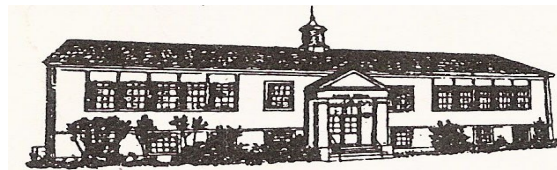


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PARENT INFO NIGHT SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6:00 PM

Don't miss the fun and fact-filled Parent Info Meeting and Potluck Dinner this Thursday evening.

This is a mandatory meeting! We will be distributing important forms and information to help make the 2010-2011 year a big success.

A comprehensive description of our fund-raising will be explained and the myriad of volunteer jobs available. This is your chance to sign up for the jobs of your choice. Gifted in gardening? We have a lawn for you. Cooking or dish-

washing? We can fill your dishpan hand dreams.

Don't forget this is a potluck! There is a sign-up sheet in the main hall of school. Just jot down what type of dish you will be bringing. Check out to see what others are bringing so we can have a semi-balanced type menu.

Don't worry, this is not a culinary contest; feel free to stop by Safeway and pick up something easy. The school will provide drinks.

This will be the first Family Fun Night of the

year. We try to get together approximately once a month. In general we do not have a meeting, this evening is an exception. We just like to have an excuse to let the kids play and the adults have a chance to socialize. In the past we have had board game nights, breakfast for dinner nights, Italian dinners, Japanese dinner night—well you get the idea!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Parent Info Night
- FIDO Auction
- New Snack Bar
- Thanks Bartolome!
- Rubber Boots
- Garden & Field Trip
- Summer Sushi Fun

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CARVER SCHOOL

- SEPTEMBER 13** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 16 POTLUCK/PARENT MEETING 6 PM **MANDATORY!**
SEPTEMBER 17 CARVER SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 24 CARVER SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 AM
OCTOBER 13 BOARD MEETING 6 PM
OCTOBER 8 NO SCHOOL STATEWIDE IN-SERVICE
OCTOBER 25-29 SPIRIT WEEK

FIDO AUCTION OCTOBER 9TH

Have you heard of FIDO? We aren't talking about Grandma's favorite pet; nope, we are talking about BUNCHES of beloved dogs, and their owners, who are assisted by an able group of volunteers called FIDO.

For people experiencing financial difficulties who cannot afford to feed their dogs, FIDO provides free dog food. Consider how many elderly people depend on their dog for friendship and comfort. How heart wrenching is it for them to be forced to give up their pet because they can't afford a bag of dog food.

FIDO comes to the rescue and distributes thousands of pounds of dog food each year to needy dog owners.

FIDO is a non-profit group run by volunteers, just like you and me. Some of their volunteers heard about our auction last year and asked us for some advice and guidance to help them raise funds. We



have been meeting with them and sharing our auction/dinner experiences.

On October 9th, the good FIDO folks will be holding their first auction at Carver School. They have rented our building and retained us to cater their dinner. FIDO will have a full dinner combined with a silent and oral auction.

We will be preparing and serving a full Italian-themed dinner. This also represents our first major fall fundraiser of the school year for us.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and with the serving of the meal. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Parent Info night, and you can always stop by the office.

This is a worthwhile organization who deserves our support.

THANKS DAVE AND MARLENA

Life just gets better and better for the Carver School kitchen. Last year we received a huge donation of kitchen equipment. It made an amazing difference during the preparations for the annual auction dinner.

And our good fortunes have improved further. School parents, Dave and Marlena Bartolome, se-

cured another restaurant donation for us. We are now the proud owners of a gorgeous stainless steel food preparation table/refrigerator unit (oh my, is it ever nice), an ice cream freezer, stainless steel food prep table, and numerous Asian-style dishware.

Some of you were present at our Family Fun Japanese dinner

held during the fireworks sale. It was fun and we all burped sushi for a week afterwards (just kidding).

A special thank you to the Bartolome family. It was thoughtful, generous and appreciated.



RUBBER BOOTS FOR THOSE WET & MUDDY DAYS

We hate to face it, but the rainy weather will soon be upon us. For some reason Mrs. Hall has an aversion to muddy floors and little wet feet. She is requesting a pair of rubber boots for each student to wear outside during recess and other outdoor times.

If you have an old pair (that still fits) hiding in the closet, these will

do just fine. Just make sure they aren't leaky!

In addition to boots, it is a good idea to



bring a change of clothes to keep in Mrs. Hall's room. Accidents do happen and it is very helpful to have a spare change of clothes handy.

Our school building is a designated historic site; which is a nice way of saying it gets drafty in the cold weather. If Little Johnny has a tendency to shiver, consider leaving a sweatshirt or sweater, as well.

NEW SNACK BAR IN OFFICE

One of the earliest phrases learned by children are the immortal words "I'm hungry!" Once it is learned, it just doesn't seem to go away until they start paying for their own groceries.

Like a herd of Pavlovian dogs, the kids seem to start salivating at 3:15 and run into the office hollering "I'm hungry!, what is there to eat?"

We are trying a new approach this year to satisfy their need for a treat. We have stocked a snack bar with several different food items and drinks. All items are priced at .50 cents. Currently we have chips, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, pudding, water and fruit drinks. If practical, we plan on adding some fresh fruit and additional fresh healthy choices.

And how, one might ask, can these

delectable delights be purchased? For your convenience, we have two methods. Items may be purchased in cash from one of our cheerful office volunteers, or a snack card may be purchased. Purchase a snack card in whatever amount you choose (example: \$5) and set the maximum daily amount Little Johnny can spend.

The snack bar is not a fundraiser. All funds from purchased items will be used to re-stock the food and drink items. In the past, food and drinks consumed by the kids (and parents) have been donated. Not only was this expensive for donors, it also meant we didn't have snacks available on a regular basis.

Keep the snack bar in mind for kids involved in before/after school care.

Also, if lunch is a bit skimpy and you need a bit more snack to fill it out—just have Little Johnny pick up a bag of Sun Chips.

Remember, all snacks are 50 cents. Also, if you find some healthy-type snacks on sale, let the office know so we can keep a variety of fun food. If you are shopping and see something, give the school a call, perhaps you can pick it up and be reimbursed. Remember our co-op responsibilities to run the school are shared by all of us. Enjoy!



BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The best way to know what is happening at our school is to attend the monthly school board meetings.

Beginning in October, the permanent monthly date for school board meetings will be the second Wednesday of every month.

The meetings are advertised in the newsletter, so check the weekly Calendar of Events.

Carver School Board Meetings have been changed to the second Wednesday of every month.

All major items of importance are discussed at the meetings. This is your chance to have input into our long-range planning, fundraising efforts, school operations; you name it and we discuss it.

All families are encouraged to be involved in board discussions; your input is valued.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT THE GARDEN & WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

Wow! It doesn't take Mr. Novak long to jump into the new school year! On the first day of school the ambitious class built a raised bed, which will soon be filled with soil.

What wonders of the plant world will be planted? Wondering minds can only speculate, but we are betting it is going to be very interesting.

Perhaps it will be fish? Rumor hath

it that the upper grades are going on a field trip to the Bonneville Dam fish hatchery this coming Friday.

Don't be surprised if we are all invited for some Salmon Salad prepared by Mr. Novak's class. He is doing some mighty interesting stuff out there in the modular.... Stay tuned, perhaps we will have a student written article, explaining it all in an upcoming issue.



Summer Sushi Feast



Carver alumni Courtney prepares delicious sushi rolls for satisfied customers (below). It was a real Chopstick Challenge!

