

# Wildcat's Roar

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

Carver Community,

I would like to congratulate the Carver Staff and Community for being the recipient of the Tulsa Public Schools Distinguished Award. This means that Carver is one of three top schools in Tulsa Public Schools. The other schools are Booker T. Washington High School and Carnegie Elementary. We would like to congratulate these two distinguished schools along with all Tulsa Public Schools.

As we move into our testing season we ask for your support with our students to prepare each student for success. It is important for all of us to maintain a safe and orderly

learning environment. One of our expectations is that our students attend school daily, on time and ready to learn. Administration will not tolerate any student (s) who interrupts the learning environment. We ask that you review the Code of Student Conduct booklet that went home with students at the start of the school year. This booklet discusses the Rights, Responsibilities, and Consequences for all students at Carver and Tulsa Public Schools. If you are not able to locate your booklet contact our office at 925-1420 and we will provide you with a copy. Some of our students have had a struggle with our uniform policy and Mr. Rowland and I will be checking daily to make

sure students are adhering to our uniform policy.

Finally, we ask that you review with our students the expectations for homework. Students must focus on completing assignments on due dates, study nightly, and prepare for all tests (this should not be done the night before a test only). We expect all students to reach their highest potential. We look forward to our continuous work with each student who walks through our doors ready to learn! If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Kindest Regards,  
Micheal D. Johnson, Principal

**Thanks to all who have supported us with getting a speed zone on Pine St. If you have noticed they have made that a school zone so watch your speed on Pine.**

**Again thanks,  
Mr. Johnson**

## Free Summer Academies in Math and Science

Students in grades 8-12 can attend one of the FREE Summer Academies in Math and Science being offered on a college campus near home. Investigate the area of forensic science, design a video game or even build your own robot! The academies are totally FREE! Students simply need to visit: <http://www.okhighered.org/student-center/jrhigh-highscl/2008-sa/full-list.shtml#9-10> to find an academy they like at their grade level.

For more information on the 2008 FREE Summer

academies in Math and Science call 1-800-858-1840.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> IS 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> OCCT STATE TEST

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> IS 8<sup>TH</sup> MATH AND READING

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 2 IS 7<sup>TH</sup> GEOGRAPHY TEST

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> IS EOI END OF INSTRUCTION

TO VOLUNTEER CALL: LAURA DANIEL, 742-3643  
TAMMY BARNES, 925-1420

### HELP FEED THE TEACHERS

Due to the change in conference dates/times, we would like to offer our teachers some light snacks on April 1 and April 3 while they are conducting parent conferences. We need your help! We are seeking donations of granola bars, individual packages of pretzels, crackers, cookies and any other snack-type food you can think of. We are also in need of some drinks (water and tea). The PTSA will provide fruit and vegetable trays. Please contact Karen Bruns ([kfbruns@cox.net](mailto:kfbruns@cox.net)) or 744-1730 if you can help. Thank you!

COMING SOON . . . we are planning the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for Wednesday, May 7. We will need some volunteer chefs once again. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

#### **INFORMATION CAMP**

THERE IS AN INFORMATION CAMP ESPECIALLY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. FIND OUT MORE. IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN! [HTTP://WWW.ROSE.EDU/LRC/CAREERS/CAMP.ASP](http://www.rose.edu/lrc/careers/camp.asp)

### Wildcat Varsity Cheerleaders End Season

We wish a fond farewell and best wishes to this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Varsity cheerleaders: Karen Anderson, Kia Dorsey, Chakendra Fennell, Brittany Harring, Alexis House, Stacey Kelley, Jeshari McClellan, Miranda McClung, Torri Thompson and Bittany White.

Special recognition and appreciation goes to Miranda McClung for her three-year commitment to the cheerleading program at Carver. Thank you to sponsors Dorothy Blakey and Dorothy Thompson for their leadership this year. Go Wildcats!

## Congratulations to the Carver Middle School Varsity Boys Basketball Team on their TPS championship.

### Attention Athletes

All athletes (football, basketball volleyball, cheer, and dance) are required to have a physical before they can participate. Tulsa Public Schools will have physicals at Carver on May 6 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for \$15.00. (make checks payable to TPS Athletics) Physicals will also be given on May 13 at Edison and August 13 at Edison from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### Carver Students Place in Gymnaestrada

Two 6<sup>th</sup> grade Carver students participated in the TPS All District Girls Gymnaestrada on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Edison. Cheyenne Carlton placed 1<sup>st</sup> in floor exercise and McKenzie Wilson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on the balance beam. Congratulations, girls!

### **Author Visit:**

Priscilla Cummings, author of [Red Kayak](#), the 2007 Sequoyah Award Winner, will be in Oklahoma to receive her award in late April. While in Oklahoma, she will visit several TPS schools including Carver. She will make presentations to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be testing. We are going to carry her available titles during the book fair. Maybe she will have time to sign copies of our books. No guarantee.

**Reading Counts Totals since 2005-2006:**

	2005-2006	2006-2007	Increase from 05-06	As of 2/29/08 2007-2008	Difference from 06-07
6th grade	69,486,119	130,722,343	61,236,224	155,197,010	<b>24,474,667</b>
7th grade	50,256,250	59,685,835	9,429,585	100,409,223	<b>40,723,388</b>
8th grade	105,319,274	116,633,358	11,314,084	63,683,594	<b>-52,949,764</b>
Total School	225,061,643	307,041,536	81,979,893	319,289,827	<b>12,248,291</b>

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The Student Council collects Box Tops for Education points. There is a container in the office, or students may turn them in to their teacher who will give them to Ms. J. Smith, Student Council sponsor. Thank you.

