



George Washington Carver Middle School
National Blue Ribbon School

Wildcat's Roar

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Are you ready for Carver Carniv le?

Please join us on February 8, 2008 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a special night of FUN!

Carver Carniv le is all about our school community coming together to celebrate the things that make us unique and uniting us under the common theme of people who like to have fun, enjoy each other, and have a great time! So, put on your beads, grab your mask, and join in the FUN while helping support CMS. It's going to be GREAT!

Carniv le activities will include Dance - Food - Bingo - Auction - and MORE!

Carver Pride Week. - February 4 - 8

Students--Bring your loose change and support your grade

with **Coins for Carniv le.** The class with the most money collected by Thursday WINS a non-uniform day on Friday, February 8.

Collect Beads! - Beads and Masks will be on sale throughout the week during the lunch hour.

The Carniv le Court - Every student attending the dance has an opportunity to be selected from a random drawing for King and Queen of the Court for each grade. There will be one male and one female winner per grade. The winner will receive a pass to go to the front of the lunch line during the month of February.

Donations - Please send a 2 liter bottle of pop to school. We

are also requesting donations for bingo prizes and donations of desserts.

Calling All Volunteers! - WE NEED YOU - If you would be willing to volunteer to help at Carniv le, please contact your grade level Volunteer Coordinator: 8th Grade - Darla Allen, darla29@cox.net; 7th Grade - Francine Fisk - francine-fisk@utulsa.edu; 6th Grade - Laura Daniel - danielfamily@cox.net

Don't miss this opportunity to meet other Carver families, support our school and to just have FUN!



Calendar Adjustments Approved

The TPS Board of Education approved adjustments to the 2007-2008 school calendar in order to make up for five days that were missed due to the recent ice storm.

School will be in session on April 4, 2008 (previously-planned Parent Conference day); May 23, 2008 (pre-planned snow day); May 27-28 (pre-planned snow day); May 29, 2008 (previously-planned Teacher Preparation day)

PTSA MEETING

FEBRUARY 12

7:00PM

**CARVER MEDIA
CENTER**

**Congratulations
Ms. Coleman
Carver Teacher of the
Year
2007-2008**

Congratulations to Estella Evans and Pamela Ashford on becoming American citizens! Our son, Jack, was fortunate to have both of them during his eighth grade year at Carver Middle School.

Having their citizenship ceremony at Carver is an example of their commitment to making every moment a teachable moment. We always knew we were lucky to have them at Carver but now the entire U.S. is lucky as well.

Congratulations and best wishes to them both!

*Kelly Tomlinson and family, Tulsa
Former Carver Family*

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FEB 20TH IS WRITING TEST: 8TH
8 VOLUNTEERS
2 HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30
APRIL 14TH – 18TH IS 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH
OCCT
25 VOLUNTEERS
2 HOURS: 8:30 – 10:30
APRIL 21ST - 25TH IS 8TH MATH AND
READING ONLINE
2 VOLUNTEERS PER DAY
4 DAYS: ALL DAY
APRIL 28TH – MAY 2 IS 7TH
GEOGRAPHY ONLINE
MAY 5TH - 9TH IS EOI
3 VOLUNTEERS
2 DAYS: ALL DAY
TO VOLUNTEER CALL: LAURA DANIEL,
742-3643
TAMMY BARNES, 925-1420

8th Grader Cody Tucker is the winner of our 2008 Spelling Bee, and will represent Carver in the District Bee
Gabi Inhofe took 2nd place.

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.

**Upcoming Tests for
Carver Students**
February 20 – OSTP Writing Test
February 25-28 – Elementary and Middle School Benchmark Assessment, Unit 6

Principal's Message

Dealing with Stress

As students begin to move into the testing season stress can sometimes become an issue at Carver. Whenever a student feels as if they are under stress make sure that you get enough sleep, eat right, and get plenty of exercise. (Physical activity can actually reduce stress). Try to spend time with family and friends, and talk to them about why you're feeling stressed. Talking is good because it helps you sort things out. Also, try to keep a sense of humor, and take time for the things that have helped you feel calm and relaxed in the past (listening to music, going for a walk, taking a warm hot

bubble bath, reading a good book (think about joining Mr. Johnson's book club), playing with a pet, etc.).

Mr. Johnson has three helpful techniques that you can try when feeling stressed:

- Take a deep breath, and then slowly release it. Do this until you feel your body has relaxed.
- Starting at the top of your head, flex and then relax each part of your body.
- Think of a place where you feel very relaxed and calm. Close your eyes and visualize being in that place.

If at any point you have questions or concerns in regards to your student(s) please contact your student's teacher, counselor, or administration.

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Black History Month,
Micheal D. Johnson, Principal

Carver's Spring Book Fair is coming March 31-April 4. Buy books to support our Media Center!

Carver Science Club

Carver Science Club is hosting the Northeast Oklahoma Science Bowl Competition at Carver Middle School on March 7, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The competition will consist of 20 schools from the Tulsa area. This will be the first Science Bowl that we know of to take place in Tulsa Public Schools. The Science Club conducted tryouts for the Science Bowl Team on January 16.

