Principal’s Message:

There are so many wonderful activities that are happening this month for our Carrigan community. On Monday the 9th we will be treated to the Chorus concert and on the 10th at 6:30 we will have the 5th grade Band Concert. The 6th grade concert will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30. On Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30, Carrigan’s Drama Group will put on “A Christmas Carol”. We will again be collecting toys that will be donated to Yale’s Children Hospital. The children who received these generous donations from us last year were beyond grateful and very happy to have some extra special holiday cheer!

Speaking of being grateful, Carrigan students and families donated over 2,000 items to WHEAT! We cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity. All items collected will be used to help West Haven families in need during this holiday season. Our annual family night was a great success! Over 150 attended and were able to learn how Math and Science are used side by side to solve problems and find solutions to everyday problems, and how we need reading strategies to reason and understand. We look forward to seeing you at our next family event, so be sure to listen for the phone blasts! Also, thank you all for helping our PTA with the Cherry Dale fundraiser. It was a great success and will help the students of Carrigan! Please be sure to participate in our other fundraisers that cost families little to no money such as and registering your Shop Rite and Stop and Shop cards. The money raised helps to fund enrichment programs and field trips.

Mr. Weber and I, along with all of our teachers and staff, would like to wish you all happy holidays and a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Alicia Limosani
Assistant Principal

The Carrigan Drama Club proudly presents:

A Christmas Carol
based on the Charles Dickens holiday classic
December 18th ~ 6:30 p.m.
Admission: $7.00
The School Counseling Rising Star Award: this award was created to recognize hard work, perseverance, determination, self-responsibility, acceptance, and respect towards others! This award is representative of a child who is working to their full potential in class and is self-motivated to be the best they can be.

School Counselors: Kara Kaczynski (grade 5) & Dora Barnes (grade 6)

October
Cluster A  Zion Avilez
Cluster B  Victor Quionez Parra
Cluster C  Trinity Kelly
Cluster D  Lia Petruzzelli
Cluster E  Tchaika Charles
Cluster F/K  Jenielis Vazquez-Cintron
Cluster G  Kayleen Myers
Cluster H  Ethan English
Cluster I  Ciara Harper
Cluster J  Elijah Molina

November
Cluster A  Zakhi Overstreet
Cluster B  Sebastian Chang
Cluster C  Richard Jackson
Cluster D  Matthew Pasacreta
Cluster E  Amal Ibrahim
Cluster G  Mir Wais Ibtikar and Rahmin Zazai
Cluster H  Lania Donovan
Cluster I  Esmeralda Sisson
Cluster J  Corey Horlacher
Cluster K  Efren Paredes-Sanchez

Book Tasting: Ms. Blake and Ms. Marchitto set up a “book tasting” for their students to sample a variety of books. The students got to check out the cover and summary, and rate which book they wanted to read first in their book clubs while filling out a menu of rating. As a treat, students were served some pasta and meatballs to eat and chat over their thoughts about which book they wanted to choose and why.

Spirit Day
Friday, December 20th

The Carrigan Student Council will be holding a Toy Drive to benefit the toy closet at Yale New Haven’s Children’s Hospital. If you’d like to contribute, please send in a new, unwrapped toy between December 9-18 and help brighten the holidays for those patients.

Students can wear their ‘ugliest’ or most festive holiday sweater or clothing to earn spirit points.
Congratulations to our latest Caring Cougars!

5th grade: Ada Akdag, Zeina al Haddad, Aubree Cameron, Mariella Cappetta, Jaelyn Clark, Edmond Dang, Azaan Dhutra, Kirolos Fahmi, Aya Frikel, Chase Golde, Aleysha Gonzalez, Jan Latorre, Tristan Mercado, Iris Messore, Jainam Patel, Angel Perez-Quintero, Caitlin Pinedo, Nathan Spreyer, Darwin Torres, Cassandra Welch, Bobyana Wilson, Tyler Yates

Winter Recess Reading

Snuggle up with a good book this winter and enjoy reading one of the titles below during your free time:

- Ugly by Robert Hoge
- The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
- The Baby-Sitters Club (series)
- Amulet (series)
- The Parker Inheritance by Christopher Varian Johnson

Picture Re-Take Day
Wednesday, December 4th

Here’s your chance if you:

* Were absent
* Forgot your portrait money
* Need to retake your picture
* Didn’t buy portraits or want additional pictures

For retakes:
Be sure to return your original pictures (you can keep the class photo)

To purchase new portraits:
Use the flyer that was previously sent home or pick up a new one in the office

Carrigan Cares

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive - we were able to contribute 2,200 non-perishable food items to WHEAT!