Principal’s Message:

Well, February certainly has been an interesting month. We have had snow days and vacation time. Now it is March we are working on reworking our curriculum lessons for Social Studies and Science. We will be conducting our annual Benchmark assessments in April right after the April break. Fifth Grade CMT Science testing will be administered after the April vacation and our SBAC testing will start sometime in the beginning of May.

Please make sure that your child is prepared to start school each day. We have had many students entering late, leaving early, and calling for homework and instruments to be dropped off. Attendance is very important. Our attendance committee meets every other week to review chronic absenteeism. If you receive a letter, please contact our Social Work department to schedule a meeting to discuss the situation.

Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather. Some students are not wearing coats or clothing that is appropriate for this time of year. Students function better when dressed properly.

As we prepare for the remainder of the school year, students will need to continue to do their very best at all times. This is the time of the year when teachers and administrators review records and grades to make sure the students are prepared for the next grade level.

If, as parents, you have any questions about grades, please contact Ms. Kara Kaczynski in our Guidance department.

We are all looking forward to Spring and the many activities that come with it. Mr. Weber and I are available if you have any questions or concerns. Please email or call for an appointment.

Happy Spring!

Mr. Frank J. Paolino, Principal

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March 2017 Calendar

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Congratulations to our Caring Cougars!

5th grade: Zoe Akwada, Anthony Al Jamal, Taylor Alfano, Jason Alling, Cameron Cruz, Isabella DeLauri, Jamie Graham, Angie Juarez, Seth Kerzner, Seth Laudano, Caden Mateo, Kiersten McKernan, Diana Mellado-Diaz, Hailey Montz, Allison Pastore, Maritza Portillo, Alysa Rodriguez, Aliana Tepetl, Nissi Torsu, T’Naiyah Watters

Spring Pictures
Monday, March 27th

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 Hoops for Heart fundraiser is underway and will continue until March 3rd. Students were given a packet that included a collection envelope as well as an explanation of the process. Students who collect donations will participate in basketball activities during gym class. Please help us to reach our goal of $2500!

Heroes vs. Villians
Friday, March 31st
6:00 p.m.

Notices have been sent home to 6th graders and their families inviting them to participate in our annual Family Mystery Night production.

Help to solve the 'whodunit' by visiting forensic science stations to earn clues to solve the mystery.

Responses must be back to school before March 17th ... due to limited space only the first 400 people to respond may attend.
Because Carrigan LOVES TO READ we will be celebrating 'Read Across America' week and Dr. Seuss’ birthday on these fun days:

Monday, February 27th
**Wear Green from Head to Toe Day**
"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind". *The Grinch*

Tuesday, February 28th
**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 1st
**Wacky Wednesday ~ Mismatched and Inside Out Day**
"I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells". *Dr. Seuss*

Thursday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss’ Birthday
**Wear Dr. Seuss shirts 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*

Friday, March 3rd
**Crazy Sock Day ... wear your silliest socks**
"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple". *Fox in Socks*