

# Carney Cougar

### ***Dates to Remember...***

- Oct 9** Yom Kippur—Schools and Offices Closed
- Oct 10** Hearing & Vision Re-Screening
- Oct 13** Last Volunteer Training 6:30pm
- Oct 17** Professional Day Schools Closed for Students
- Oct 21** Barnes & Noble 6pm-8pm
- Oct 31** Halloween Parade 2:45pm
- Nov 3** Professional Day Schools Closed for Students
- Nov 4** Election Day -School and Offices Closed

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### **Also Attached:**

- Music Notes
- Barnes and Noble Night
- Home & School Connection
- Reading Connection
- Morgan State University Tutoring Corps
- The Flu
- Parents & School as Partners
- Counselor Connection
- Summer Smarts
- NED

## *From the Principal...*

*Dear Parents,*

*I am very proud of our teachers and students. Everyday your children are engaged in rigorous and challenging lessons. New learning is occurring in all subject areas. Student are working hard and teachers are differentiating instruction to ensure all students are successful in learning new skills and concepts. We appreciate your continued support of our teachers and the work you do at home to assist your children with their homework.*

*Thank you parents!*

*As we approach our eighth week of school please take note of the following suggestions: We encourage you to:*

*- Allow your child to walk to his/her classroom by him/herself—this will foster independence and allow him/her to develop organizational skills and daily routines.*

*- Please remember that teachers do not have time to conference with parents in the morning. They are preparing the*

*classroom for the day—if you need to talk to your child’s teacher you can send a note or email and the teacher will call you to set up an appointment.*

*Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with the above school policies and procedures.*

*Mrs. Roberta*

## *Important Notice About Spelling*

*As you know we are piloting the new report card this year. We are one among 20 schools who will give feedback this year. Revisions to the report card will be made before the 2009-10 school year when all elementary schools will use the new form. You will notice that on the new report card students are not given a grade*

*for spelling based on weekly tests but will be given a grade for how they use spelling skills in written work. Your child will not be taking weekly spelling tests but they will be graded on spelling in their written work. Students will*

*continue to receive instruction on spelling patterns. You will see 2 grades on some work-one for content and one for spelling. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher or one of the administrators.*

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**Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Contest**

*On Friday, Oct 31, students at Carney Elementary are invited to participate in our annual Halloween parade. The parade will begin at 2:45. Participants are encouraged to bring their costumes to school that day for the parade. Please do not send any play/pretend weapons with the costumes. Parents may watch the parade from in front of the school. There will be a supervised alternative activity in the school library for those who choose not to participate in the parade.*

*The pumpkin contest will be held in the days leading up to the parade. Children in all classes may decorate pumpkins at home with their parents and bring the pumpkins to school beginning Fri. Oct. 24. The pumpkins will be displayed by grade level in the courtyard, so students should take their pumpkins to the courtyard when they bring them to school. Make sure that the child's name is on the bottom of the pumpkin. After the Halloween parade, pumpkins will be recognized during afternoon announcements in categories such as funniest, most creative, etc.*

*Students must take their pumpkins home on Friday, Oct. 31 as they will not be saved. Thank you.*

*Kathleen Creighton*

**Birthday Parties.....**

*Remember if you are giving your child a private birthday party outside of the school building you can not have your child pass out invitations in school unless you invite the whole class. We have had a number of children upset and crying when they didn't receive an invitation for a private birthday party. Thanks for your corporation.*

**Parent Classes**

It's tough to be a parent! Join us for Active Parenting classes beginning in October. The classes will be offered in the evening and will focus on child development, realistic expectations, rewards and consequences, and strategies for effective discipline. Look for a flyer with more information coming home soon! Please feel free to contact Denise Bosworth if you have any questions.

**Market Day**

*Market Day is a year-round fundraising program available at Carney Elementary. Look for flyers to come each month with a selection of many delicious, prepared food items. If you would like to purchase items, simply order online or turn the completed form in to your child's classroom teacher. On a designated Wednesday each month you can pick your order up at the school cafeteria between the hours of 3:15 pm and 4:15 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Bosworth at 410-887-5228.*

**Volunteer Training**

*Thanks to all who attended the volunteer training meetings! We really appreciate all you do for the school and the students! Please do not forget to sign in at the office when you arrive and leave. Also, don't forget to put your name in the basket each time you volunteer! A drawing will be held each month for a bag of Starbucks Coffee. You may be the lucky winner! Remember, you must attend a training in order to work in a classroom, attend parties, go on field trips, in short, anything that involves you interacting with students. Our last training will be on October 13, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Contact Denise Bosworth if you have any further questions.*