

The Paw Print

CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“At Carpenter,
We
BELIEVE...”

Date: September 26, 2016



Upcoming Events

Monday, Oct. 3rd

Custodian Appreciation Day

Wednesday, Oct. 5th

Count Day

Wednesday, October 5th

Picture Day

Monday, October 10th

PTO General Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cougars Run for FUN!

What an amazing Friday for our students! Thank you to Niki Coatney and Veronica Shah for putting together such an amazing event. This year's Fun Run went outside the box! Not only did kids get their groove on with some great tunes, but they ran under an amazing balloon arch and through bubbles, all while being cheered on by parents and teachers! Niki and Veronica thought of everything as the students were provided with a runner's bib, and even had a water station, just like a REAL 5K or marathon would have. After running the loop a couple of times, the Fun Run ended with writing your name on the sidewalk and a popsicle.

This was an amazing Fun Run and a great kick off fundraiser! A challenge put forth to our students that if we raised \$5,000 or more we would slime Mr. Johnson. The grand total raised was \$5094.39! Hmm... looks like someone is getting slimed! Thank you to all those who came to help and to those who donated! At Carpenter we BELIEVE in working together to slime the principal!

*Check out the last page to see all the fun that was had!



Carpenter Elementary School's Mission

The Carpenter School Community will provide a respectful, responsible, and safe environment in which each student is academically, emotionally, and socially prepared to face the future



School News You Can Use...

Teacher Spotlight

Meet Ms. Elizabeth Kelly-Sell

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Ms. Kelly-Sell is the English Language learner Teacher. Her favorite colors are teal or purple, she loves to cook, take pictures, and play with her dogs. When she was asked what her favorite food is, she found this difficult as there are so many, but she narrowed it down to mangos or watermelon.



Ms. Kelly-Sell works with students who are fortunate enough to speak two languages. This is her third year at Carpenter and the favorite part of her job is seeing students personalities come out as they gain confidence. Ms. Kelly-Sell finds that most of her students are very nervous their first couple of days at Carpenter, but because they feel safe and welcomed at our school they are soon gaining confidence, laughing, joking, and eagerly participating!

Ms. Kelly-Sell is most excited about the Heritage Festival this year. She loves the amazing food that is shared, the fun facts, and that is helps to build a community that acknowledges our unique characteristics. She wants to encourage everyone to at least come and visit the Festival or if interested participate and share their heritage.

Want to meet Ms. Kelly-Sell? She can usually be found at the corner between the office and Ms. Tabaka's room both before and after school. She is always happy to talk, so take a moment and meet one of our amazing teachers.

PTO NEWS

Carpenter Community,

It is with heavy hearts that we, Laura and Kahtie, are resigning as Carpenter PTO Co-Presidents.

Though we've both enjoyed serving our amazing community, our personal affairs require more time and energy than we anticipated this school year. Therefore, we are both unable to serve in this capacity.

We will both remain active in our community whenever our schedules permit. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, it's been a great journey!

Best,
Laura and Kahtie

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What is the PTO Committee? This term was introduced at the last PTO meeting. With the school year underway and many key positions not filled, President(s), Fundraising Chair, and PTO-C Representative, the remaining people on the Executive Board agreed that the only way that the work could be completed is if it were an entire group effort. Please note, we are the **ONLY** school in AAPS that does not have a President. If you are interested in serving in any of the above vacancy or joining the committee, please reach out to any person listed on page 7.

Ours School's Safety Squad!

Have you noticed the students walking around our school with bright yellow straps on? These are some of our 5th grade students helping ensure safety in and around the school. After some training these 43 young leaders will help teachers and students on a daily basis. Here is the list of our participating students and their responsibilities:

Captain: Cristian B.

