

The Paw Print



A Message from Our PTO President

Happy Fall Carpenter families! The leaves are starting to turn, Pumpkins are everywhere, and I've pulled sweaters out of storage. Before we know it we'll be thinking of snow days and those hot late summer days we've had will be a distant memory.

Something that has been on my mind lately is volunteering - and how many areas demand our attention as parents. No one can do everything, and when our kids are involved in sports and school and a million other things, and our families commit to activities together, time runs short faster than we'd like. At the age our kids are right now, though, research shows that parent involvement in their school increases their chances of academic and social success. What is keeping you away from volunteering? Do you think that someone else is doing all the work? Do you think your ideas aren't needed because all the decisions are being made? Does it feel like it's too late to step up? I'd like to assure you that these things are not true. We could do so much more if we had more parents volunteer. ALL our students are benefitting from the efforts we put forth as parents.

As you settle in and cozy up for the long winter with your family, don't forget about our School family. We have a LOT going on this fall!

- Our SSSC Committee has been hard at work planning a parent forum for all of us, presented by one of our own parents, Sarah Martin on October 25 (flyer on page 8)!
- *There will be a super fan coin challenge going on the whole last week in October-who will have the most support: The University of Michigan or Ohio State? I can make a guess, but I can't wait to see the results for myself.
- On October 28 join us in the parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration. Bring your littles who can't quite make it house to house on Halloween and show off their cute (or scary) costumes. You can also sign up to decorate your trunk and pass out candy! (flyer on page 10)
- Lastly, check out the spirit wear sale going on right now and deck yourself or your Cougar out in a new cozy Carpenter sweatshirt for fall. Orders are due on October 27, so now is the time to order! (order form on page 6)

Hoping you all find some time to jump in a leaf pile this fall, Kym



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 18th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:20 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19th 5th Grade Camp Meeting 6:30 - 7:00 pm MPR

Friday, October 20th Dads & Donuts 8:00 - 8:53 am MPR

Monday, October 23rd -Friday, October 27th Super Fan Coin Challenge

Wednesday, October 25th
Early Release Bell
1:29 p.m Dismissal

Saturday, October 28th
Trunk or Treat
11:00 - 1:00 Carpenter
Parking Lot

Monday, October 29th Spirit Wear Order Due



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.



News You Can Use!



A Little Oak Tree for Carpenter

On Monday, October 9th Brownie Troop 40602 which is made up of both Carpenter and local girls, planted a tree for all children and learned about what determination and setting goals can accomplish.

This past spring during cookie selling season these girls set a goal to raise funds to not only go on an excited field trip, but to also give back to our community.

They decided to use their cookie money to purchase a \$160 tree to be planted at Carpenter. With the help of their leaders and a couple of their Dads they dug, planted, and watered it!

Please help us protect this new tree by reminding your child that this is a baby tree and should not be hung on.

Welcome to Carpenter, little Oak Tree. May you grow and prosper just like all the children who will play under and around you for years to come!



CLUB COOL is Accepting Submissions Now through November 6th!

The SSSC's CLUB COOL is accepting submissions now through November 6th!

CLUB COOL is a digital publication of a graphic novel that acts as a virtual meeting place for Carpenter Cougars to share thoughts, feelings, experiences and ideas while they work toward positive change.

Students create characters that become Club Cool Agents sent on "missions" where they consider different ways to respond to conflict by telling their stories and writing their endings according to how they might solve certain problems.

If your Cougar would like to create a character for the next release of CLUB COOL, please find more information on <u>"Character Creation"</u> here.

If your Cougar has already created a character, please find more information on "Mission 1 Moody Duty" here.

If you are a parent, caregiver or young adult who would like to get in on the fun, you're in luck! This year, we are opening up Club Cool membership to "Special Agents." Through storytelling, these agents support Junior Agents in completing their missions by modeling endurance, encouragement and positivity in times of conflict. Please find more information on "Special Agent Recruitment" here.

All artists must return an art release form to an SSSC member with each submission. You can find the <u>Artist Release Form here</u>.

Thanks for your participation!

And remember...be cool.

