

# The Paw Print

“At Carpenter,  
We  
BELIEVE...”

Date: October 30, 2016



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> –  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Bottle & Can Drive

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
No School  
Election Day

**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
PTO Executive Board Meeting

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Moms and Muffins  
8:15am-9:00am

Conversation with the Principal  
9:00am-9:30am

Picture Retake Day

## Thank You to the Stiedle/Kadrovich Family!

In true Carpenter Community spirit two of our school's parents stepped up in a major way this year. At the beginning of the school year Kathy Kadrovich noticed a need in her daughter's classroom. The screens were in disrepair and with the sweltering temperatures windows needed to be open, but that invited flying pests. Because of this she and her husband, Jim Stiedle, volunteered to fix the screens. At this point they have repaired 17 screens and are on pace to fix 21 screens throughout our entire school before winter. They will also be around replacing the broken storm fasteners. Thank you so much Kathy and Jim! The PTO, teachers, staff, and students appreciate what you have done!



## 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...

### Teachers Spotlight

#### **Meet Mrs. Aherne**

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Mrs. Aherne joins Carpenter this year as our Title I teacher.

She is very excited to be at Carpenter this year. Mrs. Aherne is a U of M graduate whose favorite color is blue. She also enjoys running, sushi, and vegetarian food.

Not only is Mrs. Aherne a teacher here at Carpenter, but she also has three children currently attending with a future cougar.

When she was asked what her favorite part of teaching was she said "Teaching is the best job in the world. You change lives everyday!"

Please help welcome Mrs. Aherne to the Carpenter team!

#### **Meet Ms. Jennifer**

Written by: Kim Ulrich

Ms. Jennifer is a returning Special Education Teacher Assistant.

She shared that her favorite color is blue, likes photography, volleyball, and pizza.

Ms. Jennifer prides herself on being a team player. She loves seeing the growth in children and feels like she is making a difference in their lives. Big or small!

Nurturing and fostering wonderful relationships with both her co-workers and students is what Ms. Jennifer is excited about for this school year.

She is very grateful for being a part of the Carpenter family and she always tries to keep a sense of humor.

Welcome back Ms. Jennifer!



### **Chief Learner Corner**

Thank you for all of the support that you have provided our school community over the last 8 weeks! It has been a remarkable start to the school year!

The Conversation with the Principal has yielded many ideas to help make our learning environment better for everyone. One of the ideas that I'd like to move forward with is establishing a small group (4-6 people) to assist with identifying areas that need improvement or attention, The Improvement Committee. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me by e-mail: [johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us)

In addition, "Thank you" for all of the tokens of appreciation you gave for Principal's Month! I am blessed to be a Carpenter Cougar and a member of your family.

For our next CWTP, please be ready to discuss, Public Act 306.



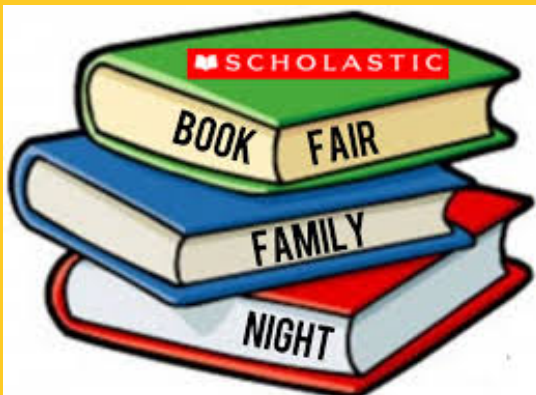
## The Book Fair was Here!!! The Book Fair was Here!!

Thank you for promoting the love of reading in your child's life and by supporting our school at the same time!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success and we saw quite a few families on Family Night, after school and during Trunk-or-Treat!

We will be sure to share how much money we were able to fundraise in the near future.

Thanks to all of our parent volunteers and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Kelly-Sell and Ms. Smitka for everything!



We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy & confident!

Written by: Danielle Plunkett

We are determined to bring the [Girls on the Run program](#) to Carpenter this year. Each Girls on the Run team (8-20 girls) requires two volunteer coaches. We estimate that there are approximately 100 girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Carpenter. The more coaches we have, the more girls we can serve!

You don't have to be a runner to be a coach - coaches simply must be passionate about the mission of Girls on the Run, committed to working with a group of girls twice a week for ten weeks, and bring positive energy to each practice.

Will you help us inspire our cougar girls to make positive choices, avoid negative behaviors and become leaders in our community?

Volunteer coaches are required to attend an exciting half day training on Saturday, February 18. The season begins the week of March 13<sup>th</sup> and runs until the end of May. Volunteers coach twice a week for 90 minutes for ten weeks. Our team will likely meet on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. The culminating Girls on the Run 5k event is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. The Girls on the Run staff will provide the training, curriculum, supplies and support.

To learn more about becoming a coach and to fill out the coach application click [here](#). Please let our Site Leader, Barry Aherne, know if you apply so that he can add you to his list of superheroes. Barry's email is [bearach1@gmail.com](mailto:bearach1@gmail.com).

