

August Newsletter 2026

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2026



Principal's Corner

Welcome Back to Carberry Elementary!

Dear Carberry Families,

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year! Whether you are returning or joining us for the very first time, I am thrilled to welcome you to Carberry Elementary. To our new families: **welcome to the Carberry family!** We are so glad you are here, and we can't wait to partner with you in your child's education.

We Are a Community School

At Carberry Elementary, we take pride in being a **Community School**. This means our mission extends beyond the classroom walls. We actively work to identify the unique needs and assets within our local community so we can connect our students and families with the right resources. When our community thrives, our students thrive! To support our school family this year, we offer a variety of programs and services, including:

- **Behavioral & Mental Health Support:** Out-of-school counseling connections and resources.
- **School Supplies:** Assistance with essential supplies so every student is ready to learn.
- **Enrichment & Activities:** Engaging after-school activities on **Mondays** and fun **Friday Activity Days**.
- **Food & Nutrition Support:**
 - *Weekly Food Backpacks* sent home with participating students.
 - *Monthly Community Food Pantry* access for our broader Carberry families and community.

We remain committed to walking alongside you and helping meet family needs wherever possible. Please never hesitate to reach out to our office if your family could benefit from any of these supports.

Master Schedule Updates & Playtime

This year, we updated our Master Schedule to prioritize core academics while protecting student play and rest time.

- **Expanded ELA & Math:** We now dedicate **110 minutes to ELA** and **90 minutes to Math** instruction daily.
- **Streamlined Specials:** To maximize instructional time and reduce transition times, students will attend Specials (Music, Library, Keyboarding, and PE) for **45 minutes once a week** (instead of two 30-minute blocks).
- **More Recess & Lunch Time:** We added **5 minutes to both AM (now 20 min) and PM recess (4th & 5th opted for 15 min PM recess)**, as well as **5 minutes to lunch!** This gives our kids more time to eat, play, and burn off energy outside.
- **Supporting Our Teachers:** By adding paraprofessionals and specials teachers to recess duty, our classroom teachers now have dedicated time to prep, call families, and have individual conversations with students.

New State Requirement: Daily Minute of Silence

State law now requires a daily minute of silence in public schools. Every morning, immediately before our morning announcements, we will hold a quiet minute. This gives students time to reflect, meditate, breathe, and mentally prepare for the academic day.

Family Tip: It might be helpful to practice a quiet minute at home and talk with your child about how to show respect during this time.

New Faces at Carberry

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our newest staff members:

- **Hailey Hill** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Kristen Hill** – EL Paraprofessional

We are excited to have them on our team and know you will make them feel right at home in the Carberry community!

Academic Excellence & New Math Curriculum

We are incredibly proud of our students' performance on the **ISAT** and **IRI** assessments last year, and we are aiming even higher this school year!

We are launching a new, hands-on math curriculum called **Bridges and Number Corner**, which adds 30 minutes of engaging math instruction to each day.

- A special thank you to our Curriculum Director, **Ramey Uriarte**, for his hard work leading the pilot and managing the massive task of getting all new materials distributed.
- Our teachers spent extra days training over the summer to prepare. Please offer them your patience as everyone gets comfortable with the new system!

Volunteer Opportunities: Your Time Helps Us Grow!

We believe that educating a child is ultimately the family's responsibility, but we are deeply grateful that you choose to partner with us.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to support our school! In fact, **your volunteer hours count as in-kind matching funds for our Community School grant**, directly offsetting the funds we have to request from other sources.

- **How you can help right now:** Teachers could use volunteer help assembling resources and manipulatives for the new math curriculum!
- **Important Step:** Please make sure to **sign in at the office and select "volunteering"** every time you help out so we can track those vital hours.

Campus Upgrades

Our grounds are looking fantastic! A huge thank you to the district and to **Todd Hundley, Guy Gerard, and Cristina Mendoza** for their dedication to keeping our fields green and beautiful. The district also added fresh bark to our playground equipment area to keep our students safe during play. Mosquito abatement has been happening as well the past few days.

Mark Your Calendars: Back to School Night!

Come meet your teachers and drop off your school supplies!

- **When:** Thursday, August 13th
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and enthusiasm. Let's make this our best year yet!

Warmly,

Greg Alexander

Important Dates

August

13th- Elementary Open House 5pm-7pm
17th-First Day of School 1st-5th Grades
17th- Kinder Orientation (more information below)
18th-Kinder First Full Day
19th Food Distribution 4:30pm-6:00pm
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Kindergarten Orientation

August 17th



WELCOME BACK to SCHOOL!

Kindergarten Orientation Information

Dear Kindergarten Families,
We are excited to welcome our newest students to school!

Please watch your mailbox during the **first week of August** for an important letter from the school.

This letter will include:

- ✓ Your child's assigned orientation time
- ✓ Information about what to expect during Kindergarten Orientation
- ✓ Additional back-to-school details

Kindergarten Orientation
August 17

Parents/guardians will bring their child to school at the time listed in their letter and **remain with their child** throughout the orientation session.

