

The Paw Print

“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”

Date: November 27, 2016



“Tote”ally
Thankful
for Our
Teachers



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 28th
School Resumes

Wednesday, November 30th
PTO Executive Board Meeting
8:00pm Carpenter Library

Thursday, December 1st
Student Craft Fair
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 7th
Annual Basketball Shoot Off
11:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, December 14th
PTO Executive Board Meeting
8:00pm Carpenter Library

Wednesday, December 21st
Carpenter School Talent Show
1:30pm – 3:30pm

Thanks to the efforts of Laura O’Leary and the generous donation of PTO Today we were able to deliver 60 totes full of goodies and coupons to our teachers and staff.

Amanda Gebhardt and Kim Ulrich, along with future cougar Max, spent the morning handing out these totes and telling our teachers and staff that they are “tote”ally terrific and thanks for all they do.

It was great to see the smiles that these bags put on the faces of our teachers and staff. It was an amazingly positive way to start a school break that is actually about being Thankful.

So again, the PTO would like to thank all of our Teachers and Staff for all that they do for our students and community!

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we will see you Monday!



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 Kim Gouin

This is Ms. Gouin's third year at Carpenter elementary as a TC-Special Education Teacher.

With 25 years of working in various education positions she is so excited to have gone from working part-time at Carpenter the past two years to being at our school four days a week now. To her Carpenter feels like "home" and she looks forward to many more years with Ann Arbor Public Schools.



One of Ms. Gouin's favorite parts of teaching is building relationships and working with students year after year. Through this continued relationship building she is able to watch her students grow and gain confidence over a longer period of time.

Ms. Gouin shared with us that she has been married for 22 years and has a 13-year-old daughter currently attending Slauson. Some of her favorites include: the color purple, Zumba, Pilates, U of M Football, and her husband's homemade pizza. She is a U of M Graduate who calls Ann Arbor's Old Westside home.

Thank you for being a part of our family! We are so glad that you get to spend even more time with your Carpenter family this year!

Chief Learner Corner

Can you believe that 12 weeks of school have passed?! Where has the time gone?! Over this time, our Cougars have matured into students who are learning both academically and socially. They have established routines and of course taken advantage of all of the unseasonable weather we have had with outdoor activities.

I strongly encourage you to have daily conversations with your Cougars and engage them in conversations as to what new and exciting things they are learning. Every student received a report card that outlines the learning that has taken place through the Fall report card marking. In addition, the NWEA Goal-Setting report outlines a specific area in both literacy and mathematics that your child will work towards accomplishing. Over the next two weeks, our teachers will be having student-lead conferences with their students about a plan to accomplish those goals and others that have been identified.

We want all Cougars to be **READY** Learners by starting their day with a nutritious breakfast, being on-time for the first bell, bringing the necessary materials back to school and of course a positive attitude. Your support as our educational partners is most appreciated.

When I say, "Carpenter"... You say, "ROCKS!"
"CARPENTER!"

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Drop off your Carpenter Cougar &
enjoy an evening out!**

All Proceeds go towards 5th Grade Camp

When: Friday, December 16

6:00-10:00 PM

Where: Carpenter Elementary MPR

Cost: \$10 per child, \$5 per additional child

Kids will enjoy:

Pizza & snacks, games, Movies, basketball, crafts, and
bring your own electronic device!

Henna Tattoos available for an additional cost of \$2

RSVP
Count Us In!

Family Name:

Students Name:

Teachers Spotlight Cont.

Meet Shelley Brower

Mrs. Brower is a 23-year veteran here at Carpenter Elementary School teaching one of our three 1st grade classes. She feels that Carpenter is the best-kept secret in Ann Arbor because of the best staff and students in the district. This is one of the biggest reasons her has stayed for so long!



What excites her the most about the school year is that she get to meet a new group of 1st graders, see where they start and how far she can take them by the end of the year. Mrs. Brower also likes to see what new things they can teach her.

Mrs. Brower also shared with us a few of her favorite things. She often talks about her love for her two sheltie dogs Casey and Cody along with her two grandchildren Kennedy (3yrs.) and Mason (1 yr.). In addition to these she also loves the color magenta because she loves how it sounds, enjoys needlepoint, watching U of M Hockey and football along with the Tigers and Red Wings. Mrs. Brower's favorite food is BLT sandwiches with lots of Bacon!

Thank you for your continued commitment to Carpenter and our students!

PTO Executive Board Update

As some of you may know, our PTO Board got off to a rocky start this year with several of our members having to resign for personal reasons. We've been playing a bit of catch up and trying to keep things moving. We wouldn't have made it this far without ALL OF YOU! The support of this community has been inspiring and absolutely awesome!

This is a reminder that all of our Executive Board Meetings are open to the public! Part of our rocky start was not getting our notices out about time and location, but that's all changed. All Executive Board Meetings for the rest of the year will be held in the school library at 8:00 pm.

Our last meeting ran long, so we're planning on meeting again Wednesday, November 30 to wrap up agenda items from November's meeting. We'll meet again at our regular monthly meeting on December 14th.