CLUB COOL Character Catalog - June 2017 - Volume 1

Scholastic Book Fair needs Volunteers

Help us the week of October 23-27 as we bring the Scholastic Book Fair to Carpenter and encourage the love of reading.

Volunteers are still needed to make this event even more successful!

Please consider signing up by clicking on the link below:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/ 5080E49A5AB2FABF85-carpenter



Volunteer With Your PTO

Want to help, but not exactly sure how?

Complete our Volunteer Interest Form and help us **BUILD** an amazing PTO team!

Follow this link to help us **BUILD**

https://goo.gl/forms/ fIslmyGNcLKi7Lh73

News from the Library

Library classes are in full swing here at Carpenter. During class, students learn and practice new library skills and technology skills.



Young 5, Kindergarten, and First Grade students are learning about the parts of a book, how to website navigate a website, and practice mouse skills.

Second Grade students are learning about fiction and nonfiction books, and students are working on keyboarding using home row.

Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade students are learning about digital citizenship to learn keyboarding skills. Students continue

and Typing Club to learn keyboarding skills. Students continue to work on library etiquette and how to search for books in the online catalog, Destiny.

Students can access the library website at http://carpenterlibrary.weebly.com/ to use the sites at home.

Fall 2017 Book Fair

Carpenter will host the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 23. Proceeds from the Book Fair help support our school Library and book room. Thank you for your support!

Book Fair information:

Book Fair Preview:

Tuesday, October 24 during the school day

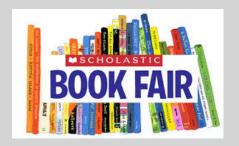
Book Fair:

Wednesday, October 25 (9am-2pm) Thursday, October 26 (9am-4pm) Friday, October 27 (9am-12pm)

Family Night:

Thursday, October 26 4pm-6pm

Educationally yours, Mrs. Clark



A message from your PTO

You may have heard that some of the funding we receive from the PTO Thrift Shop for field trips has been suspended this year. This has presented us with a deficit in funds that we are trying to bridge with additional fundraising this year. One way we can do this as parents and members of Carpenter's PTO Family is to sell raffle tickets for the PTO Thrift Shop.

Tickets are \$5 each for a drawing to be held on November 7.

First prize is \$1000.00 CASH!!!

Two second prizes of \$500.00 cash will be awarded, and other cash prizes.

ALL the money from tickets we sell comes
DIRECTLY back to
Carpenter!!! Tickets will be on sale until
November 7- see any
PTO board member for information or email Kym
Randall at
carpenterptopres1@gmail.com



News from the Music Room:

It's been a great start to the school year. October is Bully-Free month. All grades have been working on being kind and helping stop bullying wherever it's seen. Students are learning songs about kindness and how to make new friends. A few links you might like include:

Kindness is Cooler Mrs Ruler a short story

All About Kindness (song for kids about doing good deeds) https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=1vLg1nPua0k

Sesame Street: Try a Little Kindness (with Tori Kelly) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enaRNnEzwi4

Upper elementary:

Cyndi Lauper - True Colors (MattyBRaps Cover ft Olivia Kay)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXmaE0041Y0

Don't Laugh at Me (Many versions) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7Dej4Gfkmc&feature=youtu.be

Song: Lean on Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5jlPL1tNDY

Fourth grade students brought their recorders home for the first time this week. I will be updating the online recorder lessons soon to match our new materials. Students have music on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. For now, I will send recorders home on Monday to be returned for Thursday's classes. We have a few extra times built into our day to practice for students who prefer to leave recorders at school. Cleaning recorders is easy using a little dish soap and water. Remove the neck strap, wash the recorder and air dry.

Our first UMS field trip is on Friday, October 20th for Drummer and Aylesworth's classes. Concert dress is appreciated. No heels or flip-flops please. Permission slips are due on Tuesday so I can check my ticket numbers. The bus and partial ticket prices were paid for with a grant from the University of Michigan Credit Union and UMS. Thank you. Final cost for students is \$4.00. We have 6 tickets for chaperones. We leave Carpenter at 10:15 and will back arrive around 12:30 or 12:45 for lunch.

Do you know the Carpenter School song? If not, have your child teach it to you. We start our community meetings with the song every week.

