

The Paw Print

“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”

February is
FUNDraising
Month

Date: February 4, 2017

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, February 13th
NAAPID
See Flyer

Monday, February 20th
No School
Presidents' Day

Fundraising Thermometer

by: Amanda Gebhardt

The PTO this year is excited to share our fundraising goal and progress with our community throughout the rest of the year with the Fundraising Thermometer now displayed in the school's front lobby. Special thanks to Niki Coatney for putting it together for us!

Our goal for the year is to fully fund our organization's planned expenses of \$36,000. As of the beginning of 2017, we have raised just under \$14,000! We have a major fundraising push in February and are just completing our Little Caesar Pizza Kit sales, which bring in \$5-\$6 per kit sold direct to our school. If you own a business or know the owner of a local business, reach out to our fundraising co-chairs Amanda Gebhardt and Kathy Owens to learn more about how you can help support our PTO through direct donations.

Keep your eye on our thermometer throughout the year to track our progress!



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 Mr. Sean Slay

Mr. Slay is a returning 5th grade teacher whose favorite color is blue and his favorite food is lasagna!



He does enjoy tinkering on the piano and learning to play the guitar. He also enjoys watching boxing and basketball.

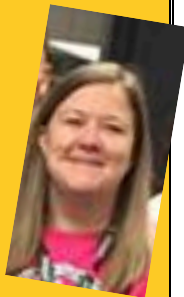
When asked what his favorite part of teaching is he said "I enjoy seeing the academic and social growth of each student. I also love that kids keep me young, although they wouldn't agree. I'm soooo old to them!"

Mr. Slay really loves Carpenter and is excited to try new teaching and learning strategies centered around project based learning.

Thank you Mr. Slay for joining us for another great year at Carpenter!

Meet Ms. Nicole Thomas

Ms. Thomas is a returning fifth grade teacher this year that loves the color blue and eating sushi. She also enjoys golf, volleyball, and watching college football.



Ms. Tomas shared that she enjoys seeing the immense growth in student learning from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. She also appreciates learning what motivates students and providing authentic learning opportunities. "I truly believe that building relationships with students is crucial".

Ms. Thomas gets excited each year to meet her new students and get to know what makes each of them unique.

Ms. Thomas says she is very competitive and can turn almost anything into a competition. Guess we'll have to compete to see who has the best year!

Thank you for your desire to teach our children!

Fourth Grade Disability Workshop

by: Veronica Shah

On Thursday, March 2nd, Carpenter Elementary is hosting a Disability Awareness Workshop. The Disability Awareness



Workshop is a half-day program to teach 4th graders an empathetic understanding of physical, developmental, and learning disabilities. The hands-on activity based program is designed to help students understand how difficult and complex daily living can be for individuals with "diverse abilities". 23 volunteers will be needed. The time commitment is short but the impact on our 4th graders can be lifelong.

Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea4af22a57-disability> to learn more and share your time!



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



inspiring girls to be
healthy & confident

Featuring a Brand NEW curriculum!

Important Dates

2017 Season:
March 13th - May 26th

Girls on the Run 5k:
Sunday, May 21st

Anyone who wants to run, walk or skip to the finish line is welcome!

Registration

General registration (\$160): December 5th - January 31st

Late registration (\$175): February 1st - February 17th

* Some sites require an additional community ed fee.

To register, visit our website at www.girlsontherunsemi.org.
Limited financial assistance is available for families in need.

If you do not have internet access, you may call our office at 734.712.5640.

For information on becoming a volunteer coach,
email info@girlsontherunsemi.org.

About the Program

Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization that envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Our **ten-week** program is designed for girls in **grades 3rd-6th**. Lessons are led by trained volunteer coaches who guide and mentor the girls through an uplifting curriculum that focuses on life-long skills to improve emotional and physical health. The program culminates in a **non-competitive 5k** which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

Each girl receives:

- ★ 20 lessons (30 hours of instruction) conducted by trained coaches
- ★ An official Girls on the Run program t-shirt
- ★ A healthy snack at each practice
- ★ Registration for the Girls on the Run 5k
- ★ A Girls on the Run water bottle
- ★ A beautiful 5k finisher's medal
- ★ A "Grown-Up Guide" for families

All shapes, sizes and abilities are
celebrated & welcome



www.girlsontherunsemi.org



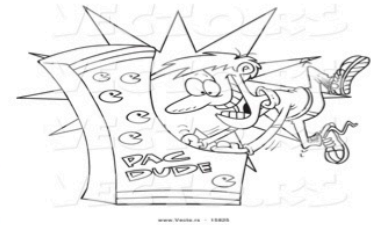
Game Night @Revel & Roll

Join us for a Fun Family Night and play unlimited games for **60** minutes only for **\$10!**

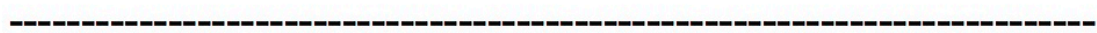
Thursday February 9th

6pm to 8pm

50% proceedings will go to 5th Grade Camp Game cards, order forms and payments due by **Monday, February 5th.**



* Invite friends, family members as everyone will need their own card!



