

The Paw Print

CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”**

Date: September 18, 2016

Upcoming Events

Tuesday,
Sept. 20th

PTO Meeting
MPR – 6:30pm

Friday,
Sept. 23rd

Fun Run & Chuck E.
Cheese

Sunday,
Sept. 25th

Ann Arbor Gardens
Tour



**...2016-2017 will be
AWESOME!**

We are off to a roaring start!

We **BELIEVE** that this year will be filled with learning, making new friendships and success as we continue to strengthen our school community. The Paw Print is our community newsletter that will be shared on a bi-weekly basis.

We have had an exciting first two weeks of school and look forward to the days ahead. I look forward to seeing each of you at our first PTO meeting of the year this Tuesday. Which grade level will have the most parents?! Free childcare and pizza!



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



School News You Can Use...

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

With the start of the school year, it is always good to go over community and parent expectations.

- Parents are encouraged to serve as classroom volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher to find out more details.
- All visitors are required to report to the office and sign in when entering the school when school is in session (9:05am – 3:30pm). Visitors must wear a "Visitor's Sticker" at all times while in the building.
- School dismissal is at 3:50pm. Our teachers need the entire school day to ensure that our Cougars learn all that is needed.
- We understand that there are times in which a student may need to leave school early. To pick up a child during the school day, parents must come to the office, sign the child out and wait for the office staff to call the child to the office.
- As a safety precaution and to minimize interruptions to the instructional environment, non-staff members (parents, guardians, siblings) shall not pick their children up at classrooms or be present in the hallway during the school day. Please utilize the front lobby or the area by the MPR. Visitor's passes are not issued after 3:30pm.
- When calling the school to make alternative dismissal plans, please try and do so before 3:00pm as many classrooms are engaged in learning throughout the building.

No Nut Zones

Carpenter has a Restricted Nut Policy. Please note that while students are allowed to bring food items that contain nuts and nut products, there will be classrooms that are designated as No Nut Zones. In addition, all Special Area Classrooms are No Nut Zones. We ask that for the first two weeks of school all snacks brought to school by students are vegetables or fruits. Checking the labels on your child's food as you pack his/her lunch will ensure safety for all. A complete list of No Nut Classrooms will be available by the end of this week of school.

Birthday Treat Policy

In an effort to support our district health initiative for students, we are celebrating birthdays differently at Carpenter School. If you would like your Cougar to celebrate their birthday at school, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Please notify your child's teacher 1-2 days prior to the day that you would like your celebration. This allows our teachers to plan accordingly.
2. If you are sending food, we ask that you only send in fruit, vegetables and/or healthy snacks such as; crackers, popcorn, etc. These foods should be brought in ready-to-serve and easy for children to handle.
3. It will also be helpful if all necessary materials are provided (paper plates, napkins, etc.).
4. You may also send a small token gift instead of a snack, like pencils, erasers, bookmarks, etc. Other suggestions: donate a book to the classroom library or we can have an additional 5 minutes of recess in honor of that student.
5. Our Cougars who have birthdays in the summer are encouraged to celebrate their "half-birthday" or by making arrangements in the Spring.
6. Invitations for outside birthday parties may be brought to school and passed out if all students in the classroom are invited.

PTO News

Would you like to work with a group of individuals and plan an event, coordinate a fun adventure or improve our school, please consider joining the PTO Committee. For more information, please come to September's PTO meeting!

Staff Member Spotlight

Meet

Mr. Michael Johnson

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Mr. Michael is the Principal and Chief Learner of Carpenter Elementary. This will be his third year at Carpenter and coincidentally his favorite colors are black and gold!

Some of the things that Mr. Johnson enjoys included: golfing, steak from Ichiban Restaurant, fresh green beans, mashed potatoes, frozen Coke from Speedway, and a good pedicure!

When asked what his favorite part of teaching/working at the school is he said "I love the enthusiasm that the beginning of a new school year brings. It is that excitement that I want to keep for the entire school year. I love seeing the transformation from beginning to end."

What Mr. Johnson is most excited about for this school year is getting to see all that the members of our community BELIEVE in... come true! "At Carpenter, We BELIEVE in each other!"



