November Newsletter 2026

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A message from Principal Greg Alexander

Happy November, Carberry families! As the weather turns and we head toward Thanksgiving, I want to thank you again for the trust you place in our staff every day. This month brings a few fun events, a couple of important screenings, and — as always — our ongoing commitment to keeping your children safe.

Keeping You Informed: Our Approach to Safety Trainings

Every month, Carberry conducts safety drills as part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and in line with state requirements. This month, for example, our students will take part in an Evacuation Drill.

A quick note on our terminology: we've moved away from calling these "fire drills" and now call them Evacuation Drills, since the goal is to practice exiting the building safely, whatever the reason.

It's also worth knowing there are two forms this can take:

• A standard Evacuation Drill — students and staff exit the building and gather at a designated spot on our own property, then return inside once the drill is complete.

• Evacuation Drill with Route A or Route B — this is a different scenario: it means students and staff would relocate to another site entirely. In a real event like

this, we would activate our reunification plan and communicate with you directly through our ParentSquare app to let you know where to go to pick up your child and what to expect.

We don't publish exact drill times or procedural details in advance, because doing so can reduce how effective a drill is in actually preparing students and staff for a real emergency. What I can commit to is this:

• A short note home afterward, so you're not hearing about it secondhand.

• ParentSquare as our line of communication if a real relocation and reunification were ever needed.

• A standing invitation to reach out — if your child feels anxious about drills, our school counselor is glad to talk with you about ways to prepare them at home.

My goal is for you to feel informed and know what our terms mean, without us compromising the drill's purpose. If you ever
have questions about our safety planning, my door — and my email — are always open.

A Note About Our Butterfly Project

Recently, our district community was personally touched by a tragedy — an elementary school in Bend, Oregon experienced a shooting in which staff and students lost their lives, including a teacher connected to one of our own district staff members. In the days that followed, our Carberry students and staff

wanted to do something kind in response to such a painful loss. Each classroom took a few minutes to color a Monarch butterfly, and these were gathered together and sent to the teacher's family as a small gesture of encouragement and support during an unimaginably hard time.

I want to be upfront: I should have told you about this project before it happened, and I'm sorry I didn't. Several of you were caught off guard when your child came home with questions or feelings you didn't expect, and that's on me. Teachers approached the conversation differently across classrooms depending on students' ages, you didn't have the context to help your child process it at home.

Going forward, when we plan an activity like this — one that touches on something happening in the news or in our wider school community — I'll make sure to let you know ahead of time, even briefly, so you can talk with your child on your own terms. If your child has questions or big feelings about this that are still lingering, please don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher or our school counselor. We're glad to help. Thank you for your grace as we continue to learn and grow together as a school community.

As always, thank you for partnering with us. If you have questions about anything in this newsletter, please reach out to the front office.