The Science Club will make a non-newtonian fluid at their next meeting. A **non-Newtonian fluid** is a fluid in which the viscosity changes with the applied strain rate. As a result, non-Newtonian fluids may

not have a well-defined viscosity. If you would like to know more information please ask a science club member.

Awards for community service hours will be distributed to the Science Club members at their next meeting. The Science Club worked very hard at Jordan Plaza. They dug up their vegetable garden and got it ready for the spring planting. We also had students clean-up the broken limbs around the Plaza and the south side of Carver.



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A special thank you to Carver parent,
Stephanie Richmond, for volunteering her
artistic talents to paint our Wildcat Penguin.
You did a GREAT job!



Spring Break Camp

at Gilcrease Museum

Hey kids! Get introduced to materials and techniques seen within Gilcrease Museum. Studio time coupled with exploratory visits to the museum's galleries and gardens provide the perfect setting for budding young artists.

Ages: 5-8 and 9-11

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

(After Camp - Open Studio also available)

For more information and to enroll,
contact Lanette at **918.596.2737**
or lcoppage@gilcrease.org.

On line enrollment is also available at

The 2008 TPS Volleyball schedule has been finalized. Here are the dates for Carver games. JV games will play at 6pm followed by the Varsity.

Monday, March 10	Edison at Carver	Carver
Tuesday, March 25	Carver at Lewis and Clark	East Central
Thursday, March 27	Whitney at Carver	Carver
Monday, March 31	Carver at Foster	East Central
Monday, April 7	Byrd at Carver	Carver
Monday, April 14	Carver at Wilson	Rogers
Monday, April 28	Carver at Nimitz	Memorial
Thursday, May 1	Madison at Carver	Carver
Monday, May 5	Carver at Cleveland	Cleveland
Thursday, May 8	Hamilton at Carver	Carver

Playoffs and Championships played the week of May 12-16

Carver 8th grader Stephen Brower is featured in the February issue of Tulsa People. Stephen recently competed in the Junior Nationals in the ice dancing category, a sport that combines elements of ballroom dance with pairs skating. While at Junior Nationals, he competed against some of the top athletes in ice dancing. This is the first time Tulsans have participated in the Junior Nationals in 12 years.

You can read about Stephen's accomplishments at <http://www.tulsapeople-digital.com/tulsapeople/200802/>

PTSA Invites YOU to Serve

I would like to cordially invite each of you to consider filling one of our PTSA volunteer positions for next school year. The general membership will be electing a nominating committee at the February 12 PTSA meeting. The nominating committee will be seeking individuals to include on the slate for our elected officers – President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, PTA Delegate, and Membership Chair. Your time and talents are exactly what PTSA is looking for!

Francine J. Fisk

Parent volunteers are needed to help with a project in the Library Media Center. Please contact Ms. Edwards edwarmo@tulsaschools.org if you can help.

BOSTON HISTORY TRIP

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, parents, and friends are invited to travel to Boston, Massachusetts, to live American History for a week.

When: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 to Monday, June 16, 2008

Where: Will stay at Lesley University (next door to Harvard University)

Cost: \$950.00 + spending money + food money

The \$950.00 covers airfare, lodging, admissions and can be paid in three monthly payments.

(Sample Itinerary)

Day 1

Upon arrival in Boston sights may include a Museum of Fine Arts tour and Dinner.

Day 2

Includes a visit to Christ Church, a tour of H.W. Longfellow House, and the Harvard History Museum. Slated for afternoon are the Black History trail, the Massachusetts State House

Day 3

We visit Salem and the Salem Witch Museum. After lunch we visit the House of Seven Gables, the Boston Science Museum, and Hayden Planetarium , and Sky Walk Observatory.

Day 4

Finds the group on a bus to historic Lexington to visit the Old Manse, the Old North Bridge, and the Visitors Center. The afternoon excursion includes Buckman Tavern, a visit with Henry David Thoreau, and a swim in Walden Pond.

Day 5

Bus trip to Quincy to visit the John Quincy Adams House, tour the Mayflower II, Plimouth Village, swim in the Atlantic Ocean and return to Boston.

Day 6

The group takes a boat to Little Brewster Island to climb the Boston Lighthouse and tour the Island. In the afternoon we take a boat to George's Island to tour Fort Warren then taking a boat back to Boston.

Final day

Finds us visiting Bunker Hill Monument and the USS Constitution before returning to Tulsa.

If you have questions or an interest, please contact Fran Frakes (frakefr@tulsaschools.org) or (frfrakes@cox.net).

To plan thoroughly for this trip, we need an idea of how many people are interested seriously in going on this trip. If you or your child is interested, please fill out the bottom portion and return it to Mrs. Frakes. We appreciate your cooperation.

The First Payment (\$350) Due: March 2008; Second Payment (\$300) Due: April 2008; Third Payment (\$300) Due: May 2008. If you wish, you can make one payment with the full amount.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE TO AMERITRUST