Last year, because of turnout, our General Meetings were reduced from monthly to less frequently, so the next General Meeting will not be until January 17 at 6:30, but your Board is still working for you and would love you to come join our meetings and sign up for the many volunteer opportunities at our school. Come ask questions, share a laugh, or let your voice be heard!

We've got a lot of fundraising and celebrating our school ahead of us and our success will only be possible with your help. December brings our annual Craft Fair and PTO Bake Sale along with two days of Penguin Patch holiday gift sales the week before winter break starts.

Right now, we're looking for volunteers to chair or co-chair our school Carnival. Planning starts early! The same is true for our 5th Grade Promotion, and we're looking for 4th grade parents willing to step up to help us celebrate our 5th graders at the end of the year! Reach out to us on Facebook, through our PTO mailbox in the main office, or by emailing carpenterptopres1@gmail.com.

I'm excited for what the rest of the year will bring and I hope you all are too!

Thank you,

Amanda Gebhardt
PTO President



Carpenter Craft Fair and PTO Bake Sale

Thursday, December 1st from 6:00-7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Crafts Made by Kids Only

Reserve Your table today by turning in the form below or using signup genius

Each Booth is \$0.50 (Payment due at the art fair.)

Sell your items for \$0.25 - \$2.00

(No edible items)

Kids keep their profits!

Not Crafty enough to run a booth? Come anyway! Come make a craft with us, buy baked goods, and see all of the great crafts your fellow Cougars made in Art Class! The proceeds from the Cougar crafts made in Art and the Bake Sale benefit the PTO!

**Support Carpenter!
Shop Local!
Think Gifts!
Come See Our Creative Kids!**

Want to Volunteer? Want to Sign up? Please sign up here or return your form!

<http://WWW.SignUpgeNiuS.com/go/2OFOe4cadad2aaaFe3-craFt>



It is that time of the year again!
Carpenter School Talent Show!
Wednesday, December 21, 1:30-3:30
Everyone is welcome!



If your child is interested in being in the talent show this year, they will need a signed permission slip (bottom of this page) filled out and returned to Mrs. Archer by Wednesday, December 7. *No late entries will be accepted.* Auditions will be on Wednesday, December 14. All students may participate in the audition/dress rehearsal as long as the guidelines are followed.

GUIDELINES: *Mr. Johnson will be the final judge on acceptability of all acts.*

1. Music Lyrics, Dance moves, and Costumes are appropriate for elementary students. If students are using music, a copy of the lyrics need to be submitted on the day of the audition. Songs and lyrics can also be emailed to Mrs. Tabaka in advance at Tabakab@a2schools.org.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent stating that the e-mail was received and the song and lyrics have been approved.

2. Performance is well rehearsed. The student is serious and comfortable performing in front of a large audience.

3. Students can only be in one performance, whether it's in a group or solo. Performance needs to be a minute or less.

4. Permission slip is filled out, signed by a parent, and turned in by Dec. 7th. *The performance space is our stage in the multipurpose room.*

We will have a piano, 2 mics, CD player/Laptop, and gym mats if needed.

_____ Cut and return to Mrs. Archer _____

TALENT SHOW PERMISSION SLIP.

No entrees will be accepted after Wednesday, December 7.

Student's name _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Selection your child will be performing _____

Parent has seen the performance and agrees that it follows the guidelines.

Parent Signature _____

Thank you for supporting the arts at Carpenter School!



To Our Site Partners,

We recently asked our Foster Grandparents what makes them thankful. Here's what your Foster Grandparents have to say about serving at Carpenter Elementary:

What are you thankful for at your site?

- "To work with a wonderful group of people. To have a teacher that actually talks to you and not at you, and includes me with the class."
- "My principal and teachers and my co-Grandparents."
- "Being able to work with kids."

What has been your favorite memory of working with a student?

- "I become a part of their life."
- "When they actually learn something from me and use it."
- "All the love that they give me and when I am not there they tell me how much they miss me."

What are you thankful for as a Foster Grandparent?

- "I am thankful for being able to help someone anyway I can."
- "I have the opportunity to meet new people, get out of the house four days a week, and communicate with children of all ages."

Thank you for helping our Foster Grandparents feel welcomed and valued. We are thankful for our partnership and the benefits it brings to Foster Grandparents, students and staff.



**Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the
Foster Grandparent Program!!!**

Carpenter Elementary School

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Michael Johnson

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Valerie Bacoat

Teacher Clerks:

Pauline Ebrahim & Valerie Munson

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734-997-1214

Carpenter Elementary PTO Committee**Amanda Gebhardt****Kym Randall****Shannon Dunn****Veronica Shah****Niki Coatney****Amber Beattie****Kathy Owens****Marlena Laugh****Kim Ulrich****Pete Finnie****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: <https://donate.mycokerewards.com/causes/featured>

**Amazonsmile**

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

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
2. Login with your normal Amazon account info
3. Type Carpenter PTO in the charitable organization search box
4. From now on, do all of your Amazon shopping from smile.amazon.com!

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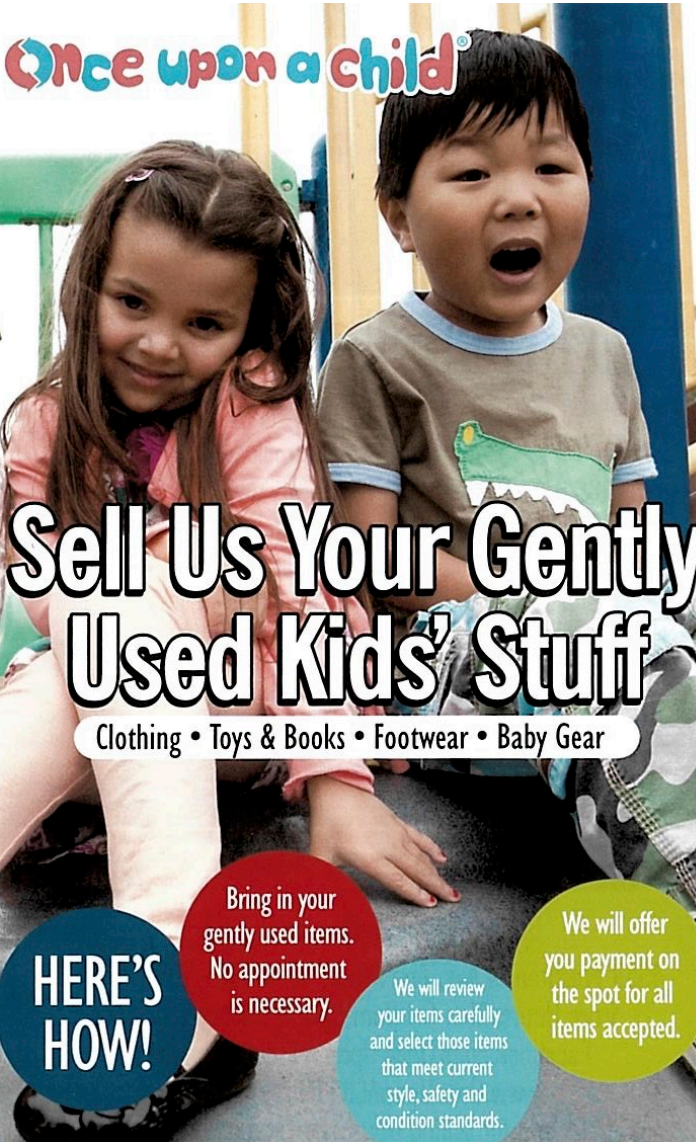
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- Bring in your gently used items. No appointment is necessary.
- We will review your items carefully and select those items that meet current style, safety and condition standards.
- We will offer you payment on the spot for all items accepted.



What We're Looking For...

- | Clothing | Footwear | Toys & Books | Baby Gear |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newborn to size 18/20 • Outerwear • Costumes • Dancewear • Sleepwear • Swimwear | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boots • Dance shoes • Sneakers • Sandals • Dress shoes • Water shoes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic toys • Activity toys • Ride on toys • Outdoor toys • Puzzles • Games | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strollers • High Chairs • Playards • Entertainers • Swings • Safety Gates |

SELLING TIPS

Clothing must be in good condition, of current style, freshly laundered and neatly organized. Two piece outfits placed together (not pinned).

Toys, equipment and furniture items must include all original parts, be clean and in good working condition.

To ensure product safety and quality standards, there are some items we are unable to buy: car seats, recalled items, and products which do not meet current Government Safety Standards.

Once Upon a Child®

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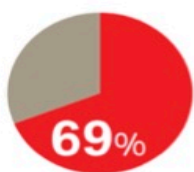
Fire experts agree that people may have as little as **2 MINUTES** to escape a burning home before it's too late. **But many Americans have a false sense of security about surviving a fire.**



62% mistakenly believe that they have at least five minutes or more to escape a burning home – more than twice as long as they really may.



18% mistakenly believe they have 10 minutes or more to escape.



69% of parents believe their children would know what to do or how to escape with little help but...



52% of parents with children ages 3-17 have not talked to their families about fire safety.



70% of families with children have not identified a safe place to meet outside the home.



82% have not practiced home fire drills.

1. Make an escape plan



2. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home.



3. Practice fire drill, then check your escape time.



STEAM EXPO & CTE 3rd ANNUAL CAREER NIGHT



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TUESDAY
December 6
6:00 – 8:00 pm

HURON HIGH SCHOOL
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ANN ARBOR, MI 48105



CAREER EXPLORATION & STEAM ACTIVITIES

ONE NIGHT – TWO GREAT EVENTS!

STEAM EXPO

Join us as Ann Arbor Public Schools teachers and students share their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities.

Enjoy a showcase of STEAM projects from elementary, middle school, and high school students. View demonstrations by the middle school and high school robotics teams.

CTE CAREER NIGHT

Learn about high demand, high skill, high wage career opportunities and training available in the Washtenaw County area

- Visit CTE classrooms
- Talk to teachers, students, and community advisory members
- Speak with local employers - currently hiring
- Talk to career training representatives from industry & apprenticeship programs.
- Meet with instructors and college admission representatives.

www.a2schools.org search for CTE, PLTW and STEAM