

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 \$5.00 per person. This is a great way to support your child and our school!

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Holidays for the Troops!

You may have noticed some Holiday-looking boxes in the lobby at school these past few days. We're not getting ready for our own holidays celebrations, but we are getting ready to send some holiday cheer to some very important people overseas. The PTA and a group called Tell Them Thanks are sponsoring a collection of items that will be sent to a unit of Marines in Afghanistan.

This unit of Marines is the 1/8 Company, serving in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. They are a large unit, and many of them are scattered all over the countryside, living in very primitive conditions, in tents, eating MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) that the military distributes. Many of them have no running water and just a cot and sleeping bag. These are the guys that are going out into the countryside and into the remote villages, where it is so dangerous. Our contact for this unit, the SgtMaj, has promised that when our collection arrives, he will personally deliver the items to the men who are in the most remote areas. In his words—"the guys that are out in the middle of nowhere." So we can feel good about the fact that what we send will be really appreciated and will go to those that need it the most.

Just a little about Tell Them Thanks. We are a group whose members "adopt" Service Members, then write to them for the length of their deployment. Some of our members send packages, but we only require that they write one letter a month. It's very gratifying to know that you can bring a little cheer and a little taste of home to these Warriors.

Please feel free to make holiday cards, write letters or ask your children to draw pictures to be included in the packages. I know these Marines in particular LOVE to hear from the kids back home! Tell Them Thanks sent them a small Christmas tree so they are need of decorations for that tree as well as Hanukkah items. We believe it's a wonderful project for our Carder Kids to work on and from what I've seen so far, they are very excited about helping and sending some holiday cheer to our heroes!

Thank you to everyone who has helped get this project off the ground and to everyone that participates! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me: Mymare21@gmail.com
- Mary Ann Tozer

ITEMS THAT WE ARE COLLECTING:

Baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, men's razors, granola bars, individual flavor packets for bottled water, coffee creamers, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, individually packaged snacks (cookies, crackers, goldfish, pretzels, etc). We would also gladly accept your extra Halloween candy!
DEADLINE FOR COLLECTION IS NOVEMBER 1st!

Calling All Dads....

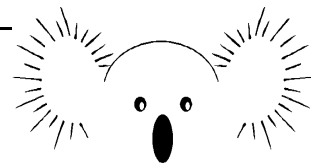
Did you know that when dads get involved in their education, children really benefit... even if mom is already involved?

That's right! Research shows when you get involved, your child is more likely to:

- Get good grades
- Enjoy school
- Avoid discipline problems
- Pass and be promoted
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- And MORE!

Involved Dads really make a difference for children and for schools. And here's great news: Involvement doesn't mean spending all of your time at school. Just an hour or two a semester makes a big difference. And there are plenty of ways you can help from your own home.

Many people think of parent groups as women's groups. It's true that women tend to spend more time at school than men. But the work we do isn't about bake sales. It's about creating a better educational experience for your children. There are lots of meaningful jobs that need to be done, for women and men alike. And we need your help! Won't you join us?



CARDER CALENDAR

Friday, October 29th—Halloween Parade
1:30
November 4th: pickup of fundraiser orders
3:00—6:00 pm
November 4: half day of school
November 11: no school
November 24-26: no school



FALL FUNDRAISER

The delivery date for fundraiser items is November 4th from 3pm to 6pm.

To date the profit is approximately \$10,411.00 and that will change, of course, as late orders come in.

The 2nd grade has won the large gummy bear because of their high sales!! YAY!!!

The top three sellers for this event are:

Hanna Hagadone
Krystian Runiono
Hunter Crouch

Congratulations sellers!



COAT BANK

The coat bank is full! If anyone needs winter wear please contact the school social worker (Audrey Slavin). So again, if you or someone you know could use this service, items are available! Everything is kept confidential.



Box Tops for Education

Box Tops is a great way to earn cash for our school. The money helps the PTA provide our students with fun assemblies, family events, and even helped pay for new playground equipment. Box Tops are found on 100's of products like cereals, Kleenex, Hefty bags, yogurts, and Avery products. Simply cut out the unexpired coupons and send them in to your child's teacher. Our official collection dates are about the 15th of the month, Oct. – Feb. The class that collects the most coupons each month receives \$25 to spend on a party, supplies, or other great ideas. We earned over \$1,600 last year. Our goal this year is \$1,750. Even more Box Tops can be earned at www.btf.com. Click the "earn" tab, then on **Marketplace** to find over 70 retailers for your on-line shopping. A %age of your purchase goes to the school. Also, under *bonus box tops* you can **win** Box Tops.

