

The Paw Print

“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”

Date: October 10, 2016



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 10th
PTO General Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 14th
Dads & Donuts
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Conversation w/ the Principal /SIT
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Spirit Wear Orders Due

October 25th – October 29th
Book Fair

Tuesday, October 25th
Book Fair Family Night
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26th
Early release at 11:51 a.m.

Saturday, October 29th
Trunk-or-Treat!

Mr. Johnson Gets Slimed!

When a community comes together, amazing things can happen. This was very evident this past Friday, October 7th when the school community came together to see Mr. Johnson get slimed.

Each teacher selected two representatives from their class, along the two students who collected the most donations to have the opportunity to slime Mr. Johnson.

Through the many chants and cheers Mr. Johnson took being slimed like a champ and even seemed to enjoy himself.

A big thank you to Niki Coatney and Veronica Shah for all their hard work putting together not only the amazing Fun Run that helped us raise the \$5,000 dollars for PTO, but for coordinating Slime Time!

See page 6 for photos from the event.



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...

Teachers Spotlight

Meet Ms. Sarah Peterson

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Ms. Peterson is a “newish” third grade teacher here at Carpenter. A few of her favorite things are the color blue, enjoying cheese, and gardening.

Ms. Peterson mentions that she loves to teach writing. When asked what she is most excited about for this school year she said “I am most excited to witness my students’ growths this year.”

Ms. Peterson, thank you for joining our community this year and congratulations on expecting your first child in early November.



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Meet Ms. Nicole Smitka

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Ms. Smitka is a new 5th grade teacher at Carpenter this year.

She shared with us that her favorite color is yellow and that she loves popcorn. When asked if she had a favorite sport or hobby she said soccer.

Ms. Smitka’s favorite part of teaching is getting to know students as individual people. She appreciates their diversity and meeting their needs socially, emotionally, and academically.

She is most excited to get to know her new students, the families and staff members through out this year.

We welcome Ms. Smitka to our community!



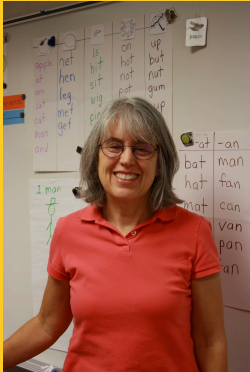
No Halloween Costumes During the School Day

The wearing of costumes or mask are prohibited during the school day for all students. We encourage all students to attend our Trunk or Treat event where students and adults are welcome to wear costumes and enjoy.

Please, no scary mask or gore costumes.

Your child’s teacher will share what activities will take place during the last week of October.

Teachers Spotlight Cont.



Meet Ms. Karen Stein

Ms. Stein is new to Carpenter this year serving in the role of Reading Intervention teacher.

It appears that Ms. Stein has combined one of her hobbies with her career as she shared that her favorite pastime is reading. Although, she enjoys finding the opportunity to go fishing whenever she can. Some of her other favorite s include; the color red and homemade apple pie.

Ms. Stein's favorite part of teaching is to inspire learning. She is most excited about opening the door to reading for all of her students this school year.

Whenever possible, Ms. Stein likes to travel the world and immerse herself in a new culture.

We welcome Ms. Stein to Carpenter and hope that she has an amazing year.

Carpenter Teacher Featured as an



PTO would like to congratulate Fifth Grade Teacher and Safety Patrol Advisor, **Mr. Sean Slay** in being featured as an Ann Arbor Public Schools Exceptional Educator!

To read the article about Mr. Slay, please visit:

<http://news.a2schools.org/sean-slay-carpenter-elementary-fifth-grade-teacher/comment-page-1/#comment-56110>

How Shopping at Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Will Help Our School

The Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose resale operations are used to benefit the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Through their operations they are able to help support enrichment and extra-curricular programs for students throughout the district.

How does this help our school in particular? Well, by shopping there on the weeks when our school is being spotlighted we are given money towards events or programs that have been highlighted as having a need. It is also helpful if you can donate items to the store. As long as they have a good stock of items then there are plenty of opportunities for people to purchase and in turn help support the schools.

Our first spotlight week for this school year is coming up in November. Mark your calendars for November 20th – 26th as a time to hit the thrift store and help the 5th graders go to camp.

For location and hours, please see their ad on page 8.

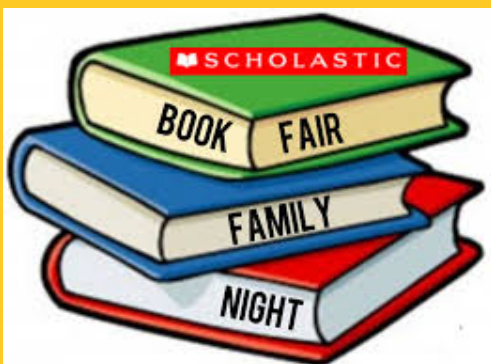


The Book Fair is Coming!!! The Book Fair is Coming!!

Help promote your child's love of reading and support our school at the same time! This is also a great opportunity to grab some books for gifts!

The Book Fair will run from Tuesday, October 25th – Saturday, October 29th

As with most of our events, we will need your help! Please consider signing up for a time slot to help out. For those that work the event they will receive 25% off their purchase. Signing up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044eacae23aafb6-fall>



Tuesday, October 25th
at
4:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 29th

Halloween is around the corner! We plan on hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Carpenter parking lot.

