

The Paw Print

“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”



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**Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser
Arrives in time for the Super Bowl!**

Date: January 21, 2017

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 23rd

3rd payment due for 5th Grade Camp

Wednesday, January 25th

Conversation with the Principal/SIT
9:00 am – 9:30 a.m., MPR

Wednesday, January 25th

Little Caesars Pizza Kit orders Due

Friday, February 3rd

Pizza Kits Delivered
4:00 – 5:30, Outside MPR

Monday, February 6th

PTO General Membership Meeting
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., MPR

Monday, Feb. 6th – Friday, Feb. 10th

School Wide Coin Challenge

Wednesday, February 8th

Count Day

Wednesday, February 8th

PTO Executive Board Meeting
8:00 p.m., Carpenter Library

Pizza Kit fundraiser orders are due **Wednesday, January 25th!!**

There will be PRIZES for our Top sellers: 1st place \$25 gift card, 2nd place \$15 gift card and 3rd place \$10 gift card.

This Fundraiser began January 9th and will conclude with orders due on January 25th. All money must be collected at the time of ordering and submitted with the order form on the 25th. Checks should be made out to **Carpenter PTO**.

Ordering online is also an option!

<http://www.pizzakit.com/fundraising-products>

Click 'Shop'

Click 'Ship My Order to the group'

Enter the Fundraiser ID: 324165

Pizza Kit pickup will be on Friday, Feb 3rd from 4-5:30pm outside the MPR, just in time for super bowl! Pizza kits must be picked up during that time since we will not have refrigeration after that time.

All questions can be directed to Shannon Dunn at sconsidi@umich.edu or 734-274-0428.



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 Karen McDonald

Welcome back to Ms. McDonald! This is her third year at Carpenter working as our Visual Arts Teacher. Ms. McDonald loves the color yellow along with dancing. If you want to bring her a special treat, ice cream would be the way to go, as this is her favorite food.



When asked what her favorite part of teaching is she said working with the students. She is really looking forward to seeing what the students make this year.

Thank you for joining us for another school year here at Carpenter.

Meet Pete Larson

Mr. Larson ranks as one of the teachers who has been at Carpenter the longest. He has been with our school for 22 years, and is teaching 4th grade this year.



Mr. Larson really likes the color blue, hockey, and Pizza. Wonder if anyone hit him up for a pizza kit order? We might want to remember that for next year!

When asked about his favorite part of teaching, he mentioned he loves to watch the kids as they are learning new things – “you can almost see the light bulb click on.” Mr. Larson shared that kids feel excited as they are learning new things and developing skills and it is great to be a part of that. Mr. Larson is most excited to work with a group of students this year and help them incorporate more cooperative problem based learning into the classroom.

With 22 years of teaching under him, he loves when he seeing former students and find out what has gone on in their lives since they were in his class.

Thank you for your long commitment to educating our children.

Chief Learner Corner

Greetings All:

Two thousand and seventeen has come in with many new and exciting things! Our teachers and Cougars returned from Winter Break rejuvenated and READY to explore new heights! We are in the midst of our winter cycle of the NWEA assessment, classes are taking field trips to deepen their knowledge of core content that has been covered in their classroom, our PTO had a well-attended general meeting and our students learned about the inauguration through various activities as the 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump was installed. AAPS Board of Education Trustee Harmony Mitchell stopped by to be inspired by our community!

The Michigan Department of Education released its accountability scorecard for each school. Please review the link below to see how we are doing as a school community.

<http://tinyurl.com/hjkhkh9>

If you have not yet had the opportunity, please review the standings for Carpenter Elem. School according to the 2017 Niche Rankings at: <https://k12.niche.com/.../.../best-overall/m/detroit-metro-area/>

Save the date for Kindergarten/Young 5s Round up, which will take place on Tuesday, February 28th from 6:30pm-8:00pm!

Your support makes us better BELIVERS!

PLEASE JOIN US

Monday, February 13, 2017

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-1:15pm - Lunch with your Child*

Afternoon Activities:

1:15pm-2:00pm - Parents Visit Classrooms

2:00pm-2:45pm - 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



We Look Forward to Seeing You!

Mr. Johnson



JOIN YPSI-ARBOR AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE IN 2017

Registration begins January 17th

Since 1953, the YALL has been fostering the growth of the youth in our community through baseball. We offer no-cut, co-ed divisions for all interested children ages 5-14. The YALL is proud to serve families in portions of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Pittsfield Township and Ann Arbor.



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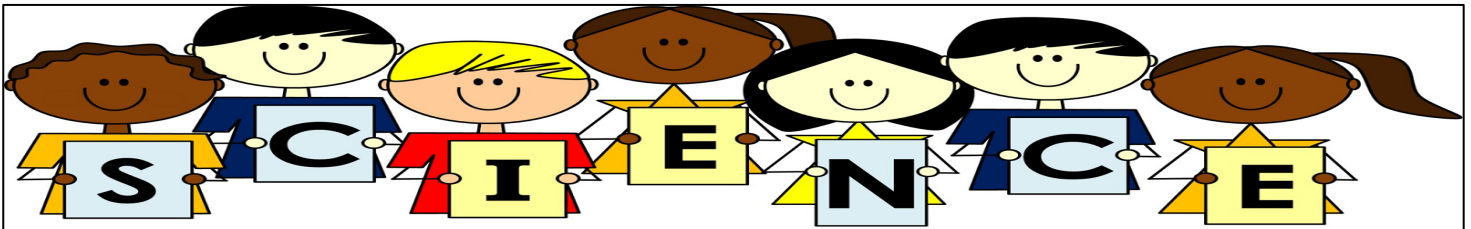
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contact Jerry Clayton at:

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15th Annual WESO Tournament

by: Glenn Timpe

The 15th Annual WESO Tournament will be Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Pioneer High School

Coaches will be able to meet the Team Event "Supervisors" on February 2nd, 2017 at Pioneer High School from 7-8 p.m.

We have received detailed event descriptions and dates to be included in the Applications sent home in backpacks on Wednesday!

We have 21 events in all, 4 new events and or changes, which are;

Gene-ius,

No bones about it,

Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah,

Back to Nature (will be about Michigan insects this year)

New materials will be provided.

Applications are in the Carpenter School Office

Phone calls, emails and contact has been made with previous coaches to continue in their event and or accept a new event. WESO has its own board, By laws and Guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber or Glenn via e-mail at Carpenterweso@gmail.com or text them at (734) 985-3333, include your full name.

Science Fair

by: Kym Randall

The Science Fair is coming! This year's Science and Special Interest Fair is Friday, March 17. The evening will be a night of family fun at Carpenter, with our Fair and Family Night for the Spring Book Fair!! Carpenter's Science and Special Interest Fair is a chance for all Cougars to investigate something new and share their findings with others, or learn more about a special interest you have and share it with us. The fair is open to all Carpenter students, the only requirement is that your topic has something to do with science, nature, technology, the environment, or other STEM-related pursuit. You may participate alone or with a partner. Some teachers form classroom teams to present together.

This is not a competition! We will come together to share and learn from each other, and see some cool home science! Each participant makes a poster to share their investigation with everyone. Now is a GREAT time to get started on your project to make sure you have plenty of time! Once again this year we will have an honored Expert Guest to talk to all cougars about their projects, and all participants will vote for the coveted COUGAR'S CHOICE award, given to the favorite project. Watch for Sign Up sheets to come home in the second week of February! Come and get your science on, Cougars!!!

Student Council Report

Students have concerns about inappropriate behavior on the playground and other areas of the school.

We think people need to know what we are seeing so we are putting out a comment box for students to express their feelings and thoughts like bullying, language and following school rules.

We talked about the possibility of 5th grade students being monitors outside to help lunch supervisors.

We decided to make a video showing good behavior. The executive committee is writing a script and we are asking for volunteers from the student council body.

We wrote a school mission statement and read it to the members. We will post it on the student council bulletin board.

We received a lot of hat donations and decided to donate some of them to Safe House.

Mission Statement

The Carpenter Student Council who serves the Carpenter Community...

- 1) Will lead Carpenter to be the best school by,
 - Standing up to bullying
 - Promoting kindness
 - Being the best we can be
 - Always persevering
- 2) Will be known for,
 - Their leadership
 - Helping EVERYONE
 - Being loyal and honest
 - And following the school rules of: being safe, respectful, and responsible
- 3) Believes that our school should be,
 - Amazing
 - Fun
 - Creative

And, always wants everyone to stay awesome!

Respectfully submitted by Erik Lee-Clements

Share Your Stories

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 provide a flyer or article about it. Please note, that Mr. Johnson has final say on all information provided in the Paw Print. Submissions for the next edition of the Paw Print are due to Kim Ulrich at kim@bityard.net by Monday, January 30th.

Carpenter Elementary School

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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

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1. Go to smile.amazon.com
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4. From now on, do all of your Amazon shopping from smile.amazon.com!

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Michigan State University's 2nd Annual **Introduce a Girl to Engineering**



Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017
Who: 4th - 8th graders
What: Hands-on Engineering activities
Where: MSU Engineering Building and Anthony Hall
Time: 1:00-4:00pm (Check-In 12:30-1:00pm)
Cost: FREE
Sponsored by Ford Motor Company

Registration is required and participants must be chaperoned.
Registration deadline is Feb 1, 2017 or until maximum capacity is reached.

REGISTER at <http://www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach>

Questions? Contact MSU Women in Engineering Recruitment and K-12 Outreach Office at WIE-Outreach@egr.msu.edu or 517-432-1273



Operation "Be True to your school" and Science Olympiad , which is now part of our Science and Math club.

Flyers have been passed out to our immediate neighborhood on Dayton, Grant and Crystal the rest of the neighborhood, including the addition to Hawks will be completed "Monday". They will be in backpacks sent home, as well.

Last year, it was requested that we Cougars, start a science and math club, with communication and fundraising.

As of this year a plan was created, proposed and approved by our principal.

We are comprised of 3 elements at our school for fundraising.

PTO
5th Grade Camp
WESO Science and Math Club

All 3 report to the Chief Learner for prior approval of any and all events, which must be submitted, prior to implementation.

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We will be collecting bottles and cans throughout the year, proceeds will benefit, WESO, 5th grade camp, and School improvement, along with the PTO and Teachers who assist in Collection and return of the Bottle and Cans.

The PTO has multiple fundraising events established, where as the 5 th grade camp and WESO will fund raise through annual collection of bottles and cans.

Contact had been made with to 5th Garde Camp committee in support of Bottle and Can collection.

WESO began implementation of a bottle and can drive in latter part of 2016, along with a request to establish a Science and Math club to compete with other schools like Bach and King, who dominate the Science competition each year.

Our commitment, to be improve each year!

WESO Board decided to push back the event 1 month this year to June 3rd instead of in May.

We are Carpenter Ready! Go Cougars!