This special time allows families to:

- Meet the teacher
- Visit the classroom
- Learn daily routines and expectations
- Help students feel comfortable and excited about starting school

We look forward to meeting your family and beginning an amazing school year together!
If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Welcome to Kindergarten—
we can't wait to see you on August 17!**

¡BIENVENIDOS DE REGRESO A LA ESCUELA!

Información sobre la Orientación de Kindergarten

Estimadas familias de Kindergarten:
¡Estamos muy emocionados de dar la bienvenida a nuestros más nuevos estudiantes!

Por favor, revise su correo durante la **primera semana de agosto** para recibir una carta importante de la escuela.

Esta carta incluirá:

- ✓ La hora asignada para la orientación de su hijo/a
- ✓ Información sobre qué esperar durante la Orientación de Kindergarten
- ✓ Detalles adicionales para el regreso a clases

Orientación de Kindergarten

17 de agosto

Los padres/tutores traerán a su hijo/a a la escuela a la hora indicada en su carta y **permanecerán con su hijo/a** durante toda la sesión de orientación.

Este tiempo especial permite a las familias:

- Conocer a la maestra/o
- Conocer el salón de clases
- Aprender sobre las rutinas diarias y las expectativas
- Ayudar a los estudiantes a sentirse cómodos y emocionados por comenzar la escuela

¡Esperamos conocer a su familia y comenzar juntos un año escolar increíble!

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela.

¡Bienvenidos a Kindergarten, ¡no podemos esperar a verlos el 17 de agosto!

2026-2027**Daily Bell Schedule**

School Begins 8:25 Tardy Bell 8:30
Release 3:50

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten / 3rd Grade 12:05 – 12:40
1st / 2nd Grade 12:20 – 12:55
4th / 5th Grade 12:35 – 1:10

Recess Schedule**AM**

Kinder - 3rd 10:30 – 10:50 4th & 5th 10:25 – 10:45

PM

Kdg - 3rd 2:40 – 3:00 4th & 5th 2:40 – 2:55

26-27 School Calendar

2026-2027 School Calendar



Bell Schedule
 Breakfast - 8:00 am
 First Bell - 8:25 am
 Tardy Bell - 8:30 am
 Release Bell - 3:50 pm

Emmett School District

www.emmettschools.org
 208-365-6301

DATE	EVENT/HOLIDAY	August 2026	September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027	March 2027	April 2027	May 2027	June 2027	July 2027
12-Aug	Secondary Open House 5-7												
13-Aug	Elementary Open House 5-7												
17-Aug	1st-12th First Day	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18-Aug	Kinder First Day	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7-Sep	Labor Day	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
25-Sep	Homecoming (In Session)	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
14-Oct	Parent Teacher conf	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
15-Oct	Parent Teacher conf	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
23-26 Nov	Thanksgiving Break	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
21-31 Dec	Christmas Break												
1-4 Jan	Christmas Break												
24-Feb	Parent Teacher conf	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
25-Feb	Parent Teacher conf	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
22-25 Mar	Spring Break	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
28-May	Graduation	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
31-May	Memorial Day												
3-Jun	K-11 Last Day												

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Emmett High School - 208-365-6323
 True North Prep - 208-365-3552
 Emmett Middle School - 208-365-2921
 Butte View Elementary - 208-365-4691
 Kenneth J Carberry Elementary School - 208-365-0835
 Shadow Butte Elementary School - 208-365-0877
 Sweet Montour Elementary School - 208-584-3378
 Ola Elementary School - 208-584-3589



BLUE = Open House
 RED = NO SCHOOL
 YELLOW = First and Last Day of School
 GREEN = Parent Teacher Conference

Food Box Distribution



August 19th
September 16th
October 21
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 <i>(Effective October 1, 2025)</i>	
<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



19 de agosto
16 de septiembre
21 de octubre
4:30-6:00

UBICADO EN LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA
CARBERRY

BUSCA LAS SEÑALES NARANJAS.
 Deténgase junto a la acera. 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.

<i>ELEGIBILIDAD SEGÚN INGRESOS</i> <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



September

7th- Labor Day **NO SCHOOL**

14th- PTO Meeting 4:00pm-5:00pm

16th- Food Distribution 4:30pm-6:00pm C

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22nd- Picture Day



Nurses Corner

As you schedule your child's well visit, please ask their doctor to review and update any needed immunizations. We also ask parents to notify the school nurse of any changes to health conditions.

Thank you for helping us keep our students healthy and ready to learn!

**Change of Plans for How Your
Child Goes Home? CALL THE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3:15 PM**



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. Teachers do not have time to look at their messages about a change of plans. When the office is not informed, it can cause miscommunication. Children can miss the bus, or parents can come to pick them up, and they are on the bus. 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.**

School Absence

Patient's Name: _____

Appointment Information

Date: _____ Time: _____

The above named student/patient was seen in this office by the:

Physician	☐ Nurse
Physician's Asst.	☐ Office Staff
Nurse Practitioner	☐ Other

Patient May Return to School:

☐ Today
☐ Tomorrow
☐ On _____
Day Date

Physician Name: _____

Address: _____

Physician's Signature : _____