Student Name: _____

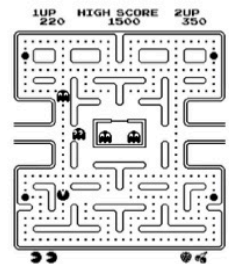
Teacher/Grade: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

For questions email wajiha3boys@yahoo.com





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.



**Early Bird
specials until
February 25th!**

**Player Evaluation
for minors and
majors
February 25th**

**Visit our website
at
www.ypsiarborLL.org**

**Facebook:
YpsiArborLL**

**Twitter:
@YpsiArborLL**

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

contact Jerry Clayton at:

Yall.playeragent@gmail.com

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



WINTER/SPRING 2017 Washtenaw County Program Dates

All programs are free of charge, and are open to the public!

TUTORING

Liberty Street Tutoring (ages 8–18)

Monday–Thursday, 3:30–5:30PM
Tuesday, Jan 17–Thursday, June 1
(no school on Monday, Jan 16)



Washington Street Tutoring (ages 8–18)

Monday–Thursday, 6–8PM
Tuesday, Jan 17–Thursday, June 1
(no school on Monday, Jan 16)

Family Board Game Night at Liberty Street

Friday, Mar 3, 6–8PM
A night of board games and snacks for 826michigan families, students, and volunteers!

DROP-IN WRITING

Drop-in Writing @ YDL Michigan Ave (ages 8–18)

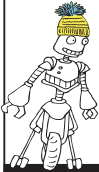
Mondays: 4–5PM, Jan 23–Mar 27
Tuesdays: 4–5PM, Jan 17–Mar 28

Drop-in Writing @ YDL Whittaker Rd (ages 8–18)

Wednesdays: 4–5PM, Jan 18–Mar 29

Liberty Street Drop-in Writing for Wee-bots and Up (ages 6–10)

Wednesdays: 6–7PM, Jan 18–May 31



Note: 826michigan programs follow the public school calendar for the city in which they are located (AAPS and YCS); there are **no programs** during school breaks or on snow days.

WORKSHOPS

Liberty Street Creative Writing Workshops

Saturdays: January–June
Winter Registration begins Friday, Jan 27;
Spring Registration begins Saturday, Apr 15.
Register on our website (www.826michigan.org)

LOCATIONS

Liberty Street

115 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI
(inside the Liberty Street Robot Supply and Repair)

Washington Street

20 North Washington Street, Ypsilanti, MI
(located conveniently inside of beezy's cafe)

YDL Michigan Ave

229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI
(Michigan Ave Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library)

YDL Whittaker Rd

5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI
(Whittaker Rd Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library)

There will be no programs the week of April 3–7 (Spring Break).



Liberty and Washington Street Tutoring

826michigan is proud to offer completely free tutoring programs for students ages 8 to 18. Students may arrive at any time, at any point in the year while the program is running and receive homework help from one of our tutors in any academic subject. Students must bring homework assignments and study materials with them to tutoring, and parents or guardians must accompany students and complete registration paperwork on a student's first day.

Drop-in Writing on Liberty Street and @ YDL

At Drop-in Writing, students experiment with all kinds of creative writing. We cover a new topic each week, and over the semester, students have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise, publish and perform their new work! We supply the writing exercises and all the materials—students just need to come equipped with their imaginations!



Liberty Street Creative Writing Workshops

We offer a wide range of weekend workshops designed to foster creativity and strengthen students' writing skills! Workshops range from the playful to the practical and are taught by volunteer writers, artists, and educators in our community.

Contact us:

www.826michigan.org

(734) 761-3463

115 East Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104



Invierno y Primavera 2017 Programas en el condado de Washtenaw

¡Todos los programas son gratis y abiertos a la pública!

TUTORÍA (edades 8–18)

Tutoría de Liberty Street en Ann Arbor

Los lunes a los jueves, a las 3:30–5:30PM
Del martes 17 de enero al jueves 1 de junio



Tutoría de Washington Street en Ypsilanti

Los lunes a los jueves, a las 6–8PM
Del martes 17 de enero al jueves 1 de junio

Noche de juegos para familias en Liberty Street (Ann Arbor)

Una noche de juegos de mesa y un refrigerio para los estudiantes, familias y voluntarios de 826michigan.
El viernes 3 de marzo, 6–8PM

TALLER DE ESCRITURA SIN CITA

Biblioteca de Ypsilanti—Michigan Avenue (edades 8–18)

Los lunes a las 4–5PM
Del lunes 23 de enero al 27 de marzo

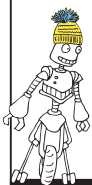
Los martes a las 4–5PM
Del martes 17 de enero al 28 de marzo

Biblioteca de Ypsilanti—Whittaker Road (edades 8–18)

Los miércoles a las 4–5PM
Del miércoles 18 de enero al 29 de marzo

Liberty Street—Ann Arbor (edades 6–10)

Los miércoles a las 6–7PM
Del miércoles 18 de enero al 31 de mayo



TALLER DE ESCRITURA CREATIVA DE LIBERTY STREET (Ann Arbor)

Los sábados: enero–junio
El registro del invierno empezará en viernes, el 27 de enero;

El registro de la primavera empezará en sábado, el 15 de abril a través de nuestro sitio de web: www.826michigan.org

LOS SITIOS

Liberty Street

115 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI
(por dentro de Liberty Street Robot Supply & Repair)

Washington Street

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(por dentro de beezy's cafe)

Biblioteca de Ypsilanti—Michigan Avenue

229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI

Biblioteca de Ypsilanti—Whittaker Road

5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI

No habrá programas durante las vacaciones de primavera (el 3 al 7 de abril).

