



Carver School News

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Carver School 73rd Reunion & Casino Night November 7th - Coming Soon!

How many times have you passed an old building and thought “If those walls could only talk...”

Here is your chance to hear them. On November 7th, Carver School’s walls will be bulging with the voices of history. Carver School is hosting the 73rd anniversary of our beloved old, and drafty, school. Members of the original class of 1936, all the way to the present day will gather to share stories and fun.

What was it like to transition from an out-house to a real flushing toilet? Do those cold bottoms still remember?

What things do we have in common with the

class of 1936, 1956 or 1976? Today an alumni of the 1970’s stopped by and remembered how chilly the school was. Well, some things haven’t changed after all!

Couple the conversations with a fun-filled Casino Night, and it will be an event to remember.

This is our first big fundraiser of the year, so remember to invite your friends and families—it is very important. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to insulate the attic and heating ducts. Did you know we haven’t ANY (and that means NONE) insulation in the attic, and the original wooden heating

ducts are still in use? No wonder it is so cold!

There will be games, music, wine, beer and lots of history all making new history at Carver School.

Individual tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. This includes hors d-oeuvres, drink and raffle ticket, game tokens and dancing. What a deal!

Volunteers are needed to help with the evening. We are currently piecing together pictures and stories of the past. Help on this large project is needed and whatever your talent—it can be put to use. Please stop by the office and volunteer today.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 19th by 3:15 p.m. - Scrip Orders Due

Thursday, October 22nd - First Grade Field Trip

Winnie The Pooh Play

Friday, October 23rd - Box Tops for Education Deadline

Friday, October 23rd - Pumpkin Patch Field Trip (All Grades)

Friday, October 30th - Upper Grades Field Trip to Chamber Repertory Theatre

Friday, October 30th - POTLUCK FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wreath and Poinsetta Fundraiser—Happening Now!

Every year we say the holiday season comes earlier and earlier.

Why, may you ask, are we selling holiday wreaths and poinsettias in October? Good question—and we have the answer.

These lush, gorgeous wreaths and plants are pre-ordered and then delivered on December 1st. You have to admit December 1st is usually the family start of the holidays. Retailers want you to believe it is November 1st, but we hold firm that Santa should not have to leave his South Pacific Island vacation home a second

sooner. Take that Mr. Macy!

We do, however, have to submit the orders (and payment) by November 12th. So now is the time to ask friends and family if they would like to order.

This year we are hoping to supple-



ment our fundraiser by taking wreath orders at the Beauty and the Beast theatrical shows in November.

Wreath prices range from \$18 to \$30. Swags are available at \$19. The poinsettias are gorgeous and range in price from \$8 to \$20.

Wouldn't Little Johnny like to send Grandma in the Bronx a wreath? No problem, for an incredible extra \$3, it can be done. Now that's a good deal!

Need another order packet? Just stop by the office to pick one up.

Box Tops for Education Need You to Clip Those Labels

Have you ever looked at the top of your Cheerios box and noticed a little coupon looking item like the picture to the right?

Box Tops for Education appears on all kinds of Gen-



eral Mills Products. Simply clip the coupon off the food item and return it to school. There is a large Campbell's Soup Can look-alike-bin in the main hallway. Have Little Johnny drop those coupons off and we are on the way to earning money and goods for Carver School.

It's painless (unless you hurt yourself with the scissors), and it

helps the school. Even Grandma can collect them off her canned spaghetti label—Yum!

The first deadline for the Box Tops for Education program is October 23rd. Please don't forget to look through your cupboards and clip those labels.

If you have any questions, Marni Mortell is heading up the campaign.

Pop Cans For Petty Cash Is Making Money!

Keep those pop cans coming! The first two dumpings of the giant pop can on the steps netted a grand total of \$13.75. Do not scoff, while we might not paint the building with this lofty sum, just think what \$13.75 will buy for the kids:

5 jugs of juice, or

24 individual bags of chips, or

1/2 case of paper towels, or

13 jugs of hand cleaner, or

Well, we won't get graphic, but just think how many toilet paper uses...., well you get the picture.

