



Principal's Corner

Greetings Carver Families--

Thank you for all your support to begin the 2021-2022 school year at Carver! This is an exciting year as it is the 15th anniversary of George Washington Carver Elementary School. We are looking forward to celebrating this in different ways throughout the school year.

It has been great to have all our students here, every day, as we begin the new year. Our students have quickly settled into the new year, and it is exciting to see them learning with their teachers and interacting with their classmates. One exciting addition in each classroom, is a new flat panel display. These new displays are taking the place of Smart Boards that have been in place for many years. The new displays have a high screen resolution and are bright and colorful for students sitting anywhere in the room.

When you visited the building for Orientation Day, you may have noticed some new signs in the common areas of Carver. These would be areas around the restrooms, commons, stairwells and hallways, playground, and in our computer labs. Two years ago, Carver staff started the process of developing Carver Common Area Expectations. This project was Covid delayed, and we were happy to have these in place for the beginning of this school year. Earlier this week, students moved around the building with their class and reviewed the expectations with their classmates.

You may soon be hearing the term Core+. Through funds available to the district from ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding, each district elementary school has been afforded a Core+ teacher. The intent of this position is to assist students whose learning may have been affected by Covid. That may be through missing three months of school during the 2019-2020 school closure, or through lost classroom time during the 2020-2021 school year. Core+ refers to a student receiving their general education core instruction, plus more. The "more" will give them an opportunity for additional instruction in standards they have not previously met.

If you were to go back and look at your child's Standards Based Progress Report, these would be any standard in which they didn't receive a MET or a MET*. The Core+ teacher will be working with small groups of students to provide instruction to students whose learning may have been affected by Covid. Some students with few unmet standards may spend a short period of time in this program, and others with more unmet standards will have more opportunities to work on building proficiency in those areas.

Carver would like to welcome, Ms. Tiffany Block to Carver as our Core+ teacher. If your child is working with Miss Block, a short note will be sent home explaining the program and with her contact information. Groups will change often as students meet standards and new children are added based on the instruction that is being provided in the classroom. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have! We are very lucky to have this resource and we intend to take full advantage of this opportunity!

I appreciate the communication, organization and adjusting to new routines, that go into starting a new school year in each family. This year, I have three children in three different schools, and my wife and I work in two additional schools. I get it! Thanks for taking the time to stay involved with your child's education by reading Parent Square messages from Carver and the district and most importantly, connecting with your child's teacher on See Saw. These are both great ways to stay informed about what is happening in your child's classroom.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your child's learning!

Andy Peterson, Principal

Events

Thursday, September 2

PTG Fund Raiser, *Carver Cougar Crawl*, begins
Carver Online Apparel Store Open

Friday, September 3

1-hour late arrival
5th Grade Instrument Testing

Monday, September 6

No school, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

Cub Scouts Open House,
Asbury Eagles Club, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 8

School Picture Day

Friday, September 10

1-hour late arrival

Sunday, September 12

Last day to order Carver Apparel
from the online store (see link
below)

Tuesday, September 14

PTG Meeting, Carver Commons,
6:30 pm

Friday, September 17

1-hour late arrival
Cougar Crawl donations due

Friday, September 24

1-hour late arrival



Food Service News

During the 2021-2022 school year, **ALL STUDENTS** in the Dubuque Community School District will again receive **NO-COST** meals at school!

No-cost meals are provided thanks to an extension of the USDA Seamless Summer Option that school districts are able to participate in through the school year.

NOTE: This program DOES NOT cover milk-only purchases at all levels, or the purchase of additional meals and a la carte items at the middle- and high-school levels. If your child brings a lunch from home and wants a milk from school, they need to have at least 55¢ in their meal account to purchase a carton of milk.

Meal program forms still need to be completed!

Even with no-cost meals being provided to students, it is important that families still complete the appropriate meal program application. Please call the Carver office if you need a form.

Other News



CARVER PICTURE DAY!
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH

Siebe Studio will be here to take pictures of your student on Wednesday, September 8. Order forms will be sent home with your child.

PTG News

Welcome back! The Carver PTG (Parent Teacher Group) is dedicated to raising funds to support our school. We help to fund field trips, support Carver with technology, yearbook, apparel, family events, teacher appreciation, etc.

Please consider attending one of our meetings to learn more and to volunteer. We always welcome new faces, new ideas, and suggestions. The next meeting is September 14 at 6:30. Please email DBQCarverPTG@yahoo.com for more information.

Keep an eye out for information coming home on our fundraiser, **The Carver Cougar Crawl**. We are still working out details as far as the day of the event and what is allowed due to current circumstances, but it is sure to be a fun day for the students! Please return your fundraising envelope to your homeroom teacher by September 17. Even if you choose not to participate, as all students who return their envelope will receive a prize. The class that raises the most will get to **PIE THE PRINCIPAL!**

Many parents have been asking about ordering Carver Spirit Wear. Now's your chance! Check out the online store!



[Carver Online Apparel Store](#)

Store open through September 12

Success begins with a feeling of safety.

Bullying, harassment, and discrimination are not tolerated in our schools. *Have a concern?* REPORT IT AT:

<http://www.dbqschools.org/say-something>.

Health Office News



**The Health Office
hours are
8AM to 3:30PM.**

**I can be reached at
552-4508.**

**I check my voice mail
frequently during the school
day.**

**Please feel free to leave a
message after school
hours.**

**Nurse Robin is the health
paraprofessional in the health
office.**

E-mail:

bvermeulen@dbaschools.org

Healthy News

Mrs. Beth Vermeulen-Nurse

Health Screenings

- The Iowa Department of Public Health has a requirement that all kindergarteners have a dental and vision screening. We will do vision screening on all kindergarten students.
- The DCSD recommends a physical for all kindergarteners. Blood lead testing is also required and is usually done with the kindergarten physical.

- Hearing testing will be done with grades kindergarten to 2nd and students who have a known hearing loss.
- Third grade students will have a vision done this year due to the Iowa Department of Public Health requirement.
- However, a parent or teacher can request a vision or hearing screening any time throughout the school year.

Gym/Recess Release

If your child is unable to participate in gym and/or recess please ask for a release signed by the doctor.

Medication Policy

Students taking any medication at school are required to have a "Request for medication to be given at school" note signed by the doctor and parent. **The doctor offices can fax the consent to 552-4501.**

Cough Drop Policy

Students are allowed to use cough drops during the school day. Please write a note with the cough drops you send from home giving your child permission or call the health office to give verbal permission.

Medication Delivery

We want to ensure a safe community. Please send any medications to school with an adult. Pharmacies will deliver medications to school for free. You can drop off medications in the main office at 7:30AM.

We are all on TEAM Healthy!

**If you have any questions about health and safety precautions
please call the health office.**

Click this link for an application for a Youth Pass to ride the Jule:

<https://www.cityofdubuque.org/DocumentCenter/View/30455>

RIDING THE JULE IS EASIER THAN EVER!

WITH TWO NEW WAYS TO PAY



1 MyJule mobile ticketing smartphone app

Riders can load bus passes on their smartphone before a trip and when boarding the bus simply scan the QR code which serves as their bus pass.



2 Jule Smart Pass reloadable bus pass

Jule Smart Passes are convenient to load, offer balance protection if your card is lost or stolen, and can be reloaded automatically with the auto-buy feature.

Students can load free fares to either of these payment options for the 2021-2022 school year by presenting their student ID at the **Intermodal Transportation Center** located at **950 Elm St.**



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