

Paw Prints



Frederick Carder Elementary School

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On Behalf of the Carder Elementary School 2009/2010 PTA Executives,
I would like to recognize and thank the members, committee & program chairs, volunteers, and staff, for the generous gifts of their time. As a result of these individuals, our children's lives have been greatly enriched. Thank you to the following chairpersons; Mina Barron, Annie Bickham, Ann and Steve Campbell, Lori Chisarik, Erin Edger, Amber Felker, Marybeth Greene, Candice Hill, Julie Judd, Jodi Kohli, Margie Lawlor, Jen McLaren, Stephanie Morris, Karen Nevins, Ellen O'Hare, Kym Perino, Tina Schroeder, Jane Trice, and Jennifer Warner for chairing the various programs and committees. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped at the different events. Volunteers make everything the PTA does possible.

With gratitude,
Kim Newton
Carder PTA Secretary 2009/2010

PTA MINUTES CONTINUED:

Spirit Wear Continued:

- Will include a box on the forms to indicate if item (s) are for holiday gifts, and can make arrangements for getting items to family not via the child. Goal is to deliver items prior to holiday break. PTA was going to order items to give away but, the Officers have found a number of "vintage" items to use instead. Will contact rep. and if possible to have samples at open house.
- **School Portraits:** Tuesday Oct. 12 is school picture day. This is the day after Columbus Day Holiday. Makeup date is Dec. 7, 2010
- **Coat Bank:** Program is district wide. Now open and accepting items: Adults and children's jackets, pants, boots, hats and gloves. Bin for donations is in foyer. If one knows of a family that could use this service, please contact the schools' social worker.
- **Reflections:** A national cultural arts program sponsored by the PTA units. This year's theme "Together we can..." Submissions may include work done at home or at school, may be any medium (photography, dance, written, sculpture) and must be submitted the day after Thanksgiving break.
- **Website:** Terry has agreed to revamp the website. Terry is planning on setting the site up so that it can be easily upgraded by the officers. There will be sections for minutes, news, chair /event information. Sarah and Candice are meeting with Terry on 9/16/10. More information will be available as the site is launched.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Using a new vendor this year. The emphasis is on pizza, frozen cookie dough, frozen cheese cakes, as well as a gift catalog. Web ordering will also be available. There will be samples available at Open House. Forms going home on Friday Sept. 17. Orders need to be returned by 10/1/10. Individual incentives include; the seller will receive a bucket of cookie dough for every 11 items sold, The class or grade that raises the most money will receive the "World's Biggest Gummy Bear". Delivery will be on 11/14. There will be a refrigerator truck with the items at pick up time. Sellers will want to be available to disperse their items
- **Budget 2010/11:** The 2009/10 budget was approved. Based upon SNA playground committee component price list, the PTA membership voted to purchase one bay of swings at \$1,000.00 and one therapeutic swing at \$350.00. It has been confirmed that these funds are earmarked solely for the purpose of purchasing these items. The PTA wanted to purchase an item that every single student at Carder could use. New this year will be a family movie night and spaghetti dinner and bingo night. The, "Fifth grade party" line item, under programs, reflects the income from 5th grade shirts as well as the costs dedicated to their yearend party.
- **Beautification:** Noted that line item removed this year. Not anticipating costs for this program, PTA just had mulch delivered a year ago. Mrs. Stratford has agreed to oversee and act as a liaison for this project. She will be asking classes to sponsor a garden at different times of the year. Mrs. Stratford has some tools available. PTA will help solicit any other tools/ signs as necessary
- The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

PTA Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2010-2011 Theme: "Together We Can"

Deadline: Late November 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

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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Welcome to a new year at Carder!

We kicked-off the first day of school with a New Parent Breakfast, which gave people a chance to find out about the Carder PTA and a place to chat with other parents after saying those first-day goodbyes. We plan to host this new event again next year.

We hope you'll consider becoming a member of the Carder PTA. Membership forms have been sent home with your child, or you can join at a PTA meeting. Membership dues are only \$5.00 per person.

Thank you to all the families who are participating in our fall fundraiser. The money raised will help PTA provide many programs and events we have planned this year at Carder. The PTA-sponsored In Jest assembly was a fun way to get students excited about the Accelerated Reader program. We're looking forward to the opera "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" with an anti-bullying theme for next month. Other exciting activities include two new events this winter - a Bingo/spaghetti dinner and a family movie night - along with the Spring Fun Fair in April.