Outdoor Safeties

Central/Dayton	Erik L., Sam R.	Dayton/Fresno	Alex T., Moses W.
Central/Dalton	Miliani Y., Emily L.	Dalton/Fresno	Sabeeh S., Camille L.
Dayton/Central half circle entrance	Carys A.	Dayton/Central half circle exit	Cameron E.
Central/Dayton Doors	Alexander G.	Dayton half circle Main Entrance/Exit	Ian S.
Dayton Main Parking Lot Entrance	Maxine W., Gabrielle J.	Playground side Fresno/Carlton	Mory K., Caiden B.
Playground/Ga Ga Ball Pit	Dathan A., Parker S.		

Indoor Safeties

MPR Doors/Hallway	Ariaha P.	Lower El Doors and Hallway	Alayja T., Yasmin C.
Lower El Walkers	Charish H., Anna E.	Kindergarten Doors	Alexis M., Gianna M.
Upper El/Kindergarten Hallway	*Mr. Slay		

Kindergarten Helpers

Mr. Davis	Lena L., Karsen K.	Mrs. Haselschwerdt	Lilian A., Skye S.
Ms. Maciag	Amara H., Kennedy H.	Ms. VanSteelandt	Marcus P., Heather G.

Bus Safties

Bus 32 (AM & PM)	Rayan A., Madelyn R., Dyson S., Jackson K., Justine R., Haylee G.		
Bus 36(AM)/220(PM)	Nitan T., Connor H.		
Bus 31(AM)/124(PM)	Jacob W., Ashley M.		

Messenger

Martez W., Jr.

Flag Helper

Giovanni L., Everett W.

Blue Tongues Rock the Sno-Cone Social

Written by: Amber Beattie

Carpenter Elementary Sno Cone Social took place Friday, Sept 16th and all who attended had fun. There were 303 Sno Cones served. Rumor has it Mr. Johnson had 10 of those. Favorite flavors were Blue Raspberry and the combination of Cherry/Lime.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, thank you to Nikki Coatney and Veronica Shah for organizing this awesome event and special thanks to our Cougars families for coming out and celebrating the start of another amazing year.

At Carpenter “We Believe” in Sno Cones, Community and Fun.



HISTORY MAKERS ASSEMBLY

On Friday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m. History Makers Professor George Shirley along with another U of M Professor will talk with our students about their challenges and success along their educational and career paths. Following their talk will be a “commit ceremony” where the students will commit to staying in school through college. There will then be classroom visits. Thank you to Mrs. Borders for arranging this assembly.

Nut Free Classrooms

The following classrooms have been designated as Nut-Free Zones:

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| Mrs. Archer | Mrs. Haselschwerdt |
| Mrs. Brower | Mrs. Koeppe |
| Mrs. Chung | Ms. Smitka |
| Ms. Drummer | Mrs. Tabaka |
| Dr. Goodly | Ms. Walters |

All Special Area and the Computer Lab are Nut Free Zones as well.

Teacher Intern



Meet Jes Palace

Ms. Palace is a new teaching Intern for the 5th grade. Her favorite color is yellow, she enjoys backpacking and sushi. Ms. Palace's favorite part of working with kids is hearing all of their wonderful ideas, which constantly inspires her. What she is most excited about for this school year is learning teaching practices from her mentor teacher, Ms. Smitka. Ms. Palace shared with us that her life goal is to teach abroad. She said "I have many dreams of traveling internationally and learning with the children in different cultures!"

Please take a moment if you see Ms. Palace in the halls and welcome her to Carpenter as she works towards her teaching degree.

Get to Know Your PTO Committee

Meet Amber Beattie

Amber is new to the PTO Board this year. She is an Executive Board Member/Accounts Receivable and has two grandchildren attending Carpenter. Her favorite colors are black and white; she likes to watch football, enjoys bowling and horseback riding, and likes anything chocolate. Her hobbies include having fun with her 8 grandchildren and going to concerts and musicals.



Amber's favorite part of volunteering with the PTO is all the people she has met. She is really excited about all the fun things that we have planned for our students this year.

Welcome to the Board Amber!

Meet Shannon Dunn

Shannon is a new PTO Board member this year. Her child is currently in Dr. Goodly's first grade class, and she has two more future Cougars at home.

Shannon's favorite color is yellow and she enjoys taking pictures and scrapbooking. It sounds like she enjoys Indian food as she listed her favorites as: Palak paneer, jasmine rice, garlic naan, and samosas.



