



Events

Friday, April 30

1-hour late arrival

Monday, May 3

Teacher Appreciation Week begins

Thursday, May 6

Roosevelt Open House for next year's 6th graders, 6:30-7:30

Friday, May 7

1-hour late arrival

Monday, May 10

City-Wide 4th/5th Grade Track Meet, Dalzell Field, 4:00-9:00

Tuesday, May 11

PTG Zoom meeting, 7:00-8:00

Thursday, May 13

PTG Fund Raiser at *Your Pie*

Friday, May 14

1-hour late arrival

Friday, May 21

1-hour late arrival

Friday, May 28

1-hour late arrival

Monday, May 31

No school, Memorial Day

Friday, June 4

Last day of school



Principal's Corner

Greetings Carver Families--

We are quickly approaching the end the 2020-2021 school year! While this year has been very successful in a number of ways, it has not been a typical school year. Our criteria for judging success are also different. I continue to be very proud of the way the Carver Community has come together to make the best of this school year. On Tuesday, April 27th, we hosted 51 new Kindergarten families. This was a great moment, as it is the first event we have held at Carver this year. It also reminded me of the activities and moments we have missed this year.

While it remains to be seen what next school year will look like, I am looking **hopefully** ahead to resuming activities and practices that have been missing this year. I am looking forward to combining groups of students at school and holding assemblies in the gym. I am looking forward to band and vocal concerts next year when we can again gather together to hear and witness the talents of our students. I am also looking forward to PTG events where we can spend time together and have fun.

I would like to make a special announcement to the Carver Community this month. Mrs. Katie Leibfried, Carver 2nd Grade Teacher, is a top 10 finalist for the honor of DCSD Teacher of the Year for 2021. This is a tremendous honor for Mrs. Leibfried! Please join me in congratulating her!

First grade families, please look over the information that was sent home about summer learning opportunities. Please let your child's teacher or me know of any questions that you may have!

A parent letter was sent home this week also. Please take the time to look over the important items listed there.

Again, thank you for all that you continue to do support your child in their learning!

Thank you!

Andy Peterson, Principal

PTG News

- Thank you to everyone that enjoyed Sonic to help raise funds for Carver! Save the date for our next night and enjoy **Your Pie** on **May 13th**.
- Please watch for more information to come home about last call for ordering 20-21 Yearbooks and ordering school supplies for next year with School Kitz.
- We would like to say "Thank You" to all of our Carver Teachers as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation next week!
- The PTG would like to say a HUGE "Thank You" to Mr. Peterson. He has played a very large and important role on our team this year and has helped so many navigate this past year. Thank you, Mr. Peterson!!
- Please be sure to check out the app for Box Tops for Education and scan your receipts! You can pick George Washington Carver Elementary as your preferred school and help get extra funds for our students.
- Our PTG is always looking for new faces! We are currently looking for Vice President and Secretary. Please reach out if you are interested and would like more information.
- Our next Zoom meeting is May 11th at 7:00.



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Always Online Carver Families,
please email us some pictures
of your kids learning at home!

We would love
to include them in our
Carver Yearbook!



Other News

Carver Fifth Graders Named State and National Winners of the MS-ISAC Kids Safe Online Poster Contest

The Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center® (MS-ISAC®) has named Iowa fifth-grader, **Whitney Hohmann**, a national winner of the annual *Kids Safe Online Poster Contest*. Out of thousands of entries, just 13 entries were chosen as national winners. MS-ISAC will be creating a Cyber Safety activity book in which Whitney's artwork will be showcased sometime in October, in honor of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. In addition to the national award, the MS-ISAC and the State of Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) named Whitney and her classmate, **Joseph Al Houry**, state contest winners! Whitney's poster encourages students to "Bee Careful!" while online and Joseph's message is to "Take Time Before Your Post!" Whitney and Joseph will receive a plaque with their name engraved. This announcement marks the third year in a row that Carver Elementary has had two recipients representing Iowa in the national competition.

