



# Carver School News

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## Clean Up Your Room!

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When you were a child, how many times were those dreaded words uttered—Clean Up Your Room! It usually started with a “please,” followed by a “right now!” and ending with some phrase about pigs, hurricanes and disease.

Well, it must have worked. As adults, Carver School parents are wonderful room cleaners. Our parents must be so proud. When school president, Cheryl Hangland-Skill, issued an email request for a work party to clean up the old pre-school room last Saturday, the room was CLEANED.

A two-hour work party was scheduled, but parents and students worked until

the job was done—and it took all the live-long day.

A 25 foot trailer was stuffed and taken to the dump. A pickup load was filled for a charity drop. The room is cleaned and organized. It will be used as the Irish Eyes Are Smiling Auction headquarters. Worktables are arranged, supplies are being organized; oh my, what a sight.

In addition, a particularly loathsome closet was emptied. A victim of last year’s flood, anyone who peeked in it had quickly shut the door. It still needs a drywall job, but it is once again a usable storage space.

But the busy little room cleaners didn’t stop there. Alex Young and his

father installed new lights in the kitchen. This mighty feat cannot be properly appreciated unless you have tried to prepare food by the dim, flickering light of a neon bulb on its’ deathbed.

But wait! There’s more! They also installed not one, but two pot rack bars. Pots and pans can now be proudly displayed and easily grabbed to cook up some fundraising grub.

Obviously, our parents taught us well; we do know how to clean our (school) room. As children learn by example, we can expect them to be following in our footsteps in the future. Nice job!



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon. & Thurs-Qigong Class 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 29th—NO SCHOOL-Teacher Work Day-Report Cards
- Feb 1-5th—Parent Teacher Conference Week
- Feb 2nd-Carver School Board Meeting
- Feb 10th-Field Trip for 1st & 2nd Graders
- Giggle, Giggle, Quack

## Money, Money, Where For Art Thou?

In the famous Shakespeare play, *Romeo and Juliet*, the lovely Juliet hangs over the balcony and cries “Romeo, Romeo, where for art thou? Deny thy father and refuse thy name...” Oh, ain’t love grand?

Alas, Carver School must cry “Money, Money, Where For Art Thou? We cannot deny our bills or refuse to pay them...”

Yes, it is true, bills must be paid. Our main fundraiser is in March, but we have our monthly bills to pay. Our fall fundraiser was disappointing and it is putting the crunch on the new year. We have paid our bills every



month and are proud of our frugal fiscal management.

Please put on your creative money making hats and consider the following actions:

Make a tax-deductible donation to the school. All amounts gladly accepted. Consider donating an amount equal to a regular monthly bill—the water bill, for example.

Ask a family member or business to sponsor your child’s class by a cash

donation (we can arrange a ticker tape parade around the yard).

Come up with a get-rich-quick fundraising idea (you, too, can have a ticker tape parade, a marching band will also be provided).

All joking aside, we want to continue to pay our bills timely and need your help. Please be generous and/or creative.

We cherish our school and the education our children receive. Every dollar helps keep our vision intact. Thank you for your support!

## Mr. Kemmis' Book Reports

How do you make a book report interesting? Ho Hum. Little Johnny read a book, so he stands in front of the class and recites the plot in a monotone and sums it up with a titillating “I liked it,” and sits down.

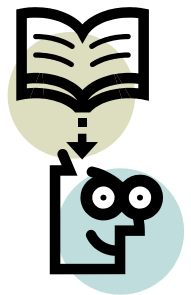
Not at Carver School. When Mr. Kemmis has his students present a book report, it is an adventure. He wants the students to express their

own interests and individual stamp on their book reports. He assigns a book genre and list of requirements to include in the report. The kids take it from there.

Zain wrote and performed a song that reflected a character in his book. Mick made a detailed scrapbook reflecting the personality of his chosen character.

Newspapers have been published, a marionette created, on and on goes the list.

The next assigned genre is fantasy. The pages are flying and we can't wait to see what creative ideas our student readers come up with.



## School Conferences Next Week—Contact Your Teacher

Is it true Little Johnny hid his test paper by making a bird’s nest out of it and tried to pass it off as a sci-



ence project? Find out the answer to this and other puzzling questions by scheduling a conference with your student’s teacher.