Nota: Los programas siguen el calendario escolar para la ciudad donde tienen lugar—Ann Arbor o Ypsilanti. No habrá programas durante las vacaciones o en los días de cierre de las escuelas.



La tutoría de Liberty y Washington Street

826michigan está orgulloso ofrecer tutoría gratis para estudiantes entre 8 y 18 años de edad para ayuda con tarea de cualquier sujeto académico. Los estudiantes no necesitan registrar antes del primer día. Se puede venir a la tutoría a cualquier hora o día que ofrecemos el programa durante el año. Los estudiantes necesitan traer su tarea y materiales escolares, y el primer día las familias llenarán los formularios de inscripción.

Taller de escritura sin cita de Liberty Street y los bibliotecas de Ypsilanti

El taller de escritura sin cita es una manera perfecta de pulir habilidades de escritura y hacer tarea creativa fuera del ambiente escolar. En el taller de escritura, los estudiantes experimentan con varios tipos de escritura, aprenden técnicas nuevas, y hablan de escritura creativa con otros estudiantes. Además tienen oportunidades para publicar, grabar, y compartir su obras de escritura. Tenemos todos los materiales y ejercicios—¡los estudiantes sólo necesitan sus imaginaciones!



Taller de escritura creativa de Liberty Street

Ofrecemos una variedad de talleres que están diseñados desarrollar la creatividad y fortalecer los habilidades de escritura. Hay talleres funcionales y divertidos, todos enseñados por nuestros voluntarios de la comunidad incluso escritores, artistas, educadores y profesionales.

Información de contacto:

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It's Fundraising February!

We are launching our February Direct Donation campaign. During the month of February, we are asking every family that is able to make a donation to our school. Every penny counts!! Did you know that 100% of the funds raised through our Direct Donation campaign go back to the school?

The money provides great opportunities like:

- *Field Trips
- *School equipment
- *Classroom items
- *Special programs

Your generous donation makes a difference for every Cougar. Helping is easy. Simply fill out the attached envelope, include your cash or check and return it to the school by the end of February.

Checks should be made out to: Carpenter PTO
(This is a tax-deductible donation)

NEW THIS YEAR!!! DONATE VIA PAYPAL!
Simply log into your Paypal account and send your
donation to
carpenterptotreasurer1@gmail.com

Please add a note indicating this is for Direct Donation

Did you know you are already a member of the PTO?

Every parent, guardian and teacher of our Carpenter Community is already a PTO member-your voice and vote matter!!


Watch Facebook, weekly e-notes, and the Paw Print for information about upcoming events and PTO meetings.

We BELIEVE that when we work together we can reach our fundraising goals!



FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FEBRUARY 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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ALL YEAR LONG

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE WESO and the Carpenter Science Club are kicking off an all-year-long bottle and can drive to benefit our school! All school clubs and organizations are welcome to pitch in and share the proceeds. If the bins are out, we're collecting!

ALL MONTH LONG

DIRECT DONATIONS

Keep a lookout for envelopes in backpack mail!

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1—MONDAY FEBRUARY 6

REVEL AND ROLL ARCADE SALES \$10 Revel and Roll Arcade Cards on sale to support 5th Grade Camp! These cards can be used at any time, but join us for our Day to Play on Thursday, February 9 from 5-8pm!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6—FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10

ANNUAL CARPENTER COIN CHALLENGE Dig into those couch cushions because it's time for this year's School-Wide Coin Challenge! If you have some spare change lying around, send it in with your student! Each grade will compete to see who can raise the most funds for our school.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21

DINE TO DONATE: Leo's Coney Island

Help our community support our 5th grade camping trip. During the evening our teachers will work as the servers and all tips will go directly to camp fundraising. More details to come!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

ANNUAL TEACHER/STAFF RAFFLE

Exciting prizes and incredible opportunities await our Cougars! One free raffle ticket per student and all additional raffle tickets only \$0.25 each! Stay tuned for our list of prizes!

For Questions or Comments Contact carpenterPTOpres1@gmail.com

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

Carpenter Elementary School

4250 Central Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Principal:

Michael Johnson

Secretary:

Valerie Bacoat

Teacher Clerks:

Pauline Ebrahim & Valerie Munson

General Office Phone:

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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a2ptothriftshop.org

2280 S. Industrial Hwy. 734-996-9155

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