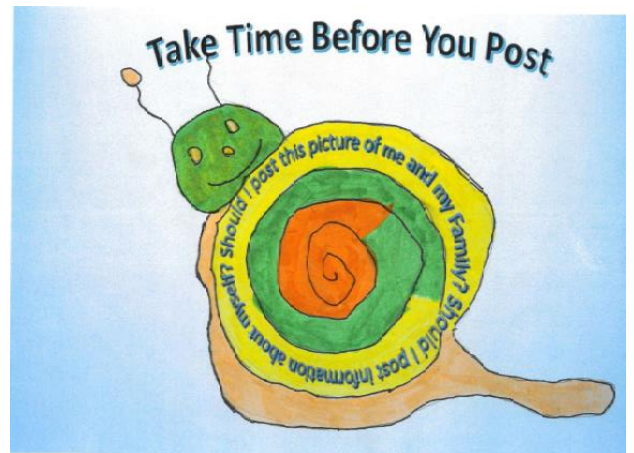
All fifth graders at Carver are given the opportunity to participate in the *Kids Safe Online Poster Contest* through a collaborative art and digital citizenship project. Under the direction of art teacher, Mrs. Julie Lammer, and technology coach, Mrs. Donna Schmitt, students learned that the contest centered around how to treat others online, how to handle cyberbullying and unwanted attention and strangers online, keeping private information private, and navigating the internet safely. Students carefully considered which of these topics need reinforcement among their peers and designed creative posters to display their advice. Mrs. Lammer asked students to identify how art can inform or change beliefs, ideas, and/or values. Through this identification process, students came up with a theme of how they could influence peers to think twice about their cyber choices. Mrs. Schmitt introduced students to the drawing tools available in PowerPoint and taught students to create backgrounds and/or fonts for their poster submissions. Students then completed their posters in art class using various medias including marker, paper, colored pencil, and collage techniques. The posters were a springboard for engaging in dialogue about digital citizenship, and they allowed students to display their artistic talents while showcasing the importance of internet safety.

The MS-ISAC is grant-funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) <https://www.cisa.gov/>, and it is the focal point for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for the nation's state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments.

See the posters from the last three years on the following page.



Whitney Hohmann (2021) National/State Winner



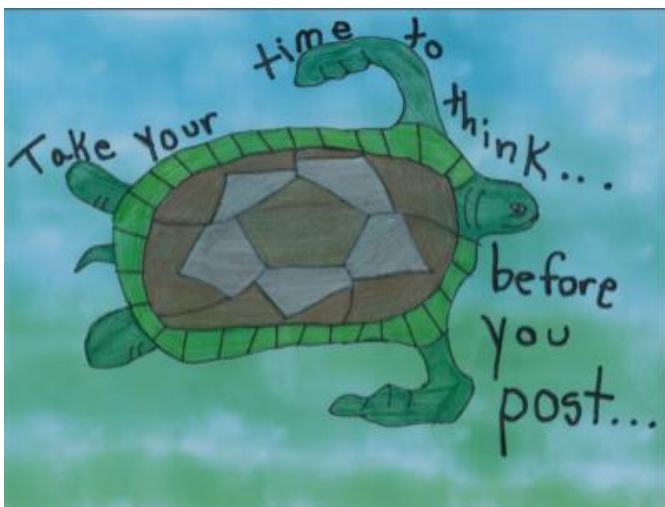
Joseph Alkhoury (2021) State Winner



Sierrah Orr (2020) State Winner



Aaron Blanchard (2020) State Runner-Up



Kyra Moss (2019) State Winner



Ethan Waddick (2019) State Winner

Carver Student Advances to Final Round of Global Robotics Contest

Congratulations to **Ben Valentine** for advancing to the invitational round of the 2020-2021 Wonder League Robotics Competition! To make it to the final round, Ben had to complete five missions that involved challenges of escalating difficulties which included using distance sensors to navigate "Dash" the robot around the grid. There were only 197 teams globally that qualified for the final round. This is the second year in a row that Ben made it to the invitational round. For his final mission, Ben programmed Dash to flip cube shaped blocks to spell the words RECYCLE EARTH. His final project also included a creative way to deter beavers from building a dam in the pond behind the school using a pond leveler made from recycled tires.



News from the Health Office

It is important to protect your child's toes and feet by sending them to school in sensible shoes which allow them to walk, run, and play safely. Lace-up or slip-on shoes that cover the entire foot are strongly encouraged.

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds at arrival or dismissal times. Please either keep your dog at home or in the car when coming to school to drop-off or pick-up your child.

Even though we may see warmer weather during the afternoon, it can still be chilly in the morning. Please be sure your child is leaving the house with a sweatshirt or light jacket if needed.



COVID Recovery Iowa is here to help

- ▶ Counseling will take place via virtual sessions, chat or phone call.
- ▶ People of all ages may join groups online to find support and learn new strategies to cope with the effects of the pandemic in a variety of creative ways

Every Iowan is eligible for **FREE, confidential counseling, group activities, support groups and resources.**

Visit **www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org** and complete a contact form and a counselor will get back to you.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: COVID Recovery Iowa

Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276;
to connect with a peer counselor or request to get in touch
with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor.



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The mission of Carver School is to invigorate the mind, invest the heart, invent the future.