

January 29, 2018



# The Paw Print



Carpenter Elementary

## Let's Beat the January Blahs Together!

Hello fellow Cougar Parents!! I hope you all had a great break. I was happy for some rest and time with our family. I don't know about you, but the New Year is always a mixed bag for me. I love the thought of a fresh start, but the weather and temperatures have me wanting to stay home. My energy is low and my focus is always on home and family this time of year. It makes it a challenge to stay engaged with other parents and events at school. I was happy to see so many families willing to come out last Friday for our Movie Night, and I hope we will come together again for some exciting upcoming events (even though Michigan is gloomy and cold right now and all we want is a good Netflix binge!)

NAAPID is quickly approaching (see flyer on page 6). This day is so special, it's a chance for you to come and spend the day with your student to see what their day at Carpenter is like. In the morning we will welcome parents in the MPR, and before lunch the whole school will participate in "Drop Everything and Read". If you can only get one hour off in the next few months to make it to school, I can't recommend this event enough. Come spend an hour reading with your student!

One of my favorite events of the year, the Carpenter Science and Special Interest Fair is coming up on March 9. Every Cougar will have the opportunity to show off a new skill, something they learned, or an experiment they have performed. I am **THRILLED** to announce the Hands On Museum will be coming back this year for another **FREE** family night!!!! This is an event you don't want to miss! Watch for sign up sheets coming home in backpack mail the first week of February.

We are planning our spring Carnival and are in need of people who would like to help with this event!!!! It can't happen without a committee, and we need people!!! If you are interested in what Carnival planning is all about, email me at [carpenterptopres1@gmail.com](mailto:carpenterptopres1@gmail.com)

This winter and spring I urge you to get out and engage with Carpenter. Volunteer, come see what is happening at school, call up another parent. We are stronger together, and this time of year is when we need each other most.

Cheers to you and yours - spring will be here before we know it!



### Upcoming Events:

#### Wednesday, January 31st

Early Release

1:29 p.m. Dismissal

#### Friday, February 2nd

Little Caesar's Pizza Kit  
Pick-up

#### Monday, February 12th

National African American  
Parent Involvement Day  
(NAAPID)

#### Tuesday, February 13th

PTO General

Membership Meeting  
MPR 6:30 p.m.

#### Friday, February 16th

No School

#### Monday, February 19th

President's Day  
No School



### 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 III

by Camille Wood

### Parents!

Phase 3 of \* I Got You\* is in full effect and it needs **YOU** to make it even more spectacular!

Our mission is 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.

Your ribbons will be orange and will be strategically placed at all the entrances of the building so that you can easily grab one when you know you have done something for someone else that indeed earns you a ribbon!

Lets show our community just how kind our Carpenter Cougars, teachers and Parents truly are!

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by my office or call me  
997-1214 ext. 17502.

Thanks and I Got You!



## News from the Art Room

By: Karen McDonald

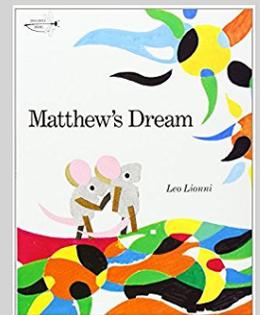


Before the break, we were creating art and building skills. Take a look at what we have been working on!

The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes have been creating pictures using ten circles and 5 lines. Kindergarten

students watched "Pete the Cat; I love my white shoes," they are now producing a composition that includes their shoes. We are always practicing tracing and using our scissors.

First Grades have been creating a shape composition that represents their "Dream." We watched the story "Matthew's Dream."



Second Grade students are still working on their creative color wheel. The students are doing an excellent job mixing red, yellow, and blue to create 12 colors. Once the color wheel is completed, the color wheel will consist of 12 colors, primary, secondary, and intermediate.

Third Grade classes studied the artist Louise Nevelson. Louise Nevelson's style of art is "assemblage" she creates compositions from recycle and found objects.

Some of our third graders are creating iPod silhouettes one-point perspective artwork.

