Principal’s Message

There are so many wonderful activities that are happening this month in our Carrigan community. We have the 6th grade Winter Choral Concert on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30, we will have the 5th grade Band Concert. 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 3,000 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 STEM night was a great success! Over 130 attended and were able to learn about computer coding, how math and science are used side by side to solve problems and find solutions to everyday problems, and how we need all of 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 fundraiser. Please be sure to participate in our other fundraisers that cost families little to no money such as Box Tops and their app, using the Shoparoo App, and registering your Shop Rite and Stop and Shop cards. Be on the lookout for the next fundraiser. The money raised helps to fund enrichment programs and field trips.

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

Sincerely,
Alicia Limosani
Assistant Principal

Inclement Weather

In the event school may have an early dismissal or be closed for the day, all households will receive a phone call through the automated School Messenger system or you can visit the district website: www.whschools.org.
We hope that our 6th grade families that attended Family Mystery Night had as much fun as the staff did!

**Spirit Day**

Friday, December 22nd

Students can wear their ‘ugliest’ or most festive holiday sweater or clothing. Clusters will earn ‘spirit points’.

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 4-14 and help brighten the holidays for those patients.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST CARING COUGARS!

5th grade: Rayan Al Dulaimi, Sophia Ayala, Steily Aybar, Michael Buckley, Isabella Chambasis, Lily Collins, Patricia Dohna, Lillian Elnatour, Amanda Fagnani, Ava Gallipoli, Juliana Gonzalez, Hans He, Dinval Johnson, Michael Luzietti, Aidan Maher, Samantha Nunez, Noah Rader, Brandom Santos, Brandon Sihaphong, Badu Smart, Karen Solano-Yu, Matthew Weber

STEM NIGHT was held on November 16th. The theme of the night was hurricanes. Our families visited 4 stations which included ELA, Math, Coding and Science experiments. Four lucky students won the raffle prizes and walked away with baskets full of goodies. There were over 130 people who attended this event - thank you for making this a great night of learning!

CARRIGAN CARES

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive - we were able to contribute over 3,000 non-perishable food items to WHEAT! Clusters E & H collected the most donations and were treated to a movie day in our auditorium before Thanksgiving break.

WINTER RECESS READING

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

- When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- I Survived by Lauren Tarshis
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle