



Carden West School

Success for every child, every day

From My Window – Week 8 - 2009

I just looked out my window and saw police, a squad car, a police motorcycle and a police dog. Of course I also saw Red Ribbons everywhere. This week we are participating with communities and schools across the country in Red Ribbon week which now carries the overall theme of Healthy Choices. We will focus on healthy eating, exercise, fire safety, bike/pedestrian safety, Stranger Danger, dental health and germs. It is informative and fun. What may get lost is that Carden West conducts a daily Program of wise choices built around the Carden Character traits. While our school is non-partisan and non-sectarian we are not without values.

The Carden Characters are posted on our walls, depicted in the large pictures you see and rewarded monthly in our all K-6 school assemblies.

In the order we are learning about them The Carden Character Curriculum is:

Respect, Hardwork, Friendship, Cooperation, Self Control, Determination, Confidence, Fitness, Team Spirit

We are finishing Hardwork this month and moving on to Friendship. Take some time to talk with your children about how the traits of Red Ribbon week are important everyday, as are the Character traits behind them.

Mark Silzer, PhD
Character Builder

From the Preschool Director

PTO is sponsoring our annual pumpkin patch event which will be held on Thursday October 29th. Specific classroom times to follow.

One of our methods for protecting the children from this year's flu will be to implement a Morning Health Check. Signs are posted in your child's classroom that describe the symptoms. Each morning your teacher will be observing for signs indicating that your child is not feeling well (i.e. fever, rashes, mood changes, severe coughing, sneezing, etc).

In honor of Red Ribbon week, the children enjoyed seeing the Firemen and Policemen this week. The policemen came with Robby the K-9 dog and Motorcycles too! Thank you Mrs. Giovacchini for including the preschoolers!!!

Parents with children in Extended Care, please make sure to sign your child in and out of both Extended Care and their classroom binders. We appreciated your help.

Ms. Elizabeth

Current Events

October

- ◆ 10/27—K-6 Character Awards Assembly
- ◆ 10/28—Picture Day (Make ups for absentees)
- ◆ 10/29—Halloween Parade 8:45am
- ◆ 10/29—Super Franks Fundraiser
- ◆ 10/30—Staff Development Day—**No School**, Extended Care is available by reservation only.

November

- ◆ 11/4— PTO General Meeting 8:45am
- ◆ 11/6— End of First Grading Period
- ◆ 11/11— Veterans Day, **No School**, No Holiday Ext Care.
- ◆ 11/13— Parent/Teacher Conferences **No School**, Holiday Extended Care is available by reservation.
- ◆ 11/18— Open Board Meeting 6-7pm
- ◆ 11/16-20— Book Fair
- ◆ 11/23-27—Fall Break, No School Holiday Extended Care is available by reservation on 11/23, 11/24, & 11/25

December

- ◆ 11/30-12/4 International Week
- ◆ 12/5— Hometown Holiday Parade
- ◆ 12/11— Winter Concert , All Grades Times to be determined
- ◆ 12/12— Winter Festival & Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ 12/16— Open Board Meeting 6pm
- ◆ 12/17— K-6 Awards Assembly
- ◆ 12/21-12/31 Winter Break No School Holiday Ext. Care available 12/21, 12/22, 12/23, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30 by reservation

January

- ◆ 1/1— New Year's Day - No School
- ◆ 1/4 - Return from Winter Break

From the PTO Board of Directors

Parents and PTO members-

The PTO school year events are progressing nicely. The bake sale has been rescheduled for Friday, November 20th. All bake sale items should leave the school, so think about bringing the items to a party that weekend and support your school.

We have Carden West School magnets available for all parents. These are free of charge and located in the front lobby. Show your school pride and put it on your bumper.

Our next family night out will be on Thursday October 29th at Super Franks from 5:00-8:00 p.m. 20% of all food and activity monies will be donated back to Carden West. Please be sure to tell them that you are with Carden when checking in and paying for any % of your items. Look forward to seeing all of you there.

If you have leftover candy from Halloween, or the kids bring home more than they could possibly eat, your extra candy can help the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Halloween candy is used for care packages for the troops as well as for troops to hand out to children in the villages they are patrolling overseas. **Please do not bring candy into your child's classroom. We will be collecting the candy for Operation Gratitude at the front desk.**

Cynthia Rocha
PTO President

Safety Update

Pre-K PM Extended Care is located in Room H, 3 Year Old Extended Care is located in Room A & E, and Kindergarten – 6th grade in the K-6 Extended Care Room. Electronic card keys and key fobs are available for parents of Extended Care students. A deposit of \$10 is required for key cards and a \$20 deposit is required for key fobs.

For the safety of the children, do not let individuals in the building when using your card key. There is a door bell for those who do not have a card key. The front desk and school office are staffed from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Extended Care staff will answer the door bell.

H1N1

Please see the attached information regarding Seasonal and H1N1 flu. If you are interested in attending an informational meeting and discussion on this topic, please send an email to frontdesk@cardenwest.org.