Principal’s Message:
February certainly had it all. There was a little bit of snow, a little bit of Spring, and even a touch of summer for a day or two. You know what they say about the weather in New England – if you don’t like it, simply wait about 5 minutes because it’s bound to change. With the start of Spring, Carrigan students will also spring into our state testing season, set to begin in April. The entire staff has worked tirelessly this year to prepare our students and we truly appreciate the hard work you have put in with your youngsters at home. Most importantly, we know how much time and effort our students have put into their studies since beginning the year in September. We expect big things from our Cougars because we know they can do it. A few quick reminders regarding the end of the school year - YES – it really is that close!

Attendance is incredibly important. If you should receive a letter regarding your student’s absences, please reach out to a member of our social work or guidance staff.
Please remember to have students dress for the weather. We will have recess for our 5th graders even on chilly days. Bus stops in the morning also remain chilly for a much of the school year.
Lastly, this is the time of year when our staff and Administration review grades and records in anticipation of promotion to the next grade level. Again, if you should have questions about grades, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or school counselor. Spring conferences are a great time to address these concerns as well.

We are looking forward to some warm weather and all the great activities that come with it. Be sure to check your child’s folders and backpacks for announcements about some great events coming up at Carrigan this Spring! As always, Ms. Limosani and I are available if you have any questions or concerns.

Rich Weber, Principal

Parent’s Visiting Night
Wednesday, March 20th  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Half day of school ~ students will dismiss at 12:30
Due to time constraints, conferences will be held by appointment only. Students’ classroom teachers will contact you to schedule a time if they feel it is necessary to meet with you to discuss your child’s progress.
Our students and staff were amazed by the artistic talents of speed painter Rob Surette who visited Carrigan … we even get to keep two of his incredible paintings that will be displayed with pride in our auditorium. Many thanks to the Carrigan PTA for making this possible! Please visit www.amazingheroart.com for more info.

Don’t miss the Carrigan Drama Club production:

**Wednesday, March 27th**
Carrigan Auditorium
6:00 p.m.

**Tickets $5.00**
Spring Pictures

Monday, March 18th

All students will have their pictures taken on this day. Proofs will be sent home at a later date to preview. At that time, you can choose to either purchase a portrait package or return the proofs.

The annual American Heart Association Heart Challenge fundraiser is underway and will continue until March 7th. Students who collect donations will receive thank you gifts from AHA and all students will participate in basketball activities and competitions during gym class. Please help us to reach our goal of $2500!

The Carrigan Science department is happy to announce that they received a grant of $500 from the Educational Alliance and Exxon Mobil. The funds will be used in the upcoming months to help keep the Science Labs supplied with the needed materials for our 5th and 6th grade experiments. We are very excited to be included in this program that focuses on supporting the Sciences and Math as well. With the help of partners like Exxon Mobil, we look forward to the new possibilities their grant will provide for the future.

Please support our school:
Shop at ShopRite and link your Price Plus Club card to Carrigan and each time you shop through April 26th we will earn points towards free classroom equipment. Enroll your card at www.shopriteforeducation.com. Our school code: 17964
Congratulations to our Caring Cougars:


WHHS Boy’s Hockey Coach Joe Morrell visited Carrigan along with players and staff from the Bridgeport Sound Tigers to promote their ‘Play for Pam’ game held on February 24th in honor of the late WHHS Principal Pam Gardner.

Carrigan celebrated **Black History Month** with an assembly on February 22nd that showcased important people and events that have impacted history. Carrigan percussionists and choral students performed as well as student ‘actors’ who stepped into the roles of iconic figures.
Because our school LOVES TO READ we will be celebrating Read Across America week and Dr. Seuss’ birthday on these fun days:

**Monday, March 4th**

**Wear College Apparel**

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go…” *Oh, The Places You’ll Go!*

**Tuesday, March 5th**

**Read a T-shirt Day** … wear a shirt with words!

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go”.
*I Can Read with My Eyes Shut*

**Wednesday, March 6th**

**Wacky Wednesday ~ Mismatched and Inside Out Day**

“I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells” *Dr. Seuss*

**Thursday, March 7th**

**Crazy Sock Day** … wear your silliest socks

“Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple”. *Fox in Socks*

**Friday, March 8th - Dr. Seuss’ Birthday**

**wear a Dr. Seuss shirt or Red, White & Blue**

“You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose”.

*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*