In order for us plan a fun and safe environment for the kids to go trick or treating before Halloween, we need you help. We are looking for at least 30 volunteers to open their “trunks” for our kids. Volunteers would need to supply their own candy and, if they so desire, decorate their trunks.

Please consider signing up via our sign-up genius at:
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409044ea4af22a57-carpenters2>

Dads & Donuts

October 14, 2016
8:15 – 8:47 am
Carpenter MPR



Enjoy breakfast with your student(s)! All Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, special adult welcome. Don't forget to get a picture taken for a great keepsake.

Get to Know Your PTO Committee

Meet Kathy Owens

This is Kathy's first year not only joining the Carpenter PTO board, but also at Carpenter. She has a 3rd grader and kindergartener.

Some of Kathy's favorite things include; the color pink, reading, watching movies, family time, and chocolate.

Her favorite part of being a part of PTO is the ability to help out and be a part of her kid's time at school. She also loves meeting other parents.

Outside of helping with the PTO she works at U of M coordinating student move-in and is also a Perfectly Posh sales rep.

Welcome aboard Kathy!



Meet Kim Ulrich

Kim is excited to be returning to the PTO board working as the Communication Chair. She has a second grader and future cougar at home.

Kim has a number of hobbies and favorites. She loves to quilt, garden, and cook. Because of these many loves it is hard for her to narrow down her favorite color or foods.

Kim's favorite part about volunteering with the PTO is the opportunity to work with the students, teachers, and parents. She is most excited about the publication of the Paw Prints this school year. Kim loves working to bring both PTO new and the school community news to all our families.

Thank you for coming back to the PTO Kim!



We are continuing to add to the PTO Committee.

In the next issue meet more of the committee!

It is Slime Time!!!!



Who Slimed the Principal???? WE DID!

Young 5s: Calvin & Katherine

Kindergarten: Liam, Gabby, Miles, Makenzie, Claire, Nyeima

1st Grade: Kayleigh, LV, Kaitlyn, Dominic, Mya, Eli

2nd Grade: Heaven, Cayden, Caydence, Amelia, Kien, Amaya

3rd Grade: Desmond, Emilie, Christian, Nasir, Charles, Matthew

4th Grade: Daylen, Jeremy, Adyien, Daniel, Javon, Ya

5th Grade: Elijah, Cameron, Rayan, Jocelyn, Skye, Trinity

Top Fundraisers: Aakash & Aarav



Student Council Information

Carpenter Student Council 2016-2017



As a member of student council, you will serve as a voice for the Carpenter community, promote student leadership, and be a role model for all Carpenter Cougars in order to promote our Carpenter values of respect, responsibility, and safety!

Student Council Election Process:

1. All interested third, fourth, and fifth grade student attend an informational meeting in September to learn about Student Council roles and responsibilities.
2. Interested students are given a ballot sheet and are required to have twenty signatures supporting that their name be placed on the ballot. Forms must be returned by October 20, 2016 to Mrs. Borders in room 225.
3. Students who return their forms and meet the requirements will be notified by a meeting and a letter. Students will prepare three campaign posters to hang, and must prepare a speech for their fellow students on why they would be a good candidate and how they uphold the values of the Carpenter community.
4. Elections will be held on November 3, 2016.
5. All third, fourth, and fifth graders will be granted the opportunity to vote electronically after the election speeches have been delivered by the candidates. The votes will be counted and the winners will be announced at the end of the day.
6. If you are not elected to an Executive Board position, you will still have opportunities to demonstrate your student leadership. There will be opportunities for additional involvement as a classroom representative and/or through other Carpenter committees.

Congratulations! You have taken the first step on your leadership journey!

Carpenter Elementary School

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Principal:

Michael Johnson

Secretary:

Valerie Bacoat

Teacher Clerks:

Pauline Ebrahim & Valerie Munson

General Office Phone:

734-997-1214

Carpenter Elementary PTO Committee**Kym Randall****Shannon Dunn****Veronica Shah****Niki Coatney****Amber Beattie****Kathy Owens****Marlena Laugh****Kim Ulrich****Pete Finnie****Amanda Gebhardt****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:**

Bring your bottle caps to the school office and drop them in the GIANT Coke bottle! **Or better yet:** visit the website below to enter your Coke Rewards codes here and donate them to our school. When you donate your points, the points are converted to cash for the school to use



New Amazon Program Enables Shoppers to Easily Donate to Their Favorite Nonprofits

If there isn't a charity that you already support through smile.amazon.com, consider adding Carpenter PTO in Ann Arbor to support our school!

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Cognition and Motivation in Children with ADHD



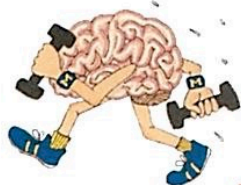
The Basic and Applied Cognition Laboratory at the University of Michigan is looking for children with ADHD between the ages of 7 and 14 to participate in a 1-week study of children with ADHD.



Our goal is to assess whether different cognitive and motivational interventions (e.g., study skills, memory, attention, efficacy) will benefit children with ADHD. If your child is eligible, we will conduct the study in our laboratory as well as in your home.

In addition to the cognitive and/or motivational skills training, families will receive monetary compensation (up to \$50), and children will receive token prizes

If you are interested in allowing your child to participate or would like further information, please contact Dr. Priti Shah's laboratory at



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