

Carpenter's Chatter



Principal's Newsletter for Carpenter Elementary

September 11, 2019

***School Performance Scores:** The North Carolina Department of Instruction released last year's test score results. The scores may be different in some grade levels compared to what we shared at our curriculum night. At curriculum night, we shared our estimated scores with all students factored in. North Carolina's final results reflect only students that were in school long enough for their EOG scores to be attributed to Carpenter. Our school received an overall performance score of a "B". Students that scored 3, 4, or 5s on their end of grade tests in the various subjects are listed below:

Grades	Reading	Math	Science
Third	71%	77%	n/a
Fourth	75%	75%	n/a
Fifth	74%	68%	77%

We are proud of our students but especially last year's fifth grade student leaders who outperformed their reading abilities in Science! We still have more work to do but we are proud of our school community, chameleons, staff, and our collective success.

***Academic Allstars:** We awarded one student from each 1st through 5th grade class for exuding academic excellence on a daily basis. Through a partnership with UNC, the students received four free tickets to a UNC soccer game. Congratulations to the following students for being Academic Allstars: Richa Misra, Johan Lalu, Rowan Batt, Chloe Johnson, Audrey Nguyen, Colin Fogleman, Suhass Vatala, Sophie Notkin, Stella Kim, Liliana Younge, Owen Cramer, Judah Burden, Joceyln Nicke, Ayan De, Danah Alkarmi, Giulia Da Silva, Oliver Perry, Katelyn Camplin, Dylan Armstrong, Elizabeth Mentler, Samhitha Rajesh, Arjun Dhaliwal, Lilly Burdick, and Andrew Hallam. They will receive an honor on the video board and receive a standing ovation from the crowd for their academic accomplishments. They will also get to experience all the fun in Tar Heel Town, where there will be autograph and photograph opportunities with some student-athletes, chances to meet Rameses the mascot, and an up-front view of the Tar Heel victory walk! The soccer game originally scheduled was on one of our curriculum nights (*August 22nd*). The game started but then was rained out. Parents can call the UNC office to request tickets for another game night that is convenient to their schedule. The number is: 919-962-2296.

***Teacher Workday:** *September 30th* will be a workday for year round schools. Carpenter Elementary will be closed as our staff will be participating in staff development opportunities throughout the district.

Important Dates

September 13th

PTA Run Club 8:15 am

September 20th

PTA Run Club 8:15 am

September 25th

3rd Grade Art Museum Field Trip
Tracks 2 & 4

September 27th

PTA Run Club 8:15 am
Track 4 Tracks Out

September 29th

Camp Chameleon Workday
10:00 – 12:00 pm

September 30th

Teacher Workday
School Closed

October 1st

Track 1 Tracks In
1st Grade Field Trip
Stewart Theater Tracks 1 & 3

October 2nd

3rd Grade Art Museum Field Trip
Tracks 1 & 3
National Custodian Appreciation Day

October 4th

PTA's Family Fun Night
Silent Auction
5:30 – 7:30 pm

October 8th

3rd Grade Testing - COG AT
Tracks 1, 2, & 3

October 9th

3rd Grade Testing - COG AT
Tracks 1, 2, & 3

October 10th

3rd Grade Testing - COG AT
Tracks 1, 2, & 3
Fall Picture Retakes
Tracks 1, 2 & 3

***Attendance Matters:** Come early and stay all day. Even though school does not start until 9:15 am, we love having all our children present in the classrooms by 9:05 am. It is an educational disruption for students to come in after the 9:15 am bell rings because teachers have begun teaching. It is also an educational disruption for students to be checked out of school early. Office personnel must call the classroom, teachers stop teaching to answer the phone and prepare the students to leave early with all necessary materials. At a past Leadership Meeting, teachers listed students getting checked out of school early as the #1 educational disruption of the day. Even though we are a year round school and families get scheduled vacation time throughout the year, we still have many families that miss additional weeks of school for extended vacations. Research shows that children perform better academically when they are fully present with consistent attendance records. One of the biggest gifts you can give your child is to come early and have them stay all day in school!

***PTA Camp Chameleon Workday:** On Sunday, September 29th, our PTA is sponsoring a Camp Chameleon workday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This is a wonderful way to meet other families while helping to maintain our outdoor Science classroom area.

***PTA Family Fun Night:** Who needs to attend the state fair when the school fair is coming to Carpenter Elementary? Friday, October 4th, there will be games, bounce houses, silent auction, and food at our Family Fun Night. Concessions will be sold for your enjoyment and convenience. There will be a silent auction that features many items. Funds raised from Family Fun Night will go to support programs, Camp Chameleon, classroom grants, and other educational and enriching opportunities for your children.

***Cognitive Abilities Test:** All third grade students will be administered the Cognitive Abilities Test which is a screening measure for the Academically Gifted Program. Students will be tested on a battery of short verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal tests that will be used to generate a composite score. Even if students do not qualify for the AIG program, these subtests can provide useful information about how your child does academically. Third graders on Tracks 1, 2, & 3 will be administered these tests on October 8th, 9th, and 10th. Track 4 third graders will be administered the Cog AT on October 28th, 29th, and 30th. It is very important that students arrive on time and are present in their rooms by 9:15 am. Students who are tardy will need to be tested on makeup days with students who were absent.

***Electronics:** Carpenter Elementary is not a *Bring Your Own Device* Pilot School. Therefore, Ipods, Ipads, cell phones, laptops, and all electronic devices should be left at home. Devices coming in from home do not have the same filtering systems that WCPSS owned devices do. In the past, we have spent a lot of time investigating lost electronics, phones and Ipads that had been used on buses to take pictures and film others without their consent. All items were retrieved and erased but bringing electronics in from home can create an educational disruption. Do not allow your child to bring in electronics or they will be confiscated until you can come to school to retrieve them. Thank you for your cooperation with our safety rules and regulations.

***Volunteers:** Come any morning to the Media Center to register on a school computer to volunteer in our classrooms. When registering on our secure online system, you will need to provide your name, social security number, address, date of birth, driver's license number, employer and previous state(s) of residence. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS school and register through the intranet. Access to the volunteer system is: WCPSS Intranet – Business Applications – Volunteer Registration.

***Makeup Days:** Tracks 1, 3, & 4 will have inclement makeup days on November 16th and December 7th. School will be dismissed at 12:45 pm on these days. These days will be full days for learning as there will not be any recess, lunch, or specials. Mark your calendars.

With Chameleon Pride and Spirit,

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Principal

