

February 27, 2018



# The Paw Print



Carpenter Elementary

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## Kindergarten Round-Up

**Carpenter Elementary  
Kindergarten & Young Fives' Open House  
Tuesday, February 27  
6:00-7:30 pm**

Kindergarten and Young Fives open houses let children see for themselves the fun that awaits them in September. Meet the principal and staff, learn about the programs, and enroll your children.

If you are unable to make your school's open house, please call to schedule a visit.

*\*For the Young Fives program, children must turn five years old between May 1 and December 1, 2018.*

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### Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, February 28th**  
Early Release School  
Dismissal is at 1:29pm  
No Childcare on This Day

**March is Reading Month**  
Please see the Calendar and  
Plan to Participate for the  
entire Month

**March is Music Month**  
Expose your Cougar to  
different genres

**March is Women's Month**  
Share personal stories with  
your Cougar of women who  
have made a difference in  
your life.

**Tuesday, March 6th**  
Leo's Coney Island Dine to  
Donate Our Teachers and  
Staff Members will be  
serving your food. Proceeds  
come back to our students



### Carpenter Elementary School's Mission

The Carpenter School Community will provide a respectful, responsible, and safe environment in which each student is academically, emotionally, and socially prepared to face the future.



# News You Can Use!



## I GOT YOU Phase II

by Camille Woods

### Parents!

Phase 2 of \* I Got You\* was a HUGE success because we all worked together to create acts of kindness for our school, home and community.

Our mission was to invite you to show us **YOUR** acts of kindness and service in the community by placing a ribbon on our trees in the front of the school.

As a school community, we added 2,225 orange, purple and blue ribbons on the trees by the front entrance. The red one on the tree represents Big Mack. Thank you for your continuous support and for activating our future leaders of tomorrow.

Please continue to have your Cougar share their person stories on the I Got You bulletin board by the main office.

Thanks and I Got You!



Do you have a science-related interest to share? A question you would like an answer to? A cool home experiment to show off?

## The Science and Special Interest Fair is the PLACE TO BE!

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

6:30-8:00 PM

CARPENTER MPR



Back by popular demand: THE ANN ARBOR HANDS ON MUSEUM will present a FREE science family night!

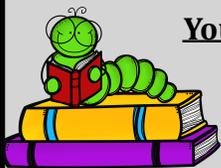
- \* Each participant will need a display to showcase their work. You can create a poster or display board, bring materials to demonstrate, or both.
- \* Your project should be related to science, math, technology, nature, etc.
- \* You are responsible for all clean up (*including bringing any materials to clean up: paper towel, etc*)
- \* If your project will be large, you can be given a spot with more space. Please indicate this on your form (available on page 6), or email [randallkc@gmail.com](mailto:randallkc@gmail.com) a few days before.
- \* Parents!!! This is a STUDENT event! We can't wait to see their projects in all stages of achievement! Each student is expected to explain, set up, and perform their OWN project.
- \* Registration forms are due by **Thursday, March 1st** and are available on page 6.

We will have special guests to speak with all cougars about their projects. All participants WILL be able to take part in the Hands On Museum program!

THIS IS NOT A COMPETITION!!! We want to learn, have fun, and share with each other.

## Greetings from the Library!

Many fun and exciting things are happening in our Library.



**Young 5, Kindergarten, and First Grade** students are learning about Fairy Tales. Students continue to practice navigating the computer by completing reading activities on their Lexia program.

**Second Grade** students are beginning to explore book genres in library like biography, informational text, mystery, and poetry. Students continue to work on research skills on the computer. Currently, they are working on a special research project about bats.



**Third Grade and Fourth Grade** students are learning about research skills and how to create a presentation in

Google Slides. They continue to use Typing Club to learn keyboarding skills.

**Fifth Grade** students continue to learn about research and use library resources for classroom projects. They use Typing Club to practice keyboarding skills.



Students can access the library website at <http://carpenterlibrary.weebly.com/> to use the sites at home.

Educationally yours,  
Mrs. Clark



## 2018 Carpenter Read-a-thon



### Reach for the Stars Reading Incentive Program by Usborne Books

Carpenter students have the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Carpenter Read-a-thon. During the event, students agree to read every day for two weeks from Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 9. Students collect pledges from family and friends. All money collected during this Read-a-thon goes directly back to our Carpenter Community. Students receive a voucher for half of the collected money to spend at the Usborne Book Fair (March 20-23). The Carpenter Library receives half of the collected money to purchase new books for the library. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their reading.

