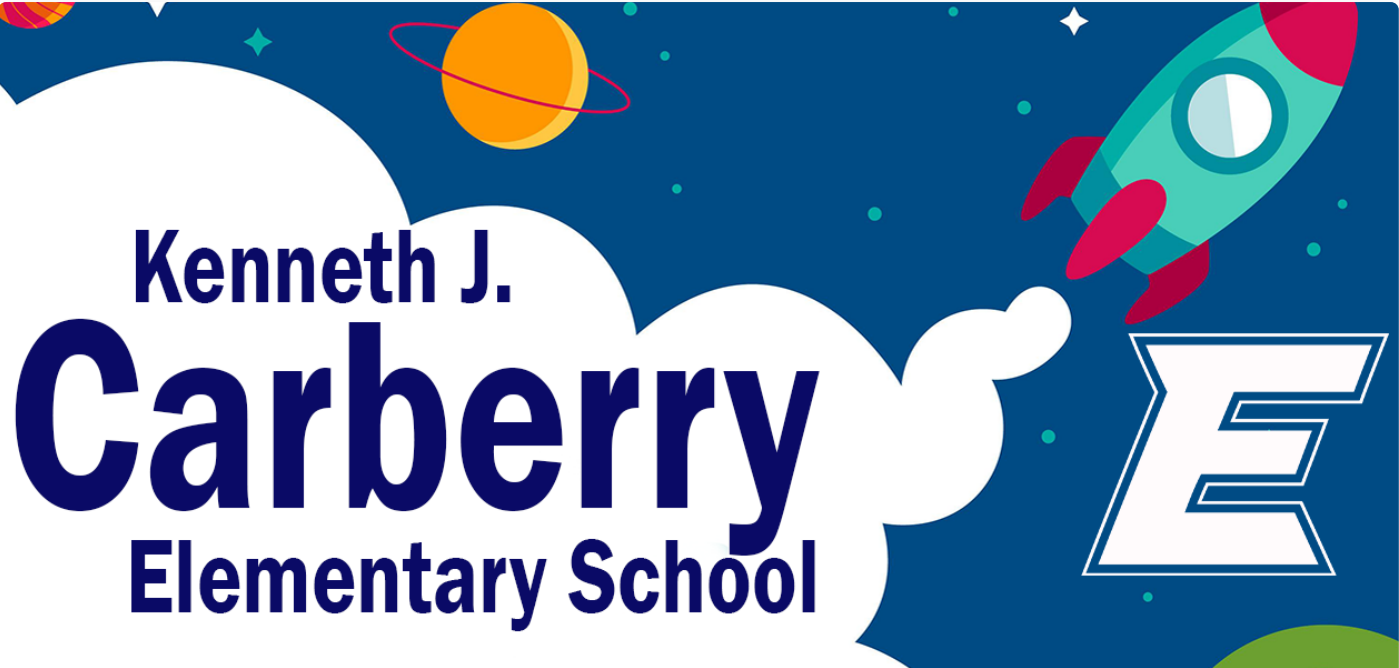


A wide banner with a dark blue space background. It features a yellow planet with a red ring, a green rocket with red fins, and a large white cloud. The school name is written in dark blue text over the cloud.

# Kenneth J. Carberry Elementary School



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***August-September 2024***

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***Carberry's Theme For 2024-2025: Dive Into Learning***

So Happy to “SEA” you!



## Principal's Corner



### Welcome Back, Carberry Elementary Families!

Dear Carberry Elementary Families,

We are really excited and ready to “Dive into Learning” this school year. As we embark on this new academic journey together, I wanted to share some important updates and changes that will help make this year successful for our students and community.

#### Transition to a Four-Day School Week

This year, we are making a significant change to our school schedule. After careful consideration and input from our stakeholders, we will transition to a four-day school week, with classes held Monday through Thursday. However, please note that during the first three weeks of school, we will still have classes on

Fridays. This adjustment was made to allow for a full week off during Thanksgiving, a change many families and staff expressed interest in.

Starting on September 9, our school week will officially shift to Monday through Thursday, and we believe this new schedule will provide students and staff with an optimal balance of learning and rest.

New Personal Communication Device Policy

In our ongoing efforts to create a safe and focused learning environment, we will be implementing a new personal communication device policy. This policy is designed to protect our students from the potential distractions and harmful aspects of these devices during the school day.