Fourth Grade classes are creating landscapes. The students are studying the artist Jacob Lawrence "The Great Migration Series." <http://www.columbia.edu/itc/history/odonnell/w1010/edit/migration/migration.html>

Fifth Grade classes are learning American Indian symbols and incorporating them into an artistic composition. Other 5th graders are studying Diego Rivera and Henry Ford

Students created animated slide presentations of Rivera and Ford (A night at the Museum) "Detroit Industry" at the DIA. At the end of the month, the students will create an assembly line and build an original car in their groups.

# "I Got You"

~Big Mack

Short Sleeve Tee  
100% Cotton

Youth Sizes **\$7.00**  
YS, YM, YL, YXL

Adult Sizes **\$7.00**  
S, M, L, XL

XXL **\$8.00**

XXXL **\$9.00**

XXXXL **\$10.00**



Hooded Pullover Sweat  
8 oz 50/50 cotton/poly

Youth Sizes **\$15.00**  
YS, YM, YL, YXL

Adult Sizes **\$15.00**  
S, M, L, XL

XXL **\$16.00**

XXXL **\$17.00**

XXXXL **\$18.00**



**Make Checks Payable to: Carpenter PTO**  
**Payment must be included with order**

Qty	Size	Color	Price/each	Total

**Total** →

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)*

Phone or Email \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)*

**no returns**

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**All Orders Due by- Wednesday, January 31**

Any questions please email **Camille Woods** woodsc@aaps.k12.mi.us

*no late orders accepted*



## Greetings from the Library!



Many fun and exciting things are happening in our Media Center.

**Young 5, Kindergarten, and First Grade** students are learning about children's book awards.



Students are very excited to search Carpenter library books for award winners. The Caldecott Award, Geisel Award, and Coretta Scott King Award are just a few of the Children's book awards covered during library class. Students continue to practice navigating the computer by completing reading activities on their Lexia program.

**Second Grade** students are learning about children's book awards and nonfiction text features. The Caldecott Award, Geisel Award, and Coretta Scott King Award are just a few of the Children's book awards covered during library class. Students continue to work on research skills during library. Currently, they are working on a special research project about bats.



**Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade** students are learning about the different type of book awards and how to conduct research online. The Caldecott Award, Newbery Award, and Coretta Scott King Award are just a few of the children's book awards covered during library class. They also continue to use Typing Club to learn keyboarding skills. Students are using World Book Online and library resources to locate information for class projects.



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

Educationally yours,  
Mrs. Clark

**AAPAC Parent Meeting**  
**Monday, February 5, 7 pm**  
Tappan Middle School



**6:15 - 7pm Parent Conferences**

- Dr. Elaine Brown, Exec. Director, SISS
- SISS Assistant Directors
- Terra Webster, Section 504 Plan Administrator
- Jeff Gaynor, Trustee, Board of Education

**The IEP:**  
**An overview**



**Lohren Nzoma**  
Assistant Director, SISS

**BRING YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT IEP  
FOR REFERENCE**

AAPS's *New EDP (Education Development Plan) Tool*  
for Middle and High School Students

and



**NAVIANCE**

**Aligning student strengths and interests to:**

- Postsecondary goals
- Improving student outcomes
- Connecting learning to life

**Paul DeAngelis**  
Executive Director,  
High School Education

January, 2018

# MUSIC ROOM NEWSLETTER

Website: <https://bordersmusic.weebly.com>  
Contact Information: 734 997 1214  
borders@aaps.k12.mi.us

## Fourth Grade

Our fourth grade concert with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra is on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 :15 a.m. Please let your child's teacher know now if you would like to attend. Tickets run out fast for the morning concert. Last year we were limited to just teachers attending. I'm hoping to verify my ticket numbers at the end of this month. Payment is due two weeks in advance. Permission slips will also go out at the end of January.

We have been working on music for this concert both singing and playing a variety of classical songs. Recorder music went home and will be posted in both Google classroom and my school website so students can continue to practice at home.

**Donations:** . Help us stay healthy by donating hand sanitizer and Kleenex for our.435 students.

**Do you celebrate Lunar New Year? Join our Lunar New Year Parade: Thurs. February 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 3:20. Participants are asked to bring and change into traditional dress/outfits near the music room at 2:50.**



## January Themes: Songs about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Winter Songs

Ask your lower elementary child to sing some of the winter song we have been practicing at school including "The Snowman" and "It's So Nice on the Ice."

