

# Paw Prints



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## About the Carder PTA

The Carder PTA is a partnership of teachers and parents working to provide students with the best possible learning environment. PTA meetings are held monthly to plan activities and programs that support and enhance the Carder experience. We rely on volunteers to organize and staff our activities to make them successful. Paw Prints, which is published by the PTA, is your link to all of our news and events. Everyone is encouraged to join the PTA at an annual membership fee of only \$4.00 per person. This is a great way to support your child and our school!

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**C-PP District Website:**  
[www.corningareaschools.com](http://www.corningareaschools.com)

## PTA Endorses Facilities Plan

The Carder PTA executive committee met on November 17 and voted to endorse Alternative C. The following resolution was passed with a unanimous vote:

**Be it RESOLVED that: The executive committee of the Frederick Carder Elementary School PTA officially endorse the Corning-Painted Post School Facilities Plan known as Alternative C.**


After listening to Superintendent Mike Ginalski's presentation on the plan and considering the information provided by the Vote Yes Now! committee ([www.voteyesnowcpp.com](http://www.voteyesnowcpp.com)), the executive committee felt that the following reasons supported their endorsement of Alternative C:

1. The C-PP Facilities Improvement Plan offers a comprehensive strategy to improve and upgrade the district's facilities for all students in grades Pre-K through 12. None of us wants to do this again in a few years. This plan ensures that we won't have to.
2. All children deserve the same opportunity to succeed. The C-PP Facilities Improvement Plan will provide equitable facilities and an equitable education for all our children.

3. There will be no tax increase. New York State aid will cover 86 percent of the \$174,350,000 project cost. The remaining 14 percent, or approximately \$31 million, is the local share. This amount will be covered by the portion of taxes we already pay for infrastructure (\$78 per \$100,000 of assessed home value). Therefore, it is a fair statement to say that our taxes will not increase as a result of this plan.

4. Our greater community will benefit. Good schools create good neighborhoods. They attract new residents and increase property values, providing stability to our communities.

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 <b>Carder Calendar</b>	
Coat Bank-ongoing	
December 8	School Picture Make Up Day PTA Meeting
December 24- January 1	Holiday Recess
January 4	1st Day of School in 2010
January 12	PTA Meeting

## PTA endorses plan, continued

The executive committee urges the Carder community to get informed about the plan and vote on December 15. For more information, check out the following websites:

[www.voteyesnowcpp.com](http://www.voteyesnowcpp.com)

[www.corningareaschools.com](http://www.corningareaschools.com)

You also can become a fan of Vote Yes on Facebook.

## Yearbook photos needed

Attention all shutterbugs!



Event photos are needed for the 2009-10 Carder Yearbook. Please send your event photos via email to Marybeth Greene at [mbambg@gmail.com](mailto:mbambg@gmail.com). If you have a large quantity of event photos, you may submit them by disc by sending them to school marked Attention: Yearbook. Many thanks for your help!

## Become a PTA member

Each school year, parents and teachers of the Carder community renew their membership in Carder's PTA. The PTA sponsors enrichment and educational events, programs and activities designed to enhance the experience of every Carder student. In addition, affiliation with our C-PP District PTA council, along with regional, state and national PTA, means we are able to harness the power of volunteers and advocates across the country on behalf of our kids. More than 85 research studies conducted during the past 30 years prove that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.

Membership is \$4/person, and forms are available on the Carder PTA Web site at [www.carderpta.com](http://www.carderpta.com). Join today!



## Hot Topics

### Bring in your Box Tops

Box Tops collections are under way. Please send in Box Tops for Education coupons to your child's classroom any time. Mrs. Hall's class collected the most Box Tops in November and won \$25 to spend how they like. The collection is around the 15th of each month.



You also can visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) to win up to \$50,000 for our school. Select the "earn" tab, then chose Bonus Box Tops. Also under the "earn" tab is Marketplace where you can go to more than 100 retailers' websites to begin your on-line shopping. Retailers will give our school money just for entering their website through Box Tops.

*Chair: Jane Trice*

### Donate to the Coat Bank

Thanks to everyone for the many coat bank donations. The coat bank bin is located in the main lobby and collection is ongoing.

If you are in need of winter items for children (siblings and adults, too) contact Mrs. Slavin, our school social worker. Coats, hats, gloves and boots in all sizes are accepted. *Chair: Julie Judd*

### Student Council update

Student Council will conduct a food drive for the food bank in December. Our next spirit day is Curl Up and Read Day on December 23.

*Student Council*

*Advisors: Lee Friedrich and Jennifer Powers*

