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# Carver School News

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## Welcome to the 2009—2010 Year!

Can you believe summer is over and the new school year is here? It's time to put away the swim suits and pull out the backpacks. It is also time to get out your pencils and note all the school activities. This is the first issue of our new official newsletter. We are hoping it will be a forum to communicate current and upcoming happenings. We have a lot to brag about and this is our chance!

Please check out the "School Calendar" section for the current school schedule and upcoming meetings.

As we all know, Carver School is a Parent-

Teacher Co-Op (co-operative being the key word here). Every job has to be completed by a parent volunteer. We earnestly try to match abilities to jobs and respect family obligations, but the toilet doesn't get cleaned unless someone swabs the brush—so please jump in and help.

Read the Volunteer Opportunities column for details on volunteering. There is absolutely a job for everyone, large and small.

Please pay careful attention to the influenza prevention article. We want to keep our school a healthy place for all of us and need the full cooperation of parents, teachers

and students.

I am trying to get the hand of the publishing software, so don't make too much fun of the newsletter. If the brain cells haven't hardened too much, I should get better with time. If anyone is a Microsoft Publisher expert and wants to do private tutoring, I'm your student.

With luck this will be a weekly publication, so check your email and mailbox.

Any and all suggestions to improve the newsletter are welcome, just remember I bruise easily, so be polite!

Kathy Hoselton, Editor

Don't Forget  
To Purchase  
Lunch Tickets

Tuesday  
And  
Thursday  
We Pick Up  
Lunch for the Kids

Lunch Punch Cards  
Are \$20  
And May Be  
Purchased  
From  
Your Student's  
Teacher

## School Calendar Be There or Be Square!

September 14th—First Day of School

September 17th—Potluck Dinner/Parent Meeting 6 p.m.

September 17th—PreK/Kindergarten Open House 9 a.m.

September 28th through October 2nd—Student Goal Setting Conferences

Week of September 28th—School Pictures (Exact Date to be Determined)

REVIEW THE CALENDAR WEEKLY—EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Flu Season Concerns—General Information

This year's flu season presents additional challenges due to a new influenza strain, pandemic H1N1 influenza (previously called swine flu), that is currently circulating. However, there are many ways to prevent the spread of flu.

### Get vaccinated, starting with the students

- The most important step toward preventing the spread of flu is vaccination.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that all staff get vaccinated for seasonal flu.

- School-age children should also be vaccinated against both seasonal and pandemic H1N1 influenza.
- While staff members are not in the first round of priority groups for pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine, it is expected that by immunizing students, spread will be slowed and that vaccine for healthy adults will be available later in the season.
- Immunization clinics for students may be held within the school, but this will vary from county to county.

### Make sure everyone washes

- Encourage staff and students to wash hands often with soap and water, or to use an alcohol-based hand cleaner when soap and water aren't available.

### Cover coughs and sneezes

- Teach students to cough and sneeze into a tissue or their sleeve, and to throw the used tissue into the trash.
- Keep tissues available everywhere.
- Staff should take special care to cover their own coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their sleeve.
- Both students and staff should

## Carver School Flu Prevention Strategies

With the growing concern over swine flu and other viruses, Carver School needs all parents to strictly follow the Parent Handbook. In consideration of other children and staff, and in accordance with state health regulations, please keep your child at home if he or she is ill.

Do NOT send your child to school if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, congestive and/or persistent

coughing, sore throat or swollen glands, ear ache, conjunctivitis, impetigo, dark yellow-green mucus discharge from nose and/or ear.

All of us have been faced with a slightly ill child, low fever, just not feeling well. It is tempting to send them to school—they aren't very sick....KEEP THE LITTLE BUGGER HOME! He may not seem so sick right now, but by the end of day he

and his classmates will all have dark yellow-green mucus discharge.

The school will be providing waterless hand cleaner as children arrive, in the classrooms and in the lunchroom. We are such a small school that four kids with the flu could be considered a pandemic. Thanks for your help. Together we can keep our school a healthy environment for all.

## Volunteering is as Easy as 1-2-3

Have a few minutes to volunteer at the school but you just don't know what to do? Check out the Volunteer Board in the main hallway.

The myriad of tasks necessary to keep the school running are listed on convenient 3x5 cards on the Volunteer Board. The estimated job time is on each card. Some have to be done at school, others can be completed at home. Just grab the card, complete

the task and turn the card back into the office.

See a job that needs done but you don't have time to complete it yourself? Make out a card and put in on the board. This is your school—actively participate in keeping it running smoothly and safely. Never forget how satisfying it can be to flush the toilet, because your kid never does. Stuff an envelope, make some

calls, the jobs never end.

We really need some office help, no prior experience necessary. You might not whistle while you work like those dwarfs, but we are a pretty jolly lot and have a lot of fun.

Remember, parents are role models, and your contributions of time and effort are a good example for our students.