Under this new policy, all personal communication devices, including cell phones, must be turned off and not visible (stored in backpacks or lockers) from the time students enter the bus or school grounds until they have left the bus or school grounds at the end of the day. More detailed information about this policy can be found in the updated student handbook, which I expect all parents to review with their child(ren).

#### Playground Improvement Project

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the hard work and generosity of our Carberry PTO and several dedicated volunteers, we are in the process of creating better drainage for our swings and small playground. This project includes installing new drainage systems, mats, and borders, which we anticipate will help keep these areas open and safe for play throughout the year, even during inclement weather. However, the playground may be off-limits for a few days to start the school year.

#### Daily Schedule Reminder

Finally, a quick reminder about our school day hours: classes begin promptly at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Please ensure your child(ren) arrives on time ready to learn each day.

We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and community spirit. As always, we appreciate your continued support and partnership in making Kenneth Carberry Elementary a wonderful place for our students to thrive.

Warm regards,

Greg Alexander

Principal, Kenneth Carberry Elementary

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## Important Dates

### August

14th--Food Bank 3:30-5:00 pm (food boxes distributed out of room C105)

15th--Open House 5-7 pm

19th--School Starts 1st-5th Grades

19th--Kinder Orientation (9:15-10:45 am OR 1:00-2:30 pm)(You need to stay with your child)

20th--Kinder 1st Day

23rd--**Friday-School Today**

23--NASA Applications Available

26th--PTO 3:30 pm Room B102

30th--**Friday-School Today**



### September

2nd--**NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY**

4th--NASA applications due

6th--**Friday-School Today**

12th--Homecoming Parade (11:00 am - 1:00 pm)

13th--First Friday Off-**No School For Students**

16th--PTO 3:30 pm

19th--Domino's Dough Night

24th--Picture Day

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# OPEN HOUSE

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# CASA ABIERTA

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# DRIVER LICENSE NEEDED

**REMINDER:**  
**YOU HAVE TO HAVE YOUR  
DRIVER LICENSE WITH YOU TO  
CHECK INTO OUR SAFE  
SCHOOL KIOSK IN ORDER TO  
WALK YOUR CHILD TO CLASS**



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*Kindergarten Orientation*



Kindergarten Orientation  
Monday, August 19  
9:15 am-10:45 am  
OR  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
(refer to the letter you received in the mail)  
You need to plan to stay with your child



2024-2025

# Daily Bell Schedule

School Begins 7:55 Tardy Bell 8:00  
Release 3:15

## Lunch Schedule

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Kindergarten          | 11:55 – 12:25 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | 12:10 – 12:40 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | 12:05 – 12:35 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | 12:15 – 12:45 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 12:20 – 12:50 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 12:25 – 12:55 |

## Recess Schedule

### AM

Kdg & 1<sup>st</sup> 10:05 – 10:20    2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:20 – 9:35    4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 10:05 – 10:20

### PM

Kdg 1:40 – 1:55    1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:25 – 2:40    3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2:10 – 2:25



**No BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

**AUGUST 19  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**





**NO HAY DESAYUNO DISPONIBLE**

**19 DE AGOSTO  
PRIMER DÍA DE  
CLASES**

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### *Carberry Welcomes Our New Staff Members*



#### **Aimee Thompson**

My name is Aimee Thompson and I am excited to be the new Community School Coordinator at Carberry. I was born and raised in Pocatello and am a proud Idaho State University graduate. I have called Emmett home for nearly 20 years. I am married to Spencer Thompson and we are the proud parents of our daughter, Mary, who recently graduated from EHS. As a family, we are invested in the Emmett community and we are passionate Huskies fans. When not supporting our Huskies, I enjoy backyard barbeques with friends, crafting, and camping. I am looking forward to connecting with the families of Carberry.

#### **Amanda Corning (Saunders)**

My Name is Amanda Corning (Saunders) and I'm the new custodian at Carberry. I was born and raised in Nampa. I have been married to my husband for a little over a year. We have a blended family with seven adult children and twelve grandchildren. I have an associates in criminal justice, and I only need to complete two classes and I will have an associates in psychology. In my free time, I like to fish, draw, camp, and work with my animals. Besides working at Carberry, I co-own a



hog farm. Every day it's always an adventure when you own a farm because unexpected things always occur.