— Principal Greg Alexander, Carberry Elementary

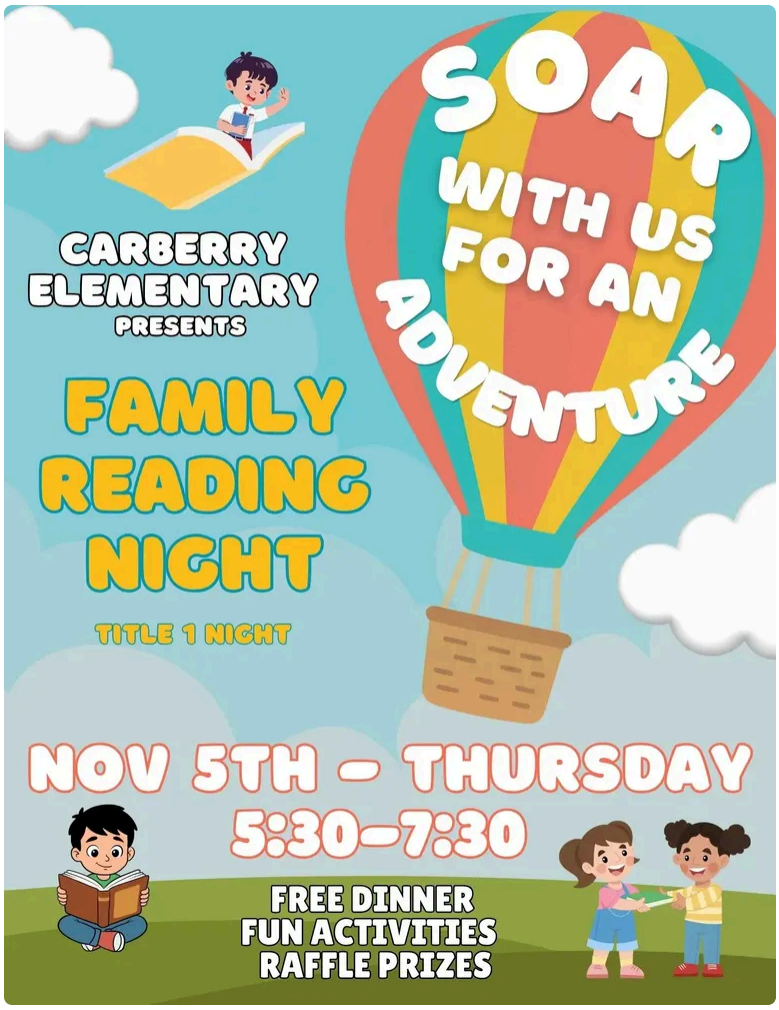
Important Dates

November

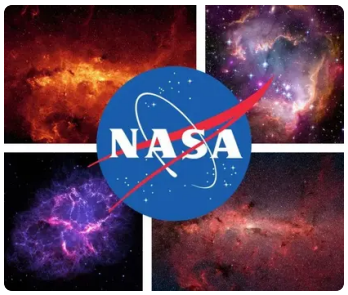


2nd- Huskie Explorers (Session 1/Week 3) 3:50-5:15 PM
5th- Picture Re-take Day
5th- Title I Family Reading Night 5:30-7:30 PM
5th- Deadline for veterans' pictures to be turned in to Mrs. Meade
9th- Huskie Explorers (Session 1/Week 4) 3:50-5:15 PM
10th- NASA Specialists meeting 4:00-5:00 PM; school wide project
11th- Veterans Day concert- 9:00 AM school assembly; 2:00 PM parents/guardians performance
11th- Dress Up Day-wear red, white, and/or blue
16th- PTO meeting 4:00 PM
17th-NASA Specialists meeting 4:00-5:00 PM; projects are due
19th- Dress Up Day-wear camo
23rd-27th- Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL**

Title I Family Reading Night-November 5th-5:30-7:30 PM







NASA SPECIALISTS

NASA Specialists meeting Tuesday, November 10th, 4:00-5:00 PM
School Wide Project
NASA Specialists Meeting Tuesday, November 17th, 4:00-5:00 PM
Project Due for Specialists


NOVEMBER
DRESS-UP DAYS
NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day
Wear red, white and/or blue!
NOVEMBER 19
Camouflage Day
Dress in camouflage!



PTO Meeting Monday, November 16th, at 4:00 PM



Requesting Photos of Veterans- Deadline Thursday, November 5th

Mrs. Meade is making a slide show of Veterans who have served, or are currently serving, in the Armed Forces. The slide show will be shown during our Veterans day assembly and concert on Wednesday, November 11th.

Please email a photograph of a Veteran to Mrs Meade (KMeade@isd221.net) by Thursday, November 5th.

Please include the following information:

1. Name of the Veteran
2. Name/grade level of the Carberry student and their relationship to the Veteran
3. What branch of the military he/she served in
4. Dates he/she served

Photos will NOT be accepted after the deadline!

Hard copies of photos that are submitted will be returned the week after the concert. If possible, please invite the Veteran(s) you know to attend our concert on Wednesday, November 11th, in the school gym.

Thank you for helping us honor our Veterans! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Kristin Meade at KMeade@isd221.net.


Carberry Elementary
Veterans Day Concert
Wednesday, November 11
School Assembly
9:00 AM
Parent/Guardian Performance
2:00 PM



Food Box Distribution

Food Box Distribution



November 18
December 16
January 20
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, 2026-September 30, 2027)	
Family Size	*Gross Monthly Income*
1	$2,660.00
2	$3,606.67
3	$ 4553.33
4	$ 5500.00
5	$ 6,446.67
6	$ 7,393.33
7	$ 8,340.00
8	$ 9,286.67
Each Additional	$ 946.67

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

Distribución de cajas de alimentos



18 de noviembre
16 de diciembre
20 de enero
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.

ELEGIBILIDAD SEGÚN INGRESOS (Desde el 1ero de octubre de 2026 hasta el 30 de septiembre de 2027)	
Tamaño de la familia	*Ingresos brutos mensuales*
1	$2,660.00
2	$3,606.67
3	$ 4553.33
4	$ 5500.00
5	$ 6,446.67
6	$ 7,393.33
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¿PREGUNTAS? Aimee Thompsen Coordinadora de la escuela comunitaria de Carberry
208-365-6301 extensión 1455



Notes From the Nurse

We are in need of sizes 4 and 5 pants for boys and girls for the nurse's office. Sweats would be great!
Thank you!



December

3rd- School-wide NASA projects due
4th- NASA Specialists Friday Field Trip
10th- Christmas concert (3rd and 4th grade) 11:00 AM school assembly; 2:30 PM parents/guardians performance
11th- Family Friday Holiday Event
14th-PTO meeting 4:00 PM
21st-January 4th-Christmas Break **NO SCHOOL**
January 5th-School back in session

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'sName:_____

Appointment Information

Date: _____ Time: _____

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

Physician	☐☐Nurse
Physician'sAsst.	☐☐Office Staff
Nurse Practitioner	☐☐Other

Patient May Return to School:

- ☐ Today
- ☐ Tomorrow
- ☐ On _____
  Day Date

Physician Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

Physician'Signature : _____


HELLO, NOVEMBER!
Fall Is Here...
Winter Is Near!
Colorful leaves and chilly air,
A touch of winter everywhere!
Let's enjoy the season together!
Cozy layers, warm smiles, and autumn adventures!