

December Newsletter

2025



Principal's Corner



Principal's Message: An Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Carberry Elementary Families,
As the calendar turns to December and we prepare for the winter holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened this past fall and express my deepest gratitude to our entire school community—our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.



Celebrating Our Fall Successes

We had such a fun and spirited end to October! Our **Wagon's Ho event** was a huge success, and the subsequent **Trunk or Treat** in our parking lot was truly a highlight. Seeing the creativity, the smiles, and the sheer joy on the faces of our students and staff while they showed off their fantastic costumes was heartwarming. These events truly showcase the strong, positive spirit here at Carberry.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

As we approach Thanksgiving break next week, I want to extend a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy already this year. We are so fortunate to have parents and grandparents who come in on a regular basis to help our teachers with one-on-one and small group support. Your willingness to step up and invest in our students' learning makes a tangible difference every single day. In education, we are continually being asked to **do more with less**. With the dedication of our teaching staff and the incredible help from our community volunteers, we are not just meeting expectations—we are truly making a significant difference in the lives of our children. Your partnership is invaluable.



Making the Most of Holiday Breaks

As you prepare for the upcoming holiday break, I have a gentle request: please use this time to focus on quality family connection and learning.

Holiday breaks are a fantastic opportunity for **reading** together and playing games that help students practice essential **math and reading skills**.

These simple, engaging activities can reinforce everything they've learned in the classroom while creating lasting memories.

Let's work together to help bring back our family values by spending quality time together. Encourage your children to stay off of electronics during the break. I promise you, they will remember the stories you read, the board games you played, and the conversations you shared **far longer** than they will remember any time spent on a screen. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe, and grateful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Greg Alexander

Principal, Carberry Elementary

December Important Dates

1st- Huskie Explorers (Session 2/Week 1)
4th- NASA Challenge Due SCHOOL WIDE
5th-(Friday) NASA Specialist/Student Council Field Trip to the Boise Watershed 8:00 AM-1:45 PM
8th- PTO Meeting 4:00 PM; Room B-102
8th- Huskie Explorers (Session 2/Week 2)
10th- 3rd and 4th Grade Christmas Performance Assembly (students) 9:45 AM-10:30 AM
11th- **3rd and 4th Grade Christmas Performance Assembly (parents/guardians) 10:45 AM-11:30 AM**
15th- Huskie Explorers (Session 2/Week 3)
15th- Christmas Hat Dress Up Day
16th- Christmas Sweater or Character Dress Up Day
17th- Wear Red/Green Dress Up Day
18th- Wear Pajamas or Sweats Dress Up Day
22nd-January 5- Christmas Break

Candy Cane Gram Sale

December 1st - 11th





Candy Cane Gram Sale!

Carberry's Student Council will be selling **Candy Cane Grams** during lunch recess to raise money for future student needs!

 **Sales: Dec. 1 - Dec. 11**
Cost: \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Spread some holiday cheer to friends and staff this season!

¡Venta de Cárbacos

El Consejo Estudiantil de Carberry estará vendiendo carbacos durante el recreo de comida para recaudar dinero para necesidades estudiantiles a futuro.

 **Ventas: 1 de diciembre - 11 de diciembre**
Costo: \$1 cada or 3 por \$2

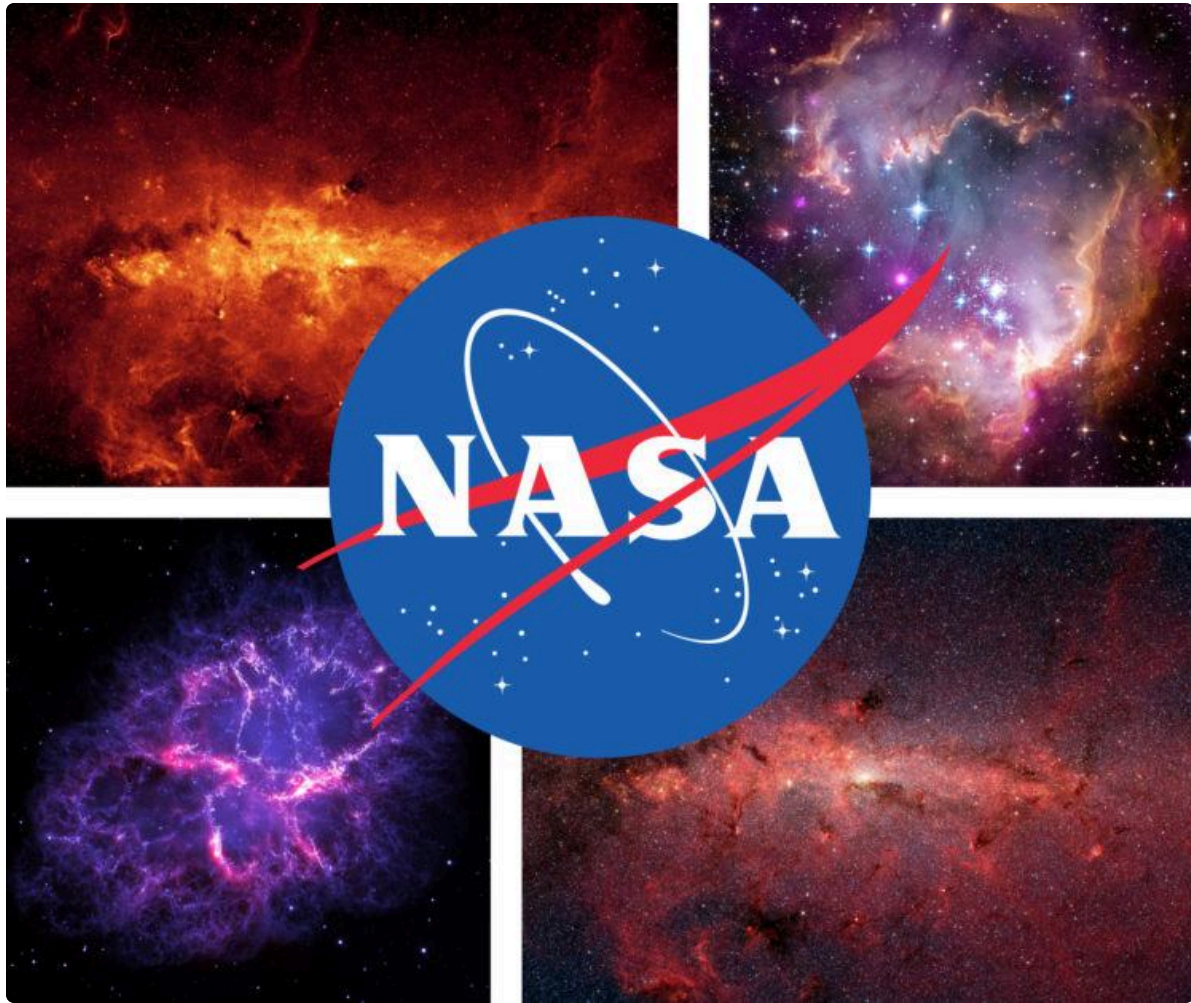
¡Extiende algo de alegría navideña a amigos y personal este temporada!