Remember water bottles are returnable in Oregon. Thanks to Bill and Marni Mortell for overseeing this program.

Now we just need to remember to bring the cans to school.....



Field Trips Offer a Taste of the Classics

Offering a well-rounded education is important to Carver School. Field trips are an important tool to offer a variety of world experiences.

In this hustle-bustle world of video games and television, the live theatre is often overlooked. Not at Carver School! All grades will be attending a theatrical performance of beloved classical tales.

The younger kids will be attending Winnie the Pooh at the Northwest Children's Theatre on October 22nd. What's not to love about a fuzzy bear

with a honey pot stuck on his head?

The older kids take on five classic tales put on by Boston's nationally acclaimed Chamber Repertory Theatre company.

The Tell Tale Heart by Edgar Allen Poe will have their hearts pounding, followed by the hilarious, and spooky, Legend of Sleepy Hollow. W.W. Jacobs explores the belief that fate rules peoples lives in The Monkey's Paw, and every adult remembers reading Maupassant's The Necklace as a school kid. To complete the

extravaganza, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County by Mark Twain will have them hopping with laughter.

These classic tales will take on a new meaning, and make lasting memories, when viewed through the medium of live theatre.

A big thanks to our teachers for finding these field trips and chaperoning the kids. Parents and families are always welcome. If you are interested, advance tickets can be purchased in the office. See you there!

Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 9th, 2009

The Clackamas Fire District has asked us to share some smart safety tips for adults. These tips could save lives, so pay attention!

- Working smoke alarms save lives, so make sure yours work.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.

- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Make a home fire escape plan with your family.
- Find **TWO** ways out of every room.
- Practice your escape plan twice per year.

- When the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!**

We all have heard these tips; but how many of us actually do them all? Now is your chance, do it.

Make a home fire escape plan with your children and practice it twice a year.

Don't Miss the Local Halloween Events Right Near Home

There are two fun-filled Halloween events right near our school.

Trick or Treat at Damascus Square on October 30th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Damascus City Hall and all the merchants of the shopping center will be dressed up in costumes and ready with the treats. This is a safe location and easy to access. And free!

Take a walk down the Wenzel Farm Fantasy Trail on 19754 South



Ridge Road (off Redland Road) during the whole month of October.

For 15 years the trail has

delighted crowds of Halloween spooks. Walk through the maze, tour the crooked house and creep across the suspension bridge. They even have a castle filled with spooky sights and sounds.

Calm down with a hot apple cider and pick up a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch. Open from Noon to 5 p.m. every day and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every night. Adults \$4; kids under 12 \$3.50.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Buddy, Can You Spare the Time?

Help is Need on the Following:

- Volunteers to help at Beauty and the Beast Performances in November, selling food and Christmas Wreaths
- Volunteers to help at the Re-union and Casino Night. Every job possible - Just Say Yes!
- Clean those *(&^%! Toilets
- He-man types to bring in basketball hoops from outside to inside of gym.
- Weed landscaping outside of Mr. Kemmis' room.
- Sweep a Little, Swipe a Little

DONATIONS THIS PAST WEEK:

Two Cases of Toilet Paper (Thanks!)
Printer Cartridges for Computer Printers

Copy Paper

Postage

Kleenex

Case of Paper Towels

Paper Cups

Envelopes

Chips

THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

Is Your Lunch Card Running Low?

Parents: It might be time to check with Little Johnny and see if his lunch card is about to run out.

As you know, twice a week the school orders pizza and sandwiches, and the costs are deducted from the lunch card. Most of the cards are running low and need to be replenished.

Cards are \$20 and the money can be brought to the office, or teachers.



School Excuses

The following are excuse notes from parents (including original spellings) collected by the University of Texas

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels. (Squirts)

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

Please excuse Burma, she has been sick and under the doctor.

And the best one...

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was not his fault.