Please contact Mrs. Hall or Mr. Kemmis for a private conference covering the first semester of the school year. It is a great opportunity to summarize the year so far and set goals for the new semester. Working together helps formulate a plan of student success and achievement.

Mrs. Hall will be holding conferences after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Mr. Kemmis is available before and after school beginning next week.

Stop by or send a note to them requesting a time.

If you would like a meeting with one of our specialty teachers (P.E., Music and Art), please let the office know and it will be arranged.

## Enrollment Open for Next Year—Open Houses Start Soon

Spread the word! Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is officially open.

It may seem early to start recruiting, but we are already receiving calls inquiring about our program.

There will be a series of open houses, one approximately every three weeks. In addition, we are seeking clever ideas to get families into the school. Once we get them in the door, we can show off our program and they will be drooling with envy at the comparison to their present school. Okay,

they don't have to drool, but they are bound to be impressed!

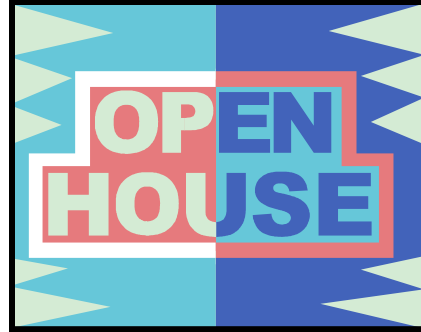
The Easter Egg Hunt will again be combined with a pancake breakfast to tempt families up the steps.

Put on your thinking hat and churn up some fresh recruiting ideas.

Through the year we have steadily picked up new students. How

great is that? Now what we need to do is attract even more to our school family community.

A list of open house dates will be released shortly. Volunteers will be needed to host the events. There is nothing like a happy, satisfied parent to answer questions. Thanks!



## Auction Donations Continue to Arrive . . .

Check out the list of some of the businesses who have donated to the upcoming auction:

LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
Dave's Killer Bread  
The Children's Course  
Burns Feed Store  
Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course

Cinnamon Buns  
High Desert Museum  
Al's Garden Center  
Papa Murphy  
Oregon City Golf Club  
Coffee's On  
Milner Veterinary Hospital  
Family Fun Center

JoCrenshaw Enterprises  
Harmony Road Music Center  
Grand Central Baking Company  
Sunshine Pizza Exchange  
Portland Spirit  
Eagle Landing Golf Course  
Wenzel Farm Fantasy Trail  
Persimmon Country Club

## Parent Ticket Sale Pages

Check your school mailbox for ticket packets for the upcoming auction.

Each family will receive 15 tickets and a master sheet to note each individual ticket sale.

I know, I know, it is beginning to sound like a broken record, but it won't matter how great the auction items are if there isn't anyone there to purchase them!

We need 150 people to attend and we need people who will spend some bucks to support our school.



If you are having trouble thinking of people, be creative. Do

you have a high school kid who could help sell them to their friends' parents? One enterprising parent is doing just that. Is that a great idea, or what!

Do you patronize a business frequently? They want to keep you as a customer and might buy a couple of tickets. Don't forget we also sell ads to profile businesses—good advertising for them, as well.

## OUR KIDS



## URGENTLY NEEDED

We are starting to assemble gift packages for the upcoming auction. We need baskets to prepare silent auction gift baskets. The larger the basket the better, but we can also use smaller ones. Everyone has a basket stuck in the back of their closet—please check around your house and bring them in. Also needed:

Gift Tissue Paper

Easter type grass for baskets

Small filler items for baskets

Good Looking Decorative Ribbon

(makes the basket look more expensive!)

Stamps (Please, Please, Please!)

Tape

Green Shamrocks of all Sizes

Slave Labor to Put Baskets Together!

## New Twist on an Old Fable

3 little pigs were going to a restaurant. and they were asking for orders from the waitress. The 1st little pig said " I want spaghetti" The 2nd little pig said " I want hamburgers" But, the 3rd little pig said "I want water, just plain water" Now was time for the side dishes. The first little pig said "I want coke" The second little pig said "Let's have fries" But, the 3rd little pig said " I want water, just plain water" Dessert was the last of it and the 1st little pig said "I want brownies" The second little pig said "Cupcakes" And the 3rd little pig said "Water, just plain water" At the end, the waitress asked the 3rd little pig "Why are you getting water all the time" "Well, someone has to go, WEE WEE WEE all the way home"!