#### How to participate:

1. **Accept the Challenge-** Read or be read to for at least 30 minutes a day during the two week read-a-thon
2. **Sponsor Sheet-** Ask your family and friends to support your reading by making a pledge (donation)
3. **Reading Journal-** Log your reading time each day
4. **Get Books-** Turn in your book order form, sponsor sheet, and money collected in an envelope by Monday, March 12. All students who participate can purchase the books of their choice at the Spring Usborne Book Fair March 20-23 using money earned from this event.

Information packets  
coming home soon!



# Science and Special Interests Fair Registration form

Return this form to your teacher by MARCH 1, 2018  
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_

MY TOPIC IS:

\_\_\_ I need electricity (bring your own extension cord, please)

PLEASE BRING ALL MATERIALS NEEDED TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PROJECT:  
THIS INCLUDES PAPER TOWEL.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THE HANDS ON MUSEUM SCIENCE NIGHT!

Questions? Email Kym Randall at [randallkc@gmail.com](mailto:randallkc@gmail.com)

Parents: please help make our night a success!

Our contract with the Hands On Museum requires that we have TWENTY VOLUNTEERS  
to run tables, or they will not provide this opportunity for us.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/030918> to volunteer!



Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad-Home of the WESO Wizards

## JOIN THE CARPENTER COUGAR SCIENCE TEAM

It's Fun, Simple and Easy

(Teachers are encouraged to apply as Coaches)

The Carpenter Science Olympiad Team is now forming to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Washtenaw County Elementary Science Olympiad (WESO), held at Pioneer High School of Ann Arbor, Mi on **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. **WE NEED COACHES\ ASSISTANT COACHES AND STUDENTS**. Visit the WESO website listed below for further information.

What is the Carpenter Science Olympiad Team? Students in grades 2-5 may participate in the weekly practices for pre-determined events. These events are designed to foster an interest and enthusiasm for science, during weekly event practices (March through Early May) Volunteer coaches help the students apply a variety of scientific facts, concepts, processes and applications to solve problems (and have fun!). Team members learn about science through hands-on active, group participation. Practices take place after school at the school. Times and classrooms will be set up by the coaches. To be announced.

**TEAMS:** Each school team is comprised of up to 80 students (20 from each grade 2-5). They will participate in various events at WESO. Events have been designed to recognize the wide variety of student skills. Students may compete only at the grade level in which they are currently registered in school.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** A parent or guardian must fill out the registration form and return it to the school by Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Events are assigned based on a "first come first serve" as applications are received. PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE.

**COACHES\ASSISTANT COACHES APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 21, 2018.**

Coaches\Assistant Coaches and Teachers may also register by emailing your full name, email and phone number with a first, second and third choice of events. Send to the following email [carpenterWESO@gmail.com](mailto:carpenterWESO@gmail.com). (Place Applying for Coach in subject line.) Note: Events are assigned on availability and first come first serve basis. Prior Coaches will have preference. Please provide 3 choices.

**We do our best to provide students and coaches with their first choice and\or one of the 3 choices made. You will be contacted if your choices are not open with alternative choices.**

Visit the WEOS web site: <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/wesowizards.home/home>

## Washtenaw Science Olympiad 2018 Brief Event Descriptions

### **Aerodynamics (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Participants will build and fly paper airplanes for distance, time and accuracy

### **Back To Nature: Michigan Insects (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Rotating topics in Natural Science for 4th and 5th grade competitors. This year's topic is Michigan insects.

### **Barge Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)(1-2 Participants)**

Participants will construct a barge using the given material that can support a cargo of the largest number of weighted objects without getting them wet.

### **Circuit Wizardry (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Participants will be tested on basic electrical circuit concepts, components, schematic reading and understanding, and ability to design and build a simple circuit from a functional description.

### **Estimania (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Teams will be asked to estimate answers to questions of measurement or numerical approximation and use their estimation skills to solve a mystery.

### **Feathered Friends (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades) (1-2 Participants)**

Participants will be tested on bird identification by sight and sound, anatomy (structure and function), life history and habitat characteristics.

### **GENE-ius (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) (1-3 Participants)**

Explore the world of genetics! What are DNA and genes, and how do they affect you? Teams will use their basic understanding of heredity, genes, DNA, and chromosomes to complete genetic puzzles like pedigrees, simple crosses, and gene/codon reading.

### **Gravity Racer (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Each team will build a four-wheeled vehicle out of a kit of materials. Teams will launch their racers down a ramp towards a target.

### **iCompute (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Participants will be tested on their knowledge of basic computing concepts, including hardware and software, their understanding of how computers solve problems, and their ability to create a simple program.

### **In Bloom (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Students will be tested on their knowledge of plants, including grasses, flowers, and trees.

### **Map Reading (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Using various kinds of maps, students will test their map reading skills to answer geographic questions. For 4th and 5th grades, the event will follow a Road Scholar format where the students are asked to solve a mystery using maps as clues.

**Mystery Architecture (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Each team will be given a bag of materials to build a structure that can support a ball. The tallest structure wins.

**No Bones About It (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Students will learn about the human skeletal system: structure, function, and identification. They will use this knowledge to answer questions pertaining to bones, and identify bones at stations throughout the room.

**On Target (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Each team will build missiles, utilizing a precision straw as the missile body (all materials being provided by WESO). The accuracy of the missiles launched indoors at a fixed target will be tested.

**Pasta Bridges (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Participants will build a bridge using the materials supplied (a variety of dried pasta and clay) to support a cup (in the middle of the bridge) with as many small weights as possible.

**Photon Phun (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> grades)(2-3 Participants)**

Teams of 2-3 students will use mirrors to aim a Photon Torpedo at stationary targets in a darkened room. 4th and 5th grade teams will also answer written questions on the behavior and properties of light.

**Potions (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Each team will answer questions about basic chemistry concepts and complete several simple chemistry experiments, exercising basic lab skills and safety procedures.

**To Infinity And Beyond (2<sup>nd</sup> Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-2 Participants)**

Using a planetarium, charts, and a written test, students will demonstrate an understanding & basic knowledge of the solar system & its elements. Grades 4 and 5 will also venture beyond our solar system.

**Water Rockets (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Combined 3rd/4th Grade team: 1 to 8 participants

5th grade: 1 to 4 participants

Students will build a rocket with the specified materials. Teams will earn points for rocket launches as well as answering questions about rocket construction and flight.

**Write It, Build It (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(2-4 Participants)**

One or two team members will be shown a "picture" and will write a description of it. In a separate room, one or two other team members will be given the pieces of the "picture" and the written description and attempt to rebuild it. The team with the most pieces placed correctly wins. This event tests a team's ability to clearly communicate in writing and follow written directions.

**Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)(1-3 Participants)**

Given a few household materials, each team will construct a cable car capable of safely carrying a ping-pong ball down a zip line. The objective will be to achieve a target run time which will be revealed on the day of the event. There will be a short written portion testing the physics concepts of the zip line.

CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to your Teacher or the Carpenter office by February 28, 2018 Extra forms are located in the office.

Grade\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent\Guardians Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email, \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Students: Please select the events you would like to participate in (up to 3) See list next page!!  
Choose and "write in" your event preferences below. Every effort will be made to provide you your choices.  
Based on events with coaches and first come submitted applications. Please return right away.

1st Choice EVENT \_\_\_\_\_

2nd ChoiceEVENT \_\_\_\_\_

3rd ChoiceEVENT \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching\Volunteer? (See further for volunteer descriptions). Coaches please select from event list attached and complete your information, notify the head coaches at carpenterweso@gmail.com.

Coach or Volunteer (circle one) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Photos will be taken at practices and the tournament. Your release is assumed unless checked here:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Do not photograph my child.

Please check the T-shirt size:

Youth sizes: YS\_YM\_YL\_YXL\_

Adult sizes: S \_\_M\_L\_XXL\_\_

Parent(s) or guardian's) volunteer commitment:

I agree to serve as a volunteer for Carpenter WESO,including serving as ~ coach, event supervisor, and or event volunteer during the WESO event day of.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_~/\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You in advance, its Parents and Volunteers like you that make a child's education a success!

## Volunteer With Your PTO

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Want to help, but not exactly sure how?

Complete our Volunteer Interest Form and help us **BUILD** an amazing PTO team!

Follow this link to help us **BUILD**

<https://goo.gl/forms/flslmyGNcLKl7Lh73>

## Share Your Stories & Events

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We would love to hear about what great things are happening within the Carpenter Community. If your class, teacher, or school organization has done something or will be doing something that the community should know about, please share with us!

### E-Notes

This is a weekly list of upcoming events with a small description and links for signing up, if applicable.  
***These are due by Tuesday of each week.***

### Paw Print

For publication in our bi-weekly Newsletter provide a flyer or article about your event. Submissions for the next edition of the Paw Print are due by ***Monday, February 19th.***

Please send submissions to: Kim Ulrich - [kim@bityard.net](mailto:kim@bityard.net)

Please note, that Mr. Johnson has final say on all information provided to our community.



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## **FREE** FOOD PROGRAM:

### **Monthly Food Distribution and Resource Fair**

Non-perishables (Canned and Boxed Goods),  
Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Bread

*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month*

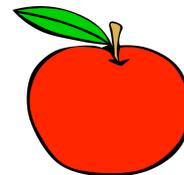
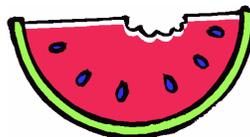
*Food Gatherers truck arrives @ 9 AM*

*Distribution begins once food is ready and ends @ 11 AM*



### **Eligibility Information**

- **Must have child who attends Mitchell or Carpenter Elementary**
- **Photo Identification**
- **Verification of household members will only be necessary once a year.** Bring one of the following: state ID, drivers license, mail, bills, school records, voter card, lease, medical ID card, report cards, DHS/WIC ID





# Programa de Alimentos **Libre** Escuela Elemental Mitchell:



## Distribucion de Alimentos y Feria de Recursos Mensual

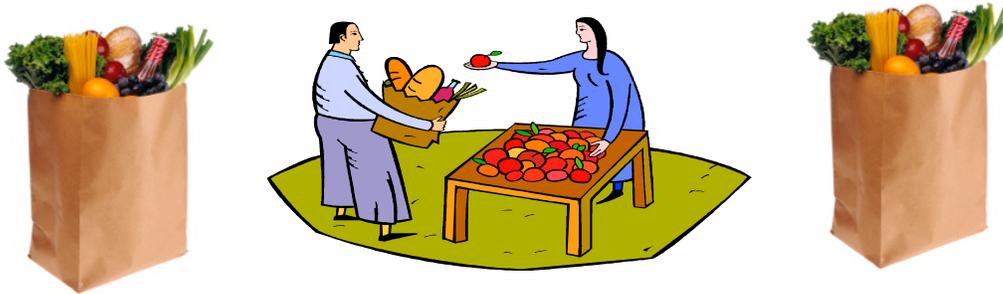
No-percederos (alimentos en latas y cajas),

Frutas Frescas, Vegetales, y Pan

*Primer Sabado de Cada Mes*

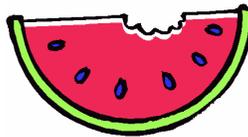
***La camioneta de Food Gatherers con alimentos llega a las 9AM***

***Distribucion comienza cuando la comida está lista, Distribucion termina: 11AM***



## Información de elegibilidad

- Tiene que tener un niño que asiste a la Escuela Elemental Mitchell y Carpenter
- Identificación con foto
- **Verificar miembros de la familia: Esta verificación es necesaria solo una vez cada año.** Traer una de las siguientes: (identificación del estado, licencia de manejar, correo, recibo de la luz o gas, documentos escolares, tarjeta para votar, contrato de renta de hogar, titulo de auto, calificaciones de la escuela, o documentos (DHS/WIC))



## Carpenter Elementary School

4250 Central Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

### **Principal:**

Michael Johnson

### **Secretary:**

Valerie Bacoat

### **Teacher Clerk:**

Doreen Cumshaw

### **General Office Phone:**

734-997-1214

## Carpenter PTO Leadership

President: Kym Randall

Vice President: Shannon Dunn

Secretary: Andreia Souza

Treasurer: Amber Beattie

SIT: Glenn Timpe

Fundraising Chairs: Kathy Owens & Laura O'Leary

PTO Thrift Shop Representative: Kim Britt

PTOC Representative: Crystal Bissell

PAC Representative: Crystal Francis

SSSC Chair: Veronica Shallcross

Communication Chair: Kim Ulrich

## **Additional Ways to Support Your PTO and our Students!**



### **Box Tops for Education:**

Turn in your clipped Box Tops from participating products to the school office. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Want to help our school earn extra box tops? Visit the following website to enter the sweepstakes: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes>



### **Coca Cola Product Bottle Caps:**

Did you know that Coke Rewards can help bring money to our school?

Just visit: <https://donate.mycokerewards.com/causes/featured>



### **Amazonsmile:**

Did you know that Amazon donates a percentage of each sale when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)? It's the exact same Amazon products, the same prices, and the same quick shipping, but when you shop Amazon Smile, Carpenter receives a portion of each sale!

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
2. Login with your normal Amazon account info
3. Type Carpenter PTO in the charitable organization search box, and select our school.

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treasures at our  
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(Located next to our Donations Door)*



***Find out how you can help support AAPS by Volunteering at the Shop! Email a2ptothrift@gmail.com for more information!***