I was excited to learn that a Donor's Choose grant for a single xylophone I applied for was funded in a short amount of time. Thank you parents who helped contribute. We are sending report cards home for second grade this year for the first time and playing a melody instrument like the xylophone is one of the standards we are using to assess. I only had 3 and they are in very bad shape. It was impossible to teach and use with a class of 25 or more students. I've applied for another grant to fund 2 or 3 more and am hoping that will allow me to use the materials in a way that makes this learning accessible to more children at the same time.

Questions about the music room, see my website at https://bordersmusic.weebly.com

Sincerely, Mrs. Borders



2017 - 2018 Safety Patrol

Introducing Carpenter's 2017-2018 Safety Patrol. These 35 students have stepped up to be a part of an amazing team that helps to ensure the safety of their fellow classmates both before and after school. With the assistance of 5th grade teacher Mr. Slay these students are put into various posts inside and outside the school. Thank you to all of these students!

Captain: Begin at 8:40 & 3:55pm

Holly Kangas

Begin Post Times 8:40am & 3:55pm

Central/Dayton Joey, Vlad, Cameron
Dayton/Fresno Danny, Javon, Ashon
Central/Dalton Talia, Olivia, Jaeda
Dalton/Fresno Jeremy, Trent D.
Dayton/Central half circle entrance Cash

Dayton/Central half circle entrance
Dayton/Central half circle exit
Central/Dayton Doors
Dayton Main Entrance/Exit
Cash
Deven
Shamari
Jenna



Indoor Safeties: Begin Post Times- 8:53am & 3:53pm

MPR Doors/Hallway Julia*

Lower El Doors and Hallway
Lower El Walkers
Kindergarten Doors/Hallway
Kendra, Jordan
Alayah*, Jaya*, Ya Sin
Brooklyn, Delorian

Kindergarten Helpers: Begin Post Times-8:45am & 3:50pm

Davis Livvy, Kendra*
Haselschwerdt Bava, Charis
Maciag Lael, Tremaine

VanSteelandt Kaylynn, Julia*

Bus Safties: Begin Post at end of school day and arrival to neighborhoods

Bus 31(AM & PM) Daniel G., Jaya* Bus 36(AM)/220(PM) K'Lynn, Jaydon,

Bus 32(AM)/32(PM) Shadin, Zanei, Justin, Aamir

Messengers Begin at 3:43pm

Ya Sin*

Flag Helper Beginning/ending school bell(1)

Alayah* Amarre

*= more than one position

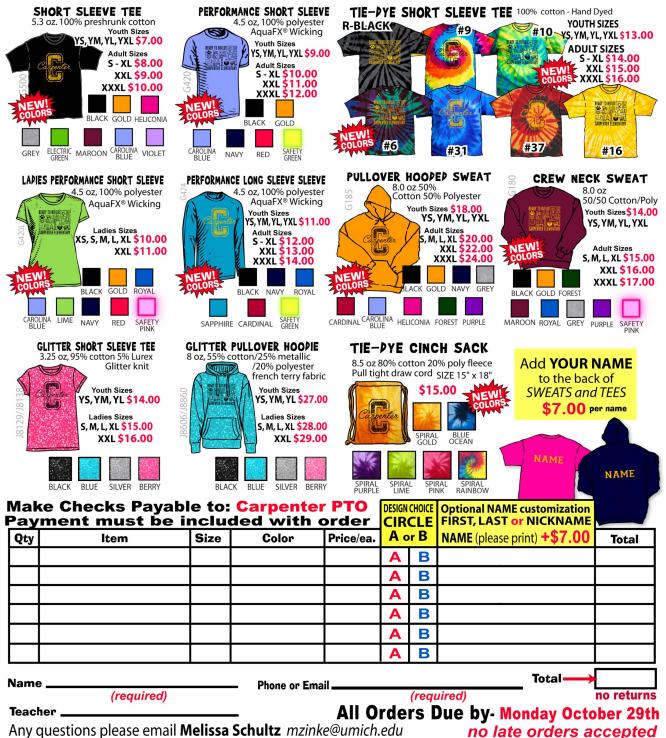
Carpenter Spirit Wear Fund Raiser Order Form Fall 2017





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Donuts with Dads and Dudes.