When asked what her favorite part of volunteering with the PTO is she said "I love helping plan and organize events that my son and his friends are going to look back on fondly. I want them to look back at school knowing that they not only learned a ton but that they had fun along the way!"

Shannon is most excited about Carpenter's Book Fairs, which hold a special place in her heart. She really enjoys taking the student to the fair and seeing how they react to all the books around them. She feels that anything that helps kids love books is a win.

A fun fact about Shannon is that she has been collecting Pez dispensers since elementary school and has a collection of over 5,000!

Thanks for spending another year with us!

Get to Know Your PTO Committee Cont.

Meet Kym Randall

Kym is a returning PTO Board Secretary with two children here at Carpenter. Her favorite colors are green and orange. When asked about her hobbies she says she has too many to list, though her top favorites are knitting, crafting, cooking, sewing, and being a big bookworm. She also enjoys camping and hiking. Kym loves her coffee along with enjoying cheese and veggies.

Kym loves all the parents she meets. She doesn't always like to walk-up to people and introduce herself, so volunteering gives her the change to meet other Carpenter parents. She also loves to chair the Science Fair as it is one of her favorite events.

When asked what she is most excited about for this school year, Kym said "I love watching my kids grow over the course of the year, and I love watching our Cougars challenge themselves."

So when you see this proud, but lonely Spartan fan around school stop and say "hi"

Glad you have come back for another year!



Meet Veronica Shah

Veronica is a returning Board member. She has three kids attending Carpenter. Veronica loves the color purple along with all types of food, especially dessert. She also really enjoys working out.

Veronica's favorite part of working with the PTO is seeing our community work together to make the school its best for our children. She is really excited about all the events this year and getting more parents involved.

Thank you for joining us again this year!



**In our next newsletter you will meet the rest of
Your PTO Executive Committee.**

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Carpenter Elementary PTO Committee

Kym Randall

Shannon Dunn

Veronica Shah

Niki Coatney

Amber Beattie

Kathy Owens

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Carpenter Elementary
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Please consider walking or biking to school on Wednesday, October 5th to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Walk to School Day!

- Walk or bike to school (remember your helmet, bicyclists!) using one of the designated routes
- Consider parking at one of the corners (Dalton, Dayton, Fresno, Central Blvd) and walking with a group if you live a great distance away
- Enjoy a healthy snack after your walk
- Take a photo and post it on our Carpenter Face Book page!

Hike It! Bike It! I like it!

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.



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**ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION FORM**

Dear Volunteer,
Thank you for agreeing to volunteer at _____. Your contribution of your valuable time is a special gift. You are contributing to the Board of Education's top goal of student achievement.

The safety of students, staff, volunteers, and guests in our buildings is a top priority of AAPS. The Board has developed policies to help ensure the safety of all who interact with students and staff. All AAPS employees and unsupervised volunteers are required by Board Policy, 7350 to undergo a criminal background check. The AAPS uses the I-Chat (Michigan State Police) system to perform background checks. All information gathered through the background check is confidential.

Please complete the following:

Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Alias _____
Gender **M** **F** State _____
Ethnic: African American ___ American Indian ___ Asian ___ Hispanic ___ White ___ Middle Eastern ___ Other ___

Pursuant to Public Act 68 of 1993, I represent that (check one):

1. I have never been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to any crimes.
2. I have been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to the following crimes: *(Use other side of this form, if necessary, to explain nature of conviction, date and court.)*
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____

Pursuant to Public Act 68 of 1993, I understand and agree that:

- The Board of Education of the school district or governing body of the non-public school (the "School" must request a criminal history check on me from the Central Records Division of the Michigan Department of State Police.
- Until that report is received and reviewed by the School, I am not able to volunteer; and
- **If the report received from the Department of State Police is not the same as my representation(s) above, respecting either the absence of any violation(s) or any crimes of which I have been convicted, I shall not be permitted to volunteer for Ann Arbor Public Schools.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Shonta Green
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