Miss Richter's class was the October winner with 747 Box Tops collected!!

A special thank you to Market Street coffee and Tea for donating over \$25.00 in Box Tops to Carder School. Won't you stop by and give them our thanks??

Thank you – Jane Trice coordinator



PTA Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography Photography
Film Production Musical Composition
Literature Visual Arts

2010–2011 Theme: **"Together We Can"**

Deadline: November 30, 2010

All grades may participate.
Information will come home soon
with your child.
To learn more visit
www.ptareflections.org.



PTA REFLECTIONS
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts



PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you one and all! We have done it again!!!!
Thanks to your support we have 100% teacher participation and we have increased our Staff support as well!
The final numbers are.....42 teachers, 12 other staff....for a total of 54 memberships. I know that the PTA will be thrilled with our increased support!!

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES AND GROUPS ALL HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION:

K - Callahan, Hartman, Friedrich, Smith
1st - DiGiulio, Martinec, Gronski
2nd - Richter, Hall, O'Hare, Keeney
3rd - Powers, Tolbert, Christman, Stratford
4th - Courtney, Shappee, Cowulich, Tannenberger
5th - Sharman, Jensen, Summa, Rhinehart
15:1 - Tokar, Phenes, Robinson
Resource Room - Fogelsonger
AIS - Rosenkrans, Tammaro, Merrill
Autism Support - Vonderlin
Special Area - Seger, Watson, Friend, Booker, Telehany, Breck
OT - Austin
Social Worker - Slaven
Guidance - Roush
Speech - Cook
Enrichment - Bergenstock
Principle - Davis
Office - Bosket, Sherwood
Nurse - Scagliola
TA's - Penna, Allan, McDonald, Butler, Gridley, Chicas, Banks, Heffner
THE PTA IS THRILLED WITH OUR INCREASED SUPPORT! THANK YOU!
Ellen Barnes O'Hare and PTA Officers



**A Note from our
PTA Officers:
Candice, Sarah
and Erin**

We have had a busy fall with the book fair, fundraiser, annual PTA membership drive and school portraits. A heartfelt thank you to the following volunteer chairs:

Zandy Crawl, Fall Fundraiser
Bonnie Mason and Candice Hill, Book Fair
Ann Campbell, PTA Membership
Tina Schroeder, School Portraits.

The book fair was a great success again and would not be possible without our hard-working parents, teachers and students who volunteered their time. The fall fundraiser also was successful and profits will help support our activities planned for this year.

The PTA is sponsoring a new program this month, Holiday for the Troops. Donated items will be included in care packages for troops in Afghanistan. Posters around school list ideas for donations. Let's show our Carder Character and spread some holiday cheer!

"The Three Billy Goats Gruff" opera that was planned for October has been moved to March due to scheduling conflicts. This change allowed us to add another assembly. The Arithmetickles will make a return visit to Carder in November.

Spirit wear order forms have been sent home with students. Check out the new items added this year.

The Reflections program will kick-off soon. We hope all students will consider participating. Detailed information will be sent home with students in November.

Mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting, which will be held November 9. Ann Campbell, Southside Neighborhood Association Board Member and Carder Koala Run Chair, will be our guest speaker. She will share an update on the playground build and expected opening day.

Candice Hill & Sarah Meda, Carder PTA Co-Presidents
Erin Edger, Vice-President

Carder Builds a Playground!

After more than two years of planning and fundraising, Carder parents, teachers, students and neighbors came together to build a new playground! The completed playground, situated on Carder's hilltop field, will replace the dated, "blacktop" playground that has served the school for many decades. Just prior to the October 6-10 build, we had several days of rain which really slowed down progress and created a muddy mess. Despite that, more than 900 volunteers worked hard to get the job done. For those who participated, it was an experience of a lifetime ... and one our students will always remember.

Carder kids did their part by soaping thousands of screws, and by creating "creature faces" in Art class – some of which are now featured on the playground's climbing wall. The playground itself is ready for play – but the service road leading up to it is awaiting a coating of rolled, milled asphalt before the students can use the playground each day at recess.

Many thanks to Corning Southside Neighborhood Association, our project sponsor – and to the many donors, voters and supporters who helped make the dream a reality. Pickets on the playground fence are still available; sales will be used for future enhancements and maintenance.

Ann Campbell