PARENTS: IF YOU SHOP AT OFFICE DEPOT, CARVER CAN EARN 5% TO SPEND FOR SUPPLIES. CARVER'S ID # 70082974. WE HAVE GOTTEN CREDITS IN THE PAST AND IT HAS REALLY HELPED. THANKS!

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

The spring Scholastic Book Fair will open March 31<sup>st</sup> and close at the end of the day, Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents

are welcome to visit the book fair during the day or while here for Parent Teacher Conferences. The

Sequoyah book list for next year just came out. We will have many of those titles available for purchase.

**Get Fit Tulsa Annual 5K Run – April 12**

St. Louis Rams kicker Josh Brown, will be in Tulsa on April 12 for Get Fit Tulsa's annual 5k run and a kicking clinic. Get Fit Tulsa, now in its third year, is a program that focuses on reducing childhood obesity. Brown also participates with HOP

Sports, a professional organization that promotes children's fitness through innovative training regimes combined with modern technology. Carver Middle School recently purchased this program for use in PE

classes. Students are invited to meet Josh Brown and participate in Get Fit Tulsa 5k run on April 12 at 8:10 a.m. at the University of Tulsa, 11<sup>th</sup> and Harvard Avenue. Cost is \$25.00.

**Attention Carver Families:**

**Please remember to donate uniform clothing your student has outgrown or no longer needs to the Carver Uniform Closet for other students.**

### Studio Time

Thank you to all of the parents and students who took time out to view the **Twenty-Seventh Annual District Art Show** at Fulton.

Something new has been added the past few years, **The Levit Excellence in Art Education Show** at Fulton at the same time.

I would like to thank the

Levit family for making this prized show possible.

Carver will be announcing the winners in May's school paper.

**Mayfest** is coming soon, so look for Carver's visual art at the children's Art Show.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CARVER  
FOR WINNING GRAND  
CHAMPION/1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN THE TPS  
SCIENCE BOWL ON MARCH 8**

### Carver Student Going to State Level Geographic Bee

Nicholas Vandivort, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, has qualified for the Oklahoma Geographic Bee, taking place at the University of Oklahoma on April 4. Vandivort made the cut after contests were held in schools with fourth through eighth grade students to determine each school's geographic bee winner. Those winners then took a qualifying quiz which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. The Society selected those with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level. The state winner then moves to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

### Sixth Grade Corner

Sixth graders are preparing for Intercultural Interlude on April 11. Students become aware of the many cultures in their environment through dress, food, and sharing the customs of other countries. Our intercultural interlude program includes dance, music, and foods from various cultures. Also students are preparing for the OCCT test to be given during the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>. For our grand finale of the year, students will be traveling to Branson, Missouri (World Fest) where they will enjoy cultural diversities, food, fun, and plays.



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There will be a mandatory meeting for those families involved in the summer 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Media Center. We will be taking care of roommate assignments, discussing the itinerary and taking care of a number of questions and concerns. Please mark your calendars!



PHOTO BY: Miranda McClung

The Carver Middle School Foundation is pleased to announce a generous donation from Flintco who provided signage for the Tyrone E. Wilkerson Theater

## **Tyrone Wilkerson Benefit Performance**

On Sunday, May 4, 2007 at 2 p.m., the Carver Middle School Foundation will host a community performance in the Carver Middle School Tyrone Wilkerson Theater. Friends of Carver and Tyrone Wilkerson are invited to enjoy an afternoon of speech and vocal music by Carver students with Mrs. Ernestine Dillard (<http://www.ernestinedillard.org>) and entertainment with our guest performer, saxophonist Eldredge Jackson ([www.eldredgejackson.com](http://www.eldredgejackson.com)). The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and guests will have the opportunity to mingle and share their stories and memories of Mr. Tyrone Wilkerson. Wilkerson began teaching at Carver Middle School in 1991, overseeing the school's drama and competitive speech programs. "Teaching here at Carver Middle School, God, that's the most gratifying thing I've ever had in my life," Wilkerson said in a 2002 interview with the Tulsa World. "I've been able to build a speech program from the ground up, which feeds a high-school program (at Booker T. Washington High School) that's won state for five years and now travels nationally," he said. "I feel a great sense of gratitude". Mr. Wilkerson passed away in 2006 and the legacy he created through his work with Carver speech and performing arts programs is still remembered. Guests may make a donation to Carver Middle School Foundation if they wish or purchase a commemorative seat for \$75.00 in the Tyrone Wilkerson Theater by completing a "Take a Seat for Tyrone" order form at the event.

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## **Designer Showcase 2008 benefiting the Foundation for Tulsa Schools needs Carver volunteers**

The Foundation for Tulsa School (FTS) hosts a long-time fundraiser annually in the spring with Designer Showcase. FTS enhances the educational programs of Tulsa Public Schools by providing additional educational resources and opportunities that are not available through the TPS budget. This year the Frank Breene Mansion will be showcased. Located at 1608 South Elwood Avenue, this home was built in 1919 by oil baron Frank Breene, first president of the Osage Oil and Gas Lessees Association. The 8,000 square foot house has a red brick circular drive, and a large carriage house in the rear. The house features ten fireplaces, many of which are embellished with Italian marble mantles. But the most elaborate feature of the house is the extensive walnut woodwork and paneling. Carver PTSA will be serving as host for the Designer Showcase on Tuesday afternoon, May 6—12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 12 to 15 volunteers are needed to occupy the various rooms of the home, to interact with visitors, and answer brief questions. Volunteers are admitted to the home free of charge, and complimentary refreshments will be available. No children are allowed during these visits. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Francine Fisk at [francine-fisk@utulsa.edu](mailto:francine-fisk@utulsa.edu).