Upper elementary students reviewed songs like "We Shall Overcome", "This Little Light of mine", "If I Had a Hammer" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Save the Date!!! Grade Level Concerts

**Young 5s**  
Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Music Room  
Ms. Van  
1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten**  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Music Room  
1:45-2:15 Maciag  
2:45-3:15 Mrs. H.  
3:15-3:45 Mr. Davis

**First Grade**  
Wednesday, February 21  
Multi Purpose Room  
Mrs. Brower  
Mrs. Chung  
Dr. Goodyly



## Donor's Choose

We received grant funding through Donor's Choose for another soprano xylophone. It came last week and my students helped unpack and use it for the first time.

Thank you everyone who helped make this wish come through with your donations. We really appreciate your support.



## Second Grade Field Trip to the Ballet

Second grade students attended "Coppelia" a ballet at Eastern Michigan University in December. The production was a dress rehearsal for students in the school of dance and members of the orchestra. You might ask your child about his or her favorite part.



## Future Concert Events:

Third Grade, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 3:40 MPR

Second Grade, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 3:40 MPR

Fourth Grade, April 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 to 3:30 dress rehearsal

Fourth Grade April 26<sup>th</sup> Concert 6:30 to 7:15 followed by refreshments

**Parents and families are invited to attend.**

PLEASE JOIN US  
Monday, February 12, 2018  
FOR  
Carpenter Elementary School's Celebration of  
**N.A.A.P.I.D.**

National African American Parent Involvement Day  
ALL Parents are WELCOME to attend  
Please complete the following survey:  
<http://goo.gl/forms/xU7cbCHLJR>

Morning Activities:

**9:00am – 9:30am – Parents Visit Classrooms**  
**9:30am – 10:30am – Community Breakfast in the MPR**  
**11:00am-11:45am – DEAR: Drop Everything and Read\***  
**12:00pm-1:20pm –Lunch with your Child\***

Afternoon Activities:

**1:20pm-2:00pm – Parents Visit Classrooms**  
**2:15pm–3:00pm – Drumming Assembly in MPR\***  
**3:00pm-3:30pm - Parent Meeting in the MPR\***  
**3:30pm-3:50pm – Parents visit Classrooms\***

We would love to have you for as much of the day as your schedule allows.  
Please check with your Cougar's classroom teacher to learn of the  
exciting things that will be covered.

**\* Younger siblings are welcome at this time**

THE STUDENT SAFETY AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS

WITH PRESENTER GRACE HELMS KOTRE, MSW,

CERTIFIED MINDFULNESS INSTRUCTOR AND FOUNDER OF POWER TO BE, LLC

**FEBRUARY 8, 2018 FROM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

MINDFULNESS IS THE PRACTICE OF PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR PRESENT-MOMENT EXPERIENCE ON PURPOSE AND WITHOUT JUDGMENT. IT IS A UNIVERSAL SKILL THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS, AND BELIEFS. MINDFULNESS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO OFFER BENEFITS SUCH AS IMPROVED ATTENTION, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, EMPATHY, AND MORE FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

IN THIS ONE-HOUR INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE FOLLOWING:

- WHAT SECULAR MINDFULNESS IS AND WHERE IT COMES FROM;
- HOW WE PRACTICE MINDFULNESS FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY;
- THE BENEFITS OF AND NEUROSCIENCE BEHIND MINDFULNESS;
- DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATIONS;
- HOW MINDFULNESS CAN BE SHARED WITH YOUTH IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME TO SUPPORT SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL

WE WILL ALSO HAVE TIME FOR DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS.

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE ART ROOM.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS FOR THE HOUR INCLUDE:

## BLIND LOVE CARD DESIGN

KIDS WILL BE CHALLENGED TO KEEP THEIR EYES CLOSED WHILE DRAWING ON A HEART-SHAPED CARD.