Student Council Corner

Carpenter Elementary has a student council that will play an intricate role in our community over the course of the school year. Elections will take place in the coming months. As a community we plan on helping foster the desire in our students to help serve their community through local government. Student Council is one of the ways that the school community can aid in this development. In future issues we will share with our community what is happening with Student Council and how they are playing a critical role in our school community. Co-Advisors Mrs. Ann Marie Borders (Music) and Mrs. Sarah Aherne (Title I) will be leading our Cougar SC citizens this year!

Staff Member Corner



Meet Ms. Valerie Bacoat AKA: Ms. Val

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Ms. Val is our Office Secretary and has been with Carpenter for 3 years, this is her 10th year working for the Ann Arbor School district. She loves colors that are a warm shade of emerald. Her hobbies include interior design and decorating, landscaping, and modern dance. Ms. Val is originally from the east coast and loves seafood including shrimp, crab, and lobster. She loves that the students will pass by her door and say "Hi, Ms. Val!"

Ms. Val is really looking forward getting to know all those new to carpenter this year and seeing how others have grown.

Thank you Ms. Val for being a part of our community!



Community Happenings Girl Scout Troop Leader Honored!

Written by: Kim Ulrich

On Friday, September 9th our Girl Scout troops and members of the community spent time enjoying popsicles at the buddy bench in honor of Lisa Garcia, a Carpenter Girl Scout leader who lost her battle with Cancer this past spring. Lisa loved and believed in small acts of kindness. The buddy bench was designed by Brownie troop 41407 at the end of last school year. Lucy Riley drew the artwork for the signs that was then drafted, created and donated by Kevin Short. Community and kindness was very important to Lisa. This bench was created to give students a place to connect and encourage friendship. We hope that Lisa's memory will stay alive here as place to spread love and kindness to others. It was a great after school activity to honor a life devoted to Girl Scouts!



Interested in Cub Scouts?

Consider attending Cub Scout Roundup!

ADVENTURE IS WAITING.
JOIN TODAY AT JOINBSA.ORG.
Scout & Parent Info Night
9/14 (Wednesday)
6:30 pm
Carpenter Elementary
4250 Central Blvd, Ann Arbor
packleader@aapack29.org



COUGARS RUN FOR FUN

(NO, SERIOUSLY)

Join us for our Annual Carpenter Cougar Fun Run

Friday September 23, 2016

- 🐾 2016 First Fundraiser of the School Year
- 🐾 RUN don't WALK to your family, your neighbors, your friends. See how much money you can raise.
- 🐾 All money supports our Cougars with classroom supplies, field trips, school programs and much more.
- 🐾 There will be RUNNING and music and RUNNING and fun and RUNNING and prizes and RUNNING and MORE RUNNING and MORE MUSIC!
- 🐾 If we raise \$5,000 the students will get to SLIME MR. JOHNSON!!!!

Carpenter Community please come out and support all our Cougars for this fun event. Be on the lookout for more information.

Are you able to help? Consider signing up to volunteer:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/409044EA4AF22A57-carpenters1>

FUN RUN

Class Schedule

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Drummer, Chiv, Slay

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Thomas, Smitka, Larson

11:30 – Noon

Walters, Peterson, Tabaka

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Maciag, Vansteelandt,

Davis, Haselchwerdt

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Watson, Koeppe, Archer

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Brower, Chung, Goodly

Carpenter Elementary Gardens to be a part of 2nd Annual School Garden Tour & Garden Reception

The Ann Arbor Public Schools Farm To School Collaborative Presents the 2nd annual School Garden Tour & Garden Reception on Sunday, September 25, 2016

1:00-1:45 p.m. Carpenter Elementary School (Courtyard Feature)

2:00-2:45 p.m. Haisley Elementary School (Inclusive Garden Feature)

3:00-4:00 p.m. Lakewood Elementary School & Garden Reception (Raised Bed Feature)

Transportation is not provided. Sponsored by Lowe's. If you would like to know more about the AAPS Farm to Table Collaborative, please visit: <http://annarborfarmtoschool.weebly.com/>

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**Curriculum
Night**



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