughter, Malea Pak—and I might be just a bit prejudiced, but they really will be gift worthy photos at reasonable prices.

There will be many vendors selling great holiday gift items, so don't miss the opportunity to shop.

Don't miss out on the chance to peruse the Christmas Bazaar at the Pleasant Valley Grange at 17115 SE Foster Rd. Take Sunnyside Road past New Seasons Market to 172nd, turn left and drive until the road dead ends into Foster Rd. The Grange is right there on the right hand side. It isn't hardly any distance (by country standards) from the school.

Volunteers are needed, if you can help, please let us know. By the way, new CS parent, Marlena Bartolome, backed all the cookies for the sale. Thanks Marlena!

What REALLY Happened at the Board Meeting on Tuesday

Do you ever feel left out of the loop on what really happens at the school? Admit it, weren't you really wondering what happens when there isn't a single roll of toilet paper left and the entire first grade has the stomach flu? (Cheryl drives like crazy to Safeway...). Or what happened when the Beauty and the Beast fog machine went a little crazy and the fire alarms went off with over 100 people in the gym? (Cheryl ran like crazy opening

doors, testing circuits, calming the crowd, calling down the fire department and wondering if she was going to need CPR by the time she was done).

These, and other fascinating fac-

**Carver School Board Meeting
Minutes are Posted in the Hallway
Check it Out!**

toids, can be found in the board meeting minutes, which are posted in the hallway. The best way to stay informed is to attend the monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month. But if you miss the meeting, be sure to read the meeting minutes. As a parent co-op we all need to stay informed and be "in the loop" at all times.



Fill a Stocking Programs Draws to a Close

A huge thank you to all who supported our Fill a Stocking Program and brought or bought items for the elderly. Because of your support, there will be some grateful seniors who may have tears in their eyes at the warm socks, candy and other goodies.

Just think, for every one of us

who has a grandma or grandpa sitting with us on Christmas morning, there is another grandma or grandpa sitting alone with only their memories of happier days for company. That pair of gloves may be their only gift this year.

Our own lovely Mrs. Hall outdid herself, purchasing warm socks and sweaters. Mrs. Hall always contributes to every project. When we made

zip lock bags for kids in India, she was there with a box full of supplies. You name it and her generous heart is quietly there. What a fine example for our children. We are truly lucky she is guiding the lives of Carver School Children.

If you contributed to the Fill a Stocking effort, you can rest assured there won't be a lump of coal in your stocking. Happy Holidays!

What Happens If It Snows? Will School Be Closed?

As temperatures drop and the skies turn gray, we can't help but think about snow. Actually, we can't help but remember last winter. Yikes!!! We hardly seemed to have school last December.

The forecast for next week is cold with the distinct possibility of that frozen wonder called snow. While folks in Minnesota scoff at the panic and mayhem created by a snow dusting in Portland, our excitement usually causes school closures.

Carver School follows the lead of

the North Clackamas School District. If they close, so do we.

So, when you go outside in the morning to grab the newspaper and find your bare toes curling in the white stuff, turn on the TV and see if the North Clackamas School District is flapping their arms and calling off school. If they are closed, Carver School



If North Clackamas School District cancels school, Carver School will NOT be open.

will not be in session.

If you have to go to work, be sure to have some contingency child-care plans made. We will not be providing any child care services at the school. Heck, we will be trying to make a snowman out of 1/2 inch of snow on the ground and drinking hot cocoa.



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**THE PERFECT GIFT FOR EVERYONE
ON YOUR LIST!**

It is a gift that always fits!

It's the right color!

The right size!

And, can easily be mailed!

Baby, It's Cold Inside

As we all know, there isn't any insulation in the ceilings or heating ducts in the school, resulting in cool rooms and high heat bills. It was a disappointment that the reunion and casino night didn't raise money to purchase insulation.

The Carver School Board is trying to come up with an alternate plan to get the school insulated. If you would like to get involved, please

stop by the office and let us know. Perhaps you have a connection or suggestion to make. All ideas are appreciated.

The furnaces use heating oil and baby, is it ever expensive. We just had the tank filled and it was well over \$500 to fill it. It drains quickly trying to keep the school warm. Extra electric heaters are placed in Mrs. Hall's room to keep it toasty, and we

are not using the basement to try to save on heating costs there. The office has a heating vent that doesn't work and let me tell you, it is cold. Cheryl and I wear long underwear, double socks, boots and coats and we are still freezing. We fight about who gets to run errands so we can warm up with the car heater. No wonder spring is my favorite season.....

Holiday Humor

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...
I PRAY FOR A NEW NIN-
TENDO...
I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"



DINNER DONATIONS FOR OUR ADOPTED FAMILY (Remember there is a gluten & wheat allergy)

Turkey or Ham (or both!)

Rice Stuffing (mix or frozen)

Bag of Potatoes

Bag of Yams

Bag of Carrots

Fresh Squash

Frozen Veggie Casseroles

Butter, Cream, Half and Half

Fresh and/or Canned Fruit

Frozen Pies

Use Your Imagination—Let's Make it a
Meal to Remember

Concessions A Success at Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast, a production of the Black Swan Youth Theatre, played to sold out crowds for each of their six performances at Carver School in November.

Carver School set up the "Carver School Café" and sold food to the audience. It was a great success and we earned over \$1,300.

The timing was great and it helped the school pay our monthly bills, including filling the heating oil tank.

Many volunteers participated with the food preparation and sales. Since leftover food couldn't be saved, every night there was an informal food fest and we gobbled up leftovers. It was a fun way to rest sore feet and have a chance to gloat at making a profit. Yum.



Concessions Made Over \$1,300 for Carver School