

Carney Cougar

Dates to Remember...

- April 1** MSA Testing Begins
- April 14** Pre-K Registration
- April 18** 3 hour early dismissal
- April 21** Pre-K Registration
- April 23** Picture Day -Individual and Class Photos
- April 26** Bulk Pick-up 8 –Noon Carney Parking Lot
- April 28** Kdg Registration
- April 28** School Improvement Team 4:15pm

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- Carney State Recognition
- Black Saga Competition
- Home & School Connection
- National D.E.A.R. Day
- Cold or Allergy?
- Tick Bites
- February Citizen of the Month
- Music Notes
- Imagine Discovery Public Charter School
- Counselor Connection
- Picture Day
- Summer Smarts

From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Grades 3,4, and 5 have begun the state mandated testing (MSA) this week. All the students are working very hard and I am sure they will demonstrate their knowledge on these tests. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of a recognition certificate for our performance on the 2007 MSAs. I am sure our

continue to achieve at a high level. I am proud of all of our students. I am confident that all of our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will score proficient or advanced this year.

As a parent/ guardian you can support your child's achievement by encouraging them to do their best, eat a good breakfast everyday, get plenty of rest each night, and be present everyday during testing. Attendance is

extremely important. There are a few make-up days but it would be best for your child to be here on the specific days of the child's tests.

Good luck to grades 3, 4, and 5 - make us proud!

Mrs. Roberta



From the Health Suite

Parents/Guardians:

If your child borrowed clothes from the Health Suite, please return them washed so that another child may use them. If you have any socks or shorts you

would like to donate please send them in with your child, or you may drop them off in the Health Suite. All donations are appreciated! Thank you. Jennifer Jones



Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month! This is the perfect opportunity to showcase one of Carney's exemplary programs!

Carney Elementary is the home for the Northeast Area of Baltimore County's "Communication and Learning Support" (CALs) Program. Many of the children in this program have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Currently, the program consists of five classrooms with students ranging in age from 3 to 12. The CALs classes are structured to provide support for the students who have significant sensory, communication, learning and social needs. They are self-contained classrooms, meaning that they have a small student-to-teacher ratio and the students do not change classes for math or reading. You may be surprised to learn that even with some severe needs, the students in the CALs program learn from the same Voluntary State Curriculum that the regular educational students do! They also use curricular materials such as Open Court and Scott Foresman Math. These materials and lessons are modified and lots of supplemental materials are also used. There is also re-teach time, visual cues and opportunities to practice involved in the daily lessons.

Another exciting aspect of the CALs program is our Community-Based Instruction, or CBI. The CALs program takes a day trip, on average once a month. Most recently, we learned how to interact appropriately when we went to Chesapeake Arts Theatre to view "Arithmetickles," an interactive play about math. This year we have learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin and how bees make honey at Roha Farm. We have taken a tour of a restaurant kitchen. We have also practiced using money skills by ordering at restaurants and purchasing items in a store. Our CBI outings address global skills, such as communication, academics, social skills and personal management skills. The students in the CALs program can also have the opportunity to practice many of those skills when they join non-disabled peers in inclusion. Students can join for one or more of the special area classes, recess, homeroom, and/or academics. All of the students in the CALs class eat lunch in the cafeteria and join the school for assemblies!

School Attire

This is a reminder that all students must be appropriately dressed as the warm weather approaches. We will follow the same dress code as Pine Grove Middle:

- No hats or bandannas*
- No halters or bare midriffs*
- No short shorts or skirts -when bending over- cannot see underwear*
- Pants need to be worn appropriately at waist*
- No T-shirts with inappropriate language or pictures*
- Flip flops must be secure on the feet-last year we had several pairs break during the school day.*