### **Kristin Meade**

My name is Kristin Meade and I am so excited to be the new music teacher at Carberry Elementary! I grew up in Oak Harbor, WA, studied music at Seattle Pacific University, moved across the country to Baltimore, MD then Princeton, NJ, and ended up back in Washington, where I taught music in the Snohomish School District for 9 years. Our family moved to Idaho 7 years ago. The last 6 years, I taught music in West Ada at Seven Oaks Elementary. My hubby, Gordon, is the counselor at Black Canyon and Butte View. Our son, Devon, attended Boise State, and now lives back in Washington with his wife. The most important things in my life are

my faith and family (including our dog, Chester). I love music, paddle boarding, and sunshine! I love Idaho and the amazing seasons we have here! (In Washington we basically had 2 seasons - a month or 2 of sunshine and 8-9 months of gloomy rain!)

Looking forward to getting to know all of you!



### **Jeanne Anderson**

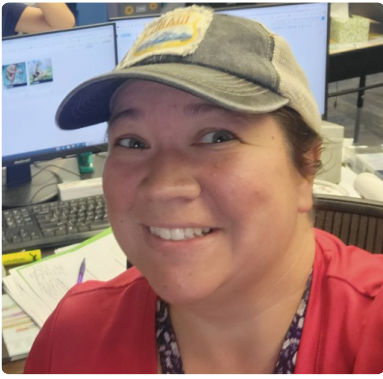
I am your new school nurse this year at Carberry. I graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in RN. I have recently worked as the school nurse at EMS for 5 years. My experience before that was mostly in Labor & Delivery. I have lived in Sweet, Idaho with my Husband and family for the last 14 years. I am the mother of 5 kids. My 2nd just got married a week ago (fun summer), and my 3rd just graduated from EHS and is headed off to college, so I will be down to my 2 youngest boys at home. That will be a change, as will transitioning over to Carberry. I look

forward to getting to know all my new colleagues and kids. Thanks for making me part of your team.

Nurse Jeanne

### **Deanna Richards**

I am Deanna Richards. This is my 18th year teaching. I am super excited to be part of the Carberry 1st Grade team. My family and I have lived in Emmett for the past 11 years. I grew up in Georgia and graduated from Georgia Southern University. My household includes my husband, Aaron, and our two children Riley and Wyatt. Fun fact about me: I love the color yellow!



### **Jessica Florian**

Hi! My name is Jessica Florian, and I'm the new special education teacher at Carberry Elementary. I enjoy art, painting, drawing, and writing. I have a large Siamese cat named Meeko. I love seeing my nephews and am passionate about helping others, including the elderly and those with special needs.



### **Mindy Parker**

Hi! My name is Mindy Parker, and I am the new 2nd grade teacher at Carberry Elementary. I am so excited to be here! I have spent the last 17 years of my career teaching 1st grade at Hunter Elementary in West Ada. It was a hard good-bye, but my husband (Bryce) and I are looking forward to becoming Gem County's newest residents. We have been building a home that will be finished soon and are thrilled to meet our new friends and neighbors in Emmett!



We have 3 amazing adult children and are over the moon to be expecting our first grandbaby (boy) next month. I am passionate about children and consider myself so fortunate to spend my time

loving, teaching, and learning alongside them. I look forward to a year filled with new experiences and growth! Stop by and say hello....I would love to meet you!

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## **WHY DAILY ATTENDANCE MATTERS**



### Did you know...? Why Daily Attendance Matters:

1. **Missed Lessons + Falling Behind:** Even one day can mean missing critical instructions and activities, making it harder for your child to catch up.
2. **Impact on Future Success:** Consistent attendance is a strong predictor of academic achievement and future opportunities.
3. **Building Resilience:** Regular attendance teaches your child the value of perseverance and responsibility--essential skills for success in life.
4. **Stronger Friendships:** Daily presence helps your child develop and sustain friendships, which are crucial for emotional and social development.
5. **Healthy Routine:** Attending school every day establishes a stable routine, promoting better mental and physical health.



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TIME**



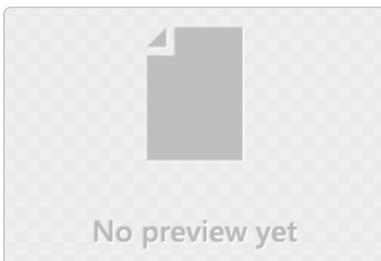


### ¿Sabías que...? Por qué es importante la asistencia diaria:

1. **Lecciones perdidas + atraso:** Incluso un día puede significar perder instrucciones y actividades importantes, lo que dificulta que su hijo se ponga al día.
2. **Impacto en el éxito futuro:** La asistencia constante es un fuerte predictor del rendimiento académico y las oportunidades futuras.
3. **Desarrollar la resiliencia:** la asistencia regular le enseña a su hijo el valor de la perseverancia y la responsabilidad: habilidades esenciales para el éxito en la vida.
4. **Amistades más fuertes:** La presencia diaria ayuda a su hijo a desarrollar y mantener amistades, que son cruciales para el desarrollo emocional y social.
5. **Rutina saludable:** Asistir a la escuela todos los días establece una rutina estable, promoviendo una mejor salud mental y física.