## SECRET ADMIRER GIFT CARDS

KIDS CAN CREATE CARDS WITH SECRET MESSAGES HIDDEN UNDER A SCRATCH-OFF COVER.

## STENCIL ART CARD DESIGN

KIDS CAN USE STENCILS TO DESIGN CARDS TO BE GIVEN TO LOVED ONES.

## DO-IT-YOURSELF BUTTONS

BRING IN A PHOTO OR CREATE A DESIGN THAT WILL BE TURNED INTO A BUTTON.

PLEASE RSVP TO [HTTPS://GOO.GL/FORMS/Xh4JrRWLOFjNfBdx1](https://goo.gl/forms/Xh4JrRWLOFjNfBdx1) OR THROUGH THE FACEBOOK EVENTS PAGE.

## 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 5th.***

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:

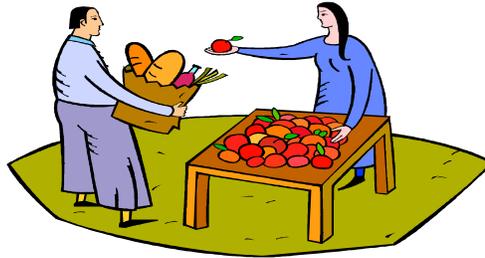
### **Monthly Food Distribution and Resource Fair**

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

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

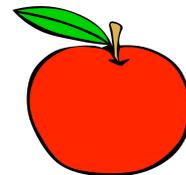
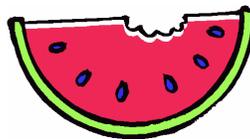
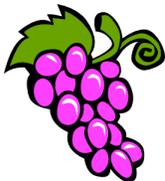
***Food Gatherers truck arrives @ 9 AM***

***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

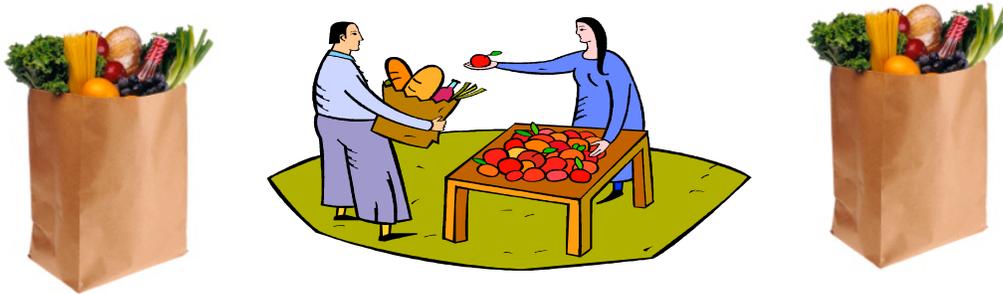
No-percederos (alimentos en latas y cajas),

Frutas Frescas, Vegetales, y Pan

*Primer Sabado de Cada Mes*

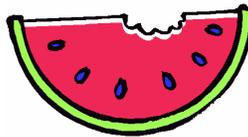
***La camioneta de Food Gatherers con alimentos llega a las 9AM***

***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 Cutshaw

**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? 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](https://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.

# Ann Arbor PTO THRIFT SHOP



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**A nonprofit supporting Ann Arbor Public Schools and its students through the resale of unique and gently-used community donations.**

## **SHOP**

Mon-Fri 10-7  
Sat 9-6 Sun 11-5

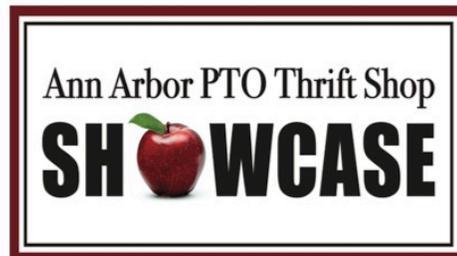
## **DONATE**

Mon, Thu, Fri 10-6  
Sat 10-5 Sun 12-4  
*Donations Closed Tue & Wed*

## **FREE**

Furniture Pickup  
Call 996-9155

*Find unique and collectible  
treasures at our  
Showcase every day!  
(Located next to our Donations Door)*



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