Bring your Dad or other special Dude to school and enjoy a donut and juice with them before school starts.

October 20th 8 am - 8:50 am

Sign up to donate donuts, juice or milk.

See you there!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aacaa2ba5fd0-donuts



IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO PROTECT KIDS

The Be SMART campaign promotes responsible gun storage and asks all adults to take simple steps to reduce the harm that can occur when unsupervised children get ahold of an unsecured firearm.

Join a brief presentation to learn about the Be SMART campaign:

Date: October, 25th

Time: 7-8pm

Location: Carpenter Elementary Multipurpose Room 4250 Central Blvd.

SMART adults follow these five easy steps to keep kids safe:

- Secure guns in homes and vehicles.
- Model responsible behavior around guns.
- Ask about unsecured guns in other homes.
 - Recognize the risks of teen suicide.
 - Tell your peers to be SMART.



FIND US

ONLINE: www.MomsDemandAction.org
FACEBOOK: facebook.com/MomsDemandAction
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WELCOME TO NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH!

This October, Carpenter Elementary is joining in the national effort to bring awareness to the dangers of bullying.

Throughout October, we are offering activities, events, and discussions for our students to participate in to help empower them in safely recognizing, preventing and interrupting bullying behaviors.

> In case you've wondered "Why all the orange?"

wearing orange during NBPM represents a show of support to unite for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Bullying behavior isn't inevitable, but it is possible.

National Center for Educational Statistics 2016 found that one out of every five students report being bullied. *

If your child experiences bullying, here are recommended steps to take to become an advocate for your child: **

Talk to your child

Support and empower you child

Learn your rights

Think through who else should be involved

Get involved in the community

Make sure your child knows:

- 1 It is NOT their fault. They are not to blame.
- 2 They are NOT alone. You are here to help.
- 3 It is the adults' responsibility to make the bullying stop.
- 4 Bullying is never ok and they have the right to be safe.
- 5 No one deserves to be bullied.
- 6 They deserve to be treated with respect.
 - 7 They have the right to feel safe at school.

OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CELEBRATING NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH I'M WEARING THROUGHOUT ALL OF OCTOBER! ASK ME WHY

I'M WEARING

ASK ME WH

UNITYDAL

Here are some of the many ways we are celebrating!

Every Wednesday of October - Wear orange! A lot or a little, any amount of orange on a Wednesday shows you support the effort to unite in stopping bullying, especially on Unity Day!

Classroom Door Decorations - A school-wide initiative is underway to promote and support bullying prevention by decorating every classroom door exterior in anti-bullying themes with messages encouraging positive student behaviors.

OK2SAY Introduction - OK2SAY information and resources are now available for our school community. Please take a moment to learn more at: www.michigan.gov/ok2say

CLUB COOL Submissions Now Being Accepted - Now until November 6th, submissions are being accepted for the digital online publication of CLUB COOL. The next release of CLUB COOL will be on Dec 1st.

Watch For Bullying and Stop It in Its Tracks! - Every day, hunt the halls for a set of travelling eyes, always on the look out for bullying behavior and always ready to stop it in its tracks!

Principal Announcements - Each morning, we will recognize unique and sometimes bizarre holidays being celebrated across our country. Check the lobby TV monitor for daily national holidays celebrated this month.

Share the Inspiration - A comment box will be available all month for collecting ideas of how to inspire one another. These comments will be projected on stage at October 25th's Unity Day assembly.

UNITY DAY, Oct 25th, National Bullying Prevention Month Ceremony - We're celebrating our school-wide efforts to prevent and interrupt bullying at Carpenter with an end-of-the month assembly. Remember to wear orange!





October 28th 11 am - 1 pm in the school parking lot.