ON  
TIME



### What to Do When Your Kid Refuses to Go to School

Experts say that as classrooms have reopened, school refusal is widespread.

[usnews.com](https://www.usnews.com)



**Help your young student build relationships, establish healthy routines and safeguard early learning by focusing on regular attendance.**

Did you know?: Even one or two absences every two weeks can affect a young learner's ability to gain reading and math skills and build social relationships. Helping them show up to learn is the best way to give them a solid foundation to build on.



**Ayude a su joven estudiante a construir relaciones, establecer rutinas saludables y proteger el aprendizaje temprano concentrándose en la asistencia regular.**

¿Sabías que?: Incluso una o dos ausencias cada dos semanas pueden afectar la capacidad de un estudiante joven para adquirir habilidades de lectura y matemáticas y desarrollar relaciones sociales. Ayudarlos a asistir a la escuela es la mejor manera de darles una base sólida sobre la que construir.

## **PE Notes From Mrs. Walton**

Parents and Students,

Welcome to 2024-2025 PE! I am so excited to be able to teach your kids. I want to remind you that it is very important for your student to have the proper footwear for PE. Tennis shoes are required for the safety of your student, as well as the upkeep of our gymnasium. We are going to be outside quite a bit this fall, so please have your student dress for the weather. It's a little chilly in the morning and hot in the afternoon. I encourage your student to have a water bottle that they can bring to class with them so they can stay hydrated. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, as I am not at my phone most of the day.

Thanks,

Katie Walton

[kwatson@isd221.net](mailto:kwatson@isd221.net)



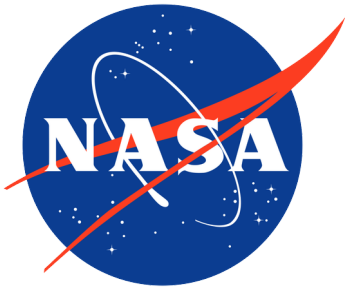
## **Library News From Mrs. Arnett**



We will be starting off the school year by learning about library time, book care and choosing library books. Borrowing books will begin in early September. Please watch your student's Monday folder for information regarding their book day.

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## NASA NEWS



NASA applications will be available beginning Friday, August 23. Applications are due Wednesday, September 4.

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## Playground Project Update

Project underway! Our playground is getting a little makeover to solve the drainage issues on the small playground. Shoutout to Carberry PTO for raising the project money, community volunteers, and awesome local businesses who are working to make the playground a drier place for our students!



# EMMETT SCHOOL DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

The Emmett School District holds three Child Find Screenings per school year.

Please contact the Special Education office at 208-365-5971 or the ECSE Preschool at 208-365-4791 to schedule an appointment.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The ECSE Preschool is a Federally funded program designed for children ages 3-5 with developmental delays and/or disabilities. Children must qualify to receive services through standardized assessments with scores at or below the 7th percentile in two or more areas or one area indicating a significant delay compared to typically developing same age peers.

## SCREENING AREAS

Do you have concerns with your child's development

**Communication**  
**Fine & Gross Motor**  
**Adaptive**  
**Cognitive**  
**Social-Emotional**

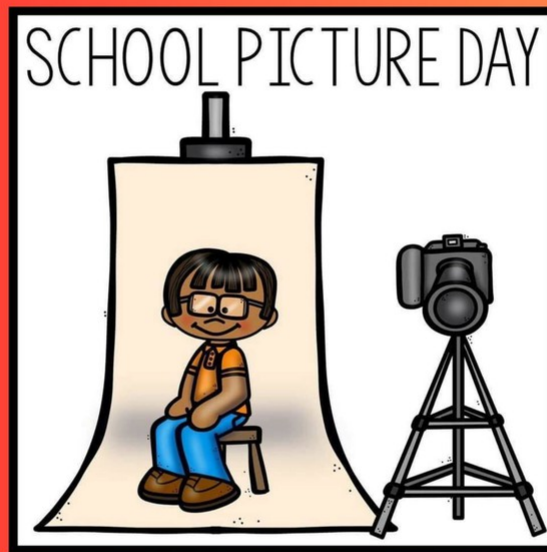
## INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

Once determined eligible, an IEP is developed to help students bridge developmental gaps. Placement is determined based on individual student need.