The poster is decorated with various holiday-themed icons: a candy cane with a green bow, a smiling Santa Claus, a green Christmas tree, a red gift box, and several small stars and hearts.

PTO Meeting December 8th at 4:00 PM

NASA Specialists

NASA-School Wide Balloon Rover Challenge **DUE** on Thursday, December 4th
NASA/Student Council Field Trip to the Boise Watershed Friday, December 5th 8:00 AM-1:45 PM



December Dress Up Days

December 15th-18th

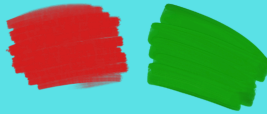
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16th-Christmas Sweater or Character



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Nurses Corner

Needed:

Boys and girls size 4/5 tops and pants

Girls socks sizes 10T -2Y

Please only donate **dress code appropriate** items

Thank you!

Food Box Distribution, Wednesday, December 17th

4:30-6:00 PM; Room C-105

Food Box Distribution



December 17

4:30-6:00

LOCATED @ CARBERRY ELEMENTARY

LOOK FOR THE ORANGE SIGNS.

PULL UP TO THE CURB. COME INTO ROOM C105

TEFAP is a national hunger-relief program. The food is purchased by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and distributed by The Idaho Foodbank through a network of community partners like Carberry Elementary. The following table shows a monthly gross income for each family size. If your household income is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household, you are eligible to receive food.

Note: self-declared income and Idaho residency are required to receive benefits.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY (Effective October 1, 2025)	
<i>Family Size</i>	<i>Gross Monthly Income</i>
1	\$2,608.33
2	\$ 3525.00
3	\$ 4441.67
4	\$ 5358.33
5	\$ 6275.00
6	\$ 7191.67
7	\$ 8108.33
8	\$ 9025.00
<i>Each Additional</i>	\$ 916.67

QUESTIONS? Aimee Thompson
Carberry Community School Coordinator
208-365-6301 ext 1455

Distribución de cajas de alimentos



17 de Diciembre

4:30-6:00

**UBICADO EN LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA
CARBERRY**

**BUSCA LAS SEÑALES ANARANJADAS.
DETÉNGASE EN LA CALLE Y ENTRE A LA HABITACIÓN C105**

TEFAP es un programa nacional de alivio del hambre.

El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) compra los alimentos y el Banco de Alimentos de Idaho los distribuye a través de una red de socios comunitarios como Carberry Elementary.

La siguiente tabla muestra los ingresos brutos mensuales para cada tamaño de familia. Si los ingresos de su hogar son iguales o inferiores a los ingresos indicados para la cantidad de personas que integran su hogar, usted es elegible para recibir alimentos.

Nota: se requieren ingresos autodeclarados y residencia en Idaho para recibir los beneficios. Esta institución es un proveedor que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

ELEGIBILIDAD SEGÚN INGRESOS <i>(En vigor a partir del 1 de octubre de 2025)</i>	
<i>Tamaño de la familia</i>	<i>Ingresos brutos mensuales</i>
1	\$2,608.33
2	\$3,525.00
3	\$4,441.67
4	\$5,385.33
5	\$6,275.00
6	\$7,191.67
7	\$8,108.33
8	\$9,025.00
<i>Cada una Adicional</i>	\$916.67

¿PREGUNTAS? Aimee Thompsen Coordinadora de la escuela comunitaria de Carberry
208-365-6301 extensión 1455

Looking Ahead

January 2026 (My how time flies...)

6th- Second Semester Starts

12th- PTO Meeting 4:00 PM

19th-**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

26th- Huskie Explorers (Session 3/Week 1)

Change of Plans for How Your Child Goes Home?

If there is a change of plans for how your child is to go home...

Please call the **OFFICE** if you need to change the plans for how your child will get home. When the office is not informed, it can cause miscommunication. Children can miss the bus, or parents come to pick them up, and they are on the bus. Also, teachers do not have time to look at their messages about a change of plans. Thank you for understanding!

If Your Child Is Going To Be Absent...

Have you either called or emailed **THE OFFICE** to let us know **EVEN if you've informed their teacher**? Please call before 8:15 AM or after 8:45 AM because the office is super busy during this time. 208-365-0839 cesattendance@isd221.net Thank you!

Also, if your child has a doctor/dentist/counseling appointment, please remember to bring the office **a note from the doctor**.

Merry Christmas



Happy
New Year