Sign up Genius for trunkers and treaters!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aacaa2ba5fd0-tru
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Please comment when you sign up if you are decorating your trunk and handing out goodies or if you are attending only for tricks:)

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Carpenter Elementary School PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **3354 E Washtenaw Ave Ste A** in Ann Arbor on **Monday, November 6th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Carpenter Elementary School PTO.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



Pittsfield Charter Township

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Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety:
"Dispatch Operations moving to Washtenaw County Metro Dispatch and Huron Valley Ambulance"

January 1, 2018

The Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety will join other agencies throughout Washtenaw County by moving Police Dispatch operations to the Washtenaw County Sherriff's Office (Metro Dispatch) Regional Dispatch Center and Fire Dispatch operations to Huron Valley Ambulance. Due to the reduction in Michigan's revenue sharing to local municipalities and the push for consolidation of public services, this move gives the Township time to make the necessary fiscal adjustments for providing the best police and fire services to the community. Pittsfield Township will continue to have their police and fire personnel dispatched to all calls for service; the only change will be where the dispatch services occur.

Pittsfield Fire will be dispatched by Huron Valley Ambulance beginning October 30, 2017 and Pittsfield Police will be dispatched by Washtenaw County Metro Dispatch beginning January 1, 2018, which will complete our transition to the regional dispatching model.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for alerts through "NotifyMe" at the township website, www.pittsfield-mi.gov and to also sign up for crime alerts from CrimeMapping to stay informed about reported crime in your neighborhood at www.crimemapping.com.

Accessing services at the Department of Public Safety:

- -Front Desk assistance; there will be personnel at the DPS front desk to assist with non-emergency calls and walk-in requests for information Mon-Fri, during regular business hours (or longer).
- -Records Department hours of operation remain Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Please call for assistance at 734 822-6062.
- At all three Department of Public Safety Buildings; After hours call box will be available to request assistance for emergency and non-emergency calls 24 hours a day (dials directly to Metro Dispatch).
- A telephone in the main station (6227 W. Michigan Ave.) lobby will also be available to call for assistance during open lobby hours if needed.

Residents will still have access to the following services:

- -Walk-in services at the police department (filing police reports and obtaining general assistance) will continue same as before. A support services assistant or responding officer will provide assistance as needed.
- -Vacation Property Checks (filed online at the township website).
- -Filing police reports online: please review the guidelines on what types of crimes can be reported through this system (online at the township website), www.pittsfield-mi.gov
- Requests regarding services or questions can be sent to: publicsafety@pittsfield-mi.gov
- Code Enforcement issues / concerns please call 822-2121.

These guidelines will be reviewed and updated as we progress through the transition. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Gordon Schick Deputy Chief of Police (734) 822-4923 schickg@pittsfield-mi.gov Sean Gleason Fire Chief (734) 822-4926 gleasons@pittsfield-mi.gov HELP
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- PRIOR FOOD SERVICE AND/OR CASH HANDLING EXPERIENCE IS A PLUS, BUT NOT REQUIRED!





Apply Online at

OR

Call 734-994-2265 for application information.



Did you forget to get a copy of "Cooking with Cougars" last year?

Are you new to Carpenter this year?

If you answered "Yes" to either of these questions, you are in luck! We still have copies available of this amazing cookbook!

Over 50 families, teachers, students and Carpenter neighbors contributed recipes.

Cookbooks are \$10 (cash or check accepted) and all proceeds go back to our students, teachers and school!

If interested contact:

Niki Coatney at joj3207@gmail.com



Share Your Stories & Events

We would love to hear about what great things are happening within the Carpenter Community. If your class, teacher, or school organization has done something or will be doing something that the community should know about, please share with us!

E-Notes

This is a weekly list of upcoming events with a small description and links for signing up, if applicable.

These are due by Tuesday of each week.

Paw Print

For publication in our bi-weekly Newsletter provide a flyer or article about your event. Submissions for the next edition of the Paw Print are due by Monday, October 23rd.

Please send submissions to: Kim Ulrich - kim@bityard.net

Please note, that Mr. Johnson has final say on all information provided to our community.

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SIT: Glenn Timpe

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Communication Chair: Kim Ulrich

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:

Did you know that Coke Rewards can help bring money to our school?

Just visit: https://donate.mycokerewards.com/causes/featured

Amazonsmile:



Did you know that Amazon donates a percentage of each sale when you shop at smile.amazon.com? It's the exact same Amazon products, the same prices, and the same quick shipping, but when you shop Amazon Smile, Carpenter receives a portion of each sale!

- 1.Go to smile.amazon.com
- 2. Login with your normal Amazon account info
- 3. Type Carpenter PTO in the charitable organization search box, and select our school.



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