## ECSE PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Kimberly Simpson: ECSE Teacher [ksimpson@isd221.net](mailto:ksimpson@isd221.net)  
Melanie Johnson: ECSE Teacher [mjohnson@isd221.net](mailto:mjohnson@isd221.net)  
Phone: 208-365-4791  
Paige Whitson: Special Education Secretary, [pwhitson@isd221.net](mailto:pwhitson@isd221.net)  
Phone: 208-365-5971

Tuesday, September 24



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*Gem County Rec District Offerings*



## FRIDAY FUN DAY PROGRAM

### FRIDAYS

8:00AM-5:00PM

STARTING SEPT 13

WE MUST HAVE 15 REGISTERED BY  
SEPT 13 TO HAVE THE FRIDAY CAMP.

Not offered during school breaks  
(Spring break, Thanksgiving, and  
Christmas break)

Min 15 per group to  
have the Camp Friday  
Program.

For K-2,  
3rd-4th graders  
Kids bring their  
own sack lunch  
(No Microwave,  
No Fridge)

\$75 FOR SEPT  
\$25 PER FRIDAY  
IN DISTRICT  
(\$2.75 PER HOUR)  
\$82 FOR SEPT  
OUT OF DISTRICT  
(\$7 NON REFUNDABLE)  
CHANGED MONTHLY

### WE OFFER:

- Help with homework/reading time
- Enrichment Activities
- Physical Activity



208-365-5748

[www.gemcountyrecreation.com](http://www.gemcountyrecreation.com)

## Friday Fun Day Program

Starting Friday September 13  
8am-5pm

For students K-2 & 3rd-4th grade.  
We offer help with homework/reading  
time, enrichment activities and physical  
activities.

**Must register by September 3.**

Kids bring their own sack lunch.

Cost is \$75 in district for the month of  
September, \$82 out of district (\$7 non  
refundable).

Sign up today!

# LATE NIGHT OPEN REC

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR FUN GAMES!

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
5 PM - 8 PM

212 E 3RD STREET

[WWW.GEMCOUNTYRECREATION.COM](http://WWW.GEMCOUNTYRECREATION.COM)



## Tween Night

September 6

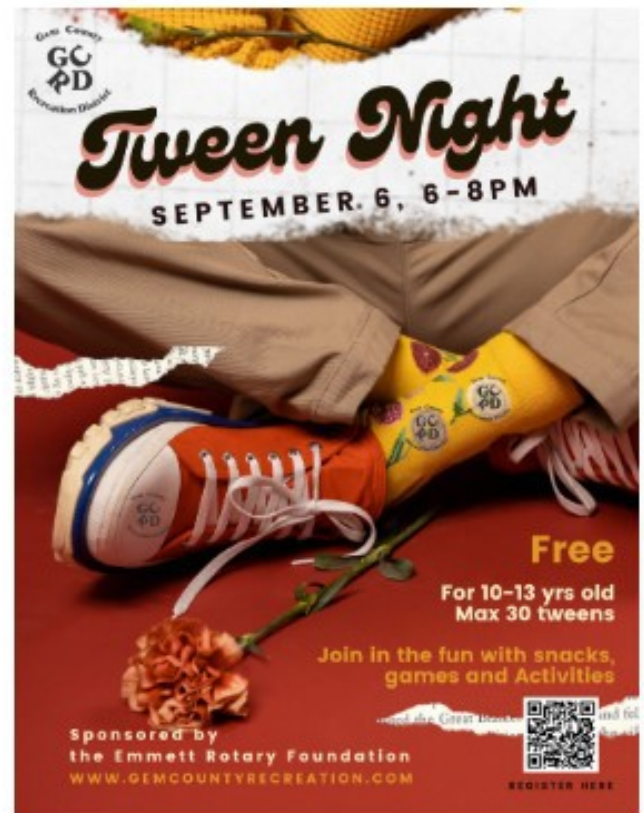
6-8pm

Join in the fun with snacks, games and activities.

For 10-13yrs old

Space is limited so sign up today.

This is a **Free** event sponsored by the Emmett Rotary Foundation.



### INFINITE CAMPUS - PARENT PORTAL

If you need assistance with getting logged into your parent portal contact

[Mrs. Sammons](#) at the office.



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