Our activities require many volunteers to be successful. Volunteer forms have been sent home. Please get involved by helping out at one of our events this year. Thanks to all the committee chairs who continuously work hard to offer great activities to Carder students.

We hope you can join us at our next PTA meeting on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Attending our monthly meetings is a great way to learn about the wonderful activities at Carder and to meet the principal, Mr. Davis, our teachers and other Carder parents. It's also a good time to share ideas and voice questions or concerns. Don't forget - we provide child care for your children aged three and older.

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

Book Fair Wrap-Up

Our 2010 Scholastic Book Fair was a big success! Once again the PTA gave every student a \$5 voucher for the purchase of books as part of our effort to promote literacy and reading. A total of 289 vouchers worth \$1445 were redeemed. A profit of \$600 in cash and approximately \$2000 in Scholastic Dollars will be used to benefit Carder students in this school year. Some parents donated their children's vouchers back to the PTA, and we are grateful for their generous gesture. Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair, as well as all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make the event so successful!



Co-chairs: Candice Hill and Bonnie Mason

PTA Minutes in Brief

Highlights of the September 2010 Meeting minutes:

- 34 members attended. The minutes from the June 2010 meeting were reviewed and submitted. MaryBeth Greene reported the balance of the savings account is \$8,011.44 and the checking balance is \$0.21. The audit for the 2009/10 school year was successfully completed. The Treasurer encouraged anyone with checks to cash from last year or this summer, to do so as quickly as possible.
- **Principal's Report: School Population:** As of 9/14/10 there are 516 students enrolled at Carder School. Currently there are 4 kindergarten classes, 3 first grade, 4 second grade, 4 third grade, 4 fourth grade, 4 fifth grade and 3 AIS classes. **Character Education:** This year's program will be working with the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Children will earn coins that will go to the Foundation. **Phys. Ed. For Life Program:** A pilot program also running at Severn and Smith Schools. Second graders will have Phys. Ed. four times a week. Please contact Dan with any questions.
- **PTA Council Report:** Carder has 2 council reps this year: Kim Cates and Bonnie Mason. Meetings are the 2nd Tues of the month at 9:30 am at the Board of Ed. Building. They are open to the public, all are welcome. The Superintendent attends and will answer any questions or concerns that you may have. You may forward any questions, anonymously if you wish, to any of the officers or to Kim Cates or Bonnie Mason and they will bring them to the council.
- **Regional/National PTO:** Moving to an all electronic format. www.nyspto.org
Local PTAs encouraged to verify that their By-Laws are all up to date. (Carder's are.)
- **Facilities:** Vote on plan December 16, 2010
- **Speakers: Chris Wallace, Head of Food Services** Board has received a "Cool to be Fit" grant for the month of October. Every Friday in October, the Second grade students will be given samples of healthy food options. The recipes will then be sent home on a recipe card with students. (The PTA is looking for volunteers to distribute the items and a sign-up sheet was sent around.) Third grade students will receive 2 Phys. Ed. Classes where they will be taught "P.E. Without Equipment." They will receive information sheets on the games/activities to bring home. Fourth grade classes will go on a "healthy" field trip to Wegman's. "Meet the Hawks" night, put on by the Hawks Booster Club, raised over \$11,000. Overall board enrollment is down 60 students. Intramural programs for K-12th grade to begin as well as girls' and boys' Junior Basketball teams. Next meeting is October 12, 2010
- **Committee Reports: Teacher Rep:** Thank you to Kay Keeney (2nd grade), Erin Merrill (grade 4/5 AIS), Pat Rhinehart (5th grade), Lee Friedrich (K), Charity Courtney (4th grade), Ashley Argentieri (3rd grade) and Laura Tolbert (3rd grade), for attending the meeting. We appreciate your time!
- **Membership and Volunteers:** Both Membership and Volunteer forms have gone home. Membership fee is now \$5.00. \$3.50 of the membership fee goes to State PTA. Actual membership cards will be going home in November. Denise and Scott Robinson have offered to man the membership table beside the gym, the night of the Open House. **New Parent Welcome:** On the first day of school the officers hosted a welcome coffee and snack hour for new Kindergarten parents. Will plan to do again next year.
- **Book Fair:** September 20 and 21, 2010 Theme is: "Here's to our Heroes, Reading Saves the Day!" Flyers sent home already. Set up on Friday Sept. 17, 2010. Vouchers home on the 20th. May donate the vouchers back to the PTA. Goal of the book fair is to get books into the hands of Carder kids and families, not a money maker for the PTA. Request volunteers to help with sales during the Open House and through the day on the 20th and 21st. Book Fair will be open later on Monday, in order to give any Kids Adventure Club families the opportunity to shop before Open House. This year, book fair will close between 4 pm and 6:30 pm on the night of Open House. Reopening at 6:30 pm for the duration of Open House.
- **Scheduled Assemblies:** In Jest scheduled for Friday Sept.17 as kick off for AR program. Tri Cities Opera will be coming on October 29th. Their performance is The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The piece has an anti – bullying theme. Sarah was able to secure a grant to cover the costs of the Tri Cities performance from the Community Foundation of Elmira/Corning and Finger Lakes Incorporated.
- **Box Tops:** Market Street Coffee and Tea, has been collecting box tops for us. This summer they realized \$26.80 for Carder from this collection! Thank you! Collections continue on the 15th of the month from Oct.-Feb. Winning classes will be given a book mark, certificate, and \$25.00 towards a class party or project. Earn Carder more money by using the www.btfe.com web site when on line shopping. Click on the Marketplace tab to access over 70 retailers. This will be Jane's last year at Carder, she would love to have someone who is willing to take over this program next year, help her and "learn the ropes" this year.
- **Student Directory:** Forms to be distributed shortly. Directories will only be distributed to those families that submit information to the directory. Emphasize do not have to fill in all fields of the form in order to participate. ie. May provide only an Email address.
- **Spirit Wear** This is not a big fund raiser for the PTA, so our goal is to keep the prices down. Met with the rep. and are not planning to alter the goods being sold. May add head bands to the order. Forms distributed by 10/15/10. Return by 11/1/10.