## Dads & Donuts! Success!!!

Written by: Veronica Shah

A big Thank You to all those who attended Dads & Donuts on October 14th before the start of school. What a turnout!! The MPR was full of Cougars with Dads, Uncles, Grandpas or their special person. 292 Donuts were served! The atmosphere was electric; so many smiles, laughs and great conversation to get everyone's Friday morning started off right. Photos were also taken for a keepsake memory they will be distributed soon.



Carpenter Elementary School

4250 Central Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Principal:**

Michael Johnson

**Secretary:**

Valerie Bacoat

**Teacher Clerks:**

Pauline Ebrahim &amp; Valerie Munson

**General Office Phone:**

734-997-1214

**Carpenter Elementary PTO Committee****Kym Randall****Shannon Dunn****Veronica Shah****Niki Coatney****Amber Beattie****Kathy Owens****Marlena Laugh****Kim Ulrich****Pete Finnie****Amanda Gebhardt****Additional Ways to Support Your PTO and OUR Students****Box Tops for Education:**

Turn in your clipped Box Tops from participating products to the school office. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Want to help our school earn extra box tops? Visit the

following website to enter the sweepstakes:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes>

**Coca Cola Product Bottle Caps:**

Bring your bottle caps to the school office and drop them in the GIANT Coke bottle! **Or better yet:** visit the website below to enter your Coke Rewards codes here and donate them to our school. When you donate your points, the points are converted to cash for the school to use

<https://donate.mycokerewards.com/causes/featured>



**New Amazon Program Enables Shoppers to Easily Donate to Their Favorite Nonprofits**

If there isn't a charity that you already support through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), consider adding Carpenter PTO in Ann Arbor to support our school!

# Ann Arbor PTO THRIFT SHOP

[a2ptothriftshop.org](http://a2ptothriftshop.org)

2280 S. Industrial Hwy. 734-996-9155

## SHOP DONATE FUNDRAISE

A non-profit resale shop with all proceeds benefitting  
Ann Arbor Public Schools and student enrichment.

### SHOP

Mon-Fri 9-7

Sat 9-6 Sun 11-5

### DONATE

Mon-Fri 10-6

Sat 10-5 Sun 12-4

### FREE

furniture pickup

call 996-9155

Find us on Facebook



Follow us on Twitter



Athletic Equipment • Books • Clothing • Toys  
Furniture • Household Goods and More

THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN INVITES YOU TO:



EEE DAY!  
THEME: ANIMATED MOVIES!



WHAT

Elementary Engineering  
Exploration Day is an outreach  
event designed to introduce  
children to the field of engineering  
through creative, hands-on  
activities. The event also provides  
parents with resources to promote  
a continued love for science and  
innovation among their children.

WHO

1st-5th graders  
Parents are welcome too!

COST

Children: \$5 | Parents: \$5  
Lunch will be provided!

REGISTRATION

<https://goo.gl/forms/1U98ysktE9Byr9c53>

Deadline: November 1st, 2016  
or while spots are available.

For more information, visit

[swe.engin.umich.edu](http://swe.engin.umich.edu)

or contact Shwetha Rajaram at

[shwethar@umich.edu](mailto:shwethar@umich.edu)

WHEN/WHERE

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Dow Building, Room 1013

University of Michigan

North Campus, Ann Arbor

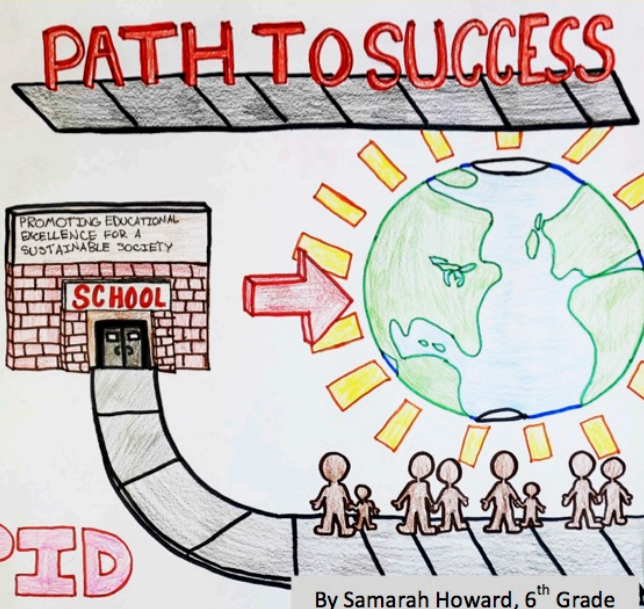




**N  
A  
A  
P  
I  
D**

Together  
we can  
create  
a  
brighter  
future.

**NAAPID**



National African American Parent Involvement Day  
An Opportunity for ALL

2017 Theme:

**NAAPID:**

**Education, Dedication, and Determination  
are the Keys to Success ... Dream Big!**

Free and Open to the Public

5-6:00 PM

Exhibits and College Information

Light refreshments will be served

6-8:30 PM

Student Performances

Speakers and Awards

**NAAPID at Night  
Save the Date**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5-8:30 PM**



Washtenaw Community College  
Towsley Auditorium  
Morris J. Lawrence Building  
4800 E Huron River Dr.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105