PTA MINUTES CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE!



A Note From Carder Principal Dan Davis



What a great start to the new year! I am extremely pleased with the kids' behavior, the hard work I am observing, and continued dedication that everyone demonstrates daily to ensure that our kids learn well.

As many of you know Character Education plays an important role in our daily lives at Carder. Like last year, we will continue giving kids tickets when demonstrating good character. The tickets are used to fill a Show 5 hand and our goal this year will be to fill 1,000 hands. If you are new to Carder, Show 5 means Always Do The Right Thing.

I would also like to send out a huge Thank You to the Southside Neighborhood Association and all the Carder parents for their dedication to raise funds for the new playground. Remember that the build is scheduled for October 6 – 10 and we need your help. We need volunteers, so please let us know if you are available on one of the build days.

I would also like to encourage you to contact me at any time at 962 - 2454 if you have concerns or questions regarding your child's academic progress. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to developing a positive and productive relationship with you.

Dan

Fall Fundraiser

The Fall Fundraiser runs September 17th thru Oct 1st. Pick up date will be Nov 4 from 3:00—6:00 pm. Everyone will receive a reminder about picking up the fund raising items. The food items will have to be delivered soon after pick up as they will arrive, and must be kept, frozen. The contest for the kids is the grade that sells the most gets the worlds largest gummy bear and the top 3 sellers of the school will get prizes too. Every student that sells 11 items or more will get a free tub of cookie dough. November 4th is the ONLY day for pick-up. Thank you!
Zandy Crowl

Ways to Support Your Child Academically

Make a Plan

Set regular times for homework and provide a quiet place for your child to study. Be sure he or she has access to the public library and to other resources needed for academic work: newspapers, books, and the Internet under supervised conditions. Check homework assignments and ask the teacher if there is something you or your child doesn't understand and always call if you have a concern.

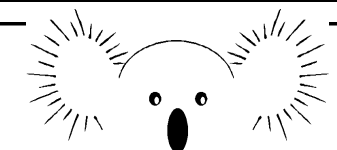
Spend Time Learning Together

Read stories and articles and watch television programs or films together. Ask your child to do things like this:

- List the events in order.
- Tell what the piece was mostly about (the main idea or topic) or give it an alternate title.
- Discover the message of the piece (or theme).
- Talk about the author's or character's point of view.
- Discuss how things could have been different if some element of the story were changed. Identify unfamiliar words and figure out what they mean by looking at the context in which they're used.

Encourage Your Child to Read

Great reading materials include the newspaper and news magazines. Then discuss articles that you have both read. Ask your child to distinguish between facts and opinions within the articles and talk about the article's point of view. Examine any tables or graphs accompanying the stories and ask your child to interpret them.



CARDER CALENDAR

- October 1: Fall Fundraiser Ends**
- October 6-10: SNA Koala Run Playground Build**
- October 11: Columbus Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- October 11: Koala Run Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
- October 12: School Pictures PTA Meeting**

