The West Haven Board of Education’s Attendance Policy can be found online in the Student Handbook. Please make note of the following items:

* A student is considered Tardy at 8:30 a.m.
* 4 times late to school or early departures constitute one unexcused absence.
* Students absent more than 20 days each school year shall be seriously considered for retention.
* After ten absences, a student should have a Dr. note.
* Parents should call the attendance line on each day a student will be absent: (203) 931-6897.

Principal’s Message:

It was wonderful welcoming our new families and saying hello to familiar faces at our Open House. Mr. Weber and I appreciate all of the parents, students and staff who came out and helped us kick off our school year in such a unified fashion. As a team, we will have the best year yet!

If you haven’t had a chance, you can still join our PTA. Notices were sent home about memberships. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00. Come to all meetings or just come to the ones you can. Fundraisers will be coming home shortly and throughout the year. All funds raised are kicked back to the school for field trips, enrichment, and other areas. To learn more, please join!

Our fifth graders have made a great transition to Carrigan Intermediate and our sixth graders have come back demonstrating what great role models they can be. All are eager to learn and it’s been wonderful hearing their answers in class and seeing the great work they are producing. Be sure to check the Parent Portal at www.ps.schools.org to see what your child’s current grades are. Please ask to see your child’s agenda daily and ask how the day went. If you have any questions, please reach out to the classroom teacher(s). We love open lines of communication and encourage it so that we continue to work as a team. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Visiting on Wednesday, October 23rd!

Alicia Limosani, Assistant Principal

Carrigan’s Parents Visiting Day will be held on October 23rd.

There is NO SCHOOL for students on that day. Information for conference appointments will be sent home with the students.
School Picture Day
October 10th

Brochures will be sent home with the students so that you may select a package and your favorite background ahead of time. Payment must be submitted on that day if a portrait package is desired … please don’t forget to bring your best smile as well!

Book Chat

On September 20th, our students participated in a “One School, One Read” event. This means that all of the students and staff in the same grade read the same book and then participated in a group discussion about these titles:

5th grade: Lonnie C. Motion has had some tough breaks in life. But this fall, Lonnie’s fifth grade class is learning to write poetry and suddenly, Lonnie is finding the words to tell the world about his family, the fire that took his parents away, his little sister, his world.  

6th grade: Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids - trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life.

Friday, October 18th is ‘Get Your Pink On’ day at Carrigan.

Donations of $1.00 will be given to the W.H. Breast Cancer Awareness Committee. Students will receive a breast cancer awareness bracelet for their contribution and for wearing pink clothing.
Carrigan Students are Stepping Up Their Social Skills

The Guidance and Social Work Departments conduct social skill lessons in the 5th and 6th grade classrooms on a monthly basis. Carrigan Intermediate School utilizes a curriculum called Second Step to help foster the development of our students socially, emotionally and behaviorally. Research shows that children who learn and use these skills are more likely to get along with others and do better in school. These skills are reflected in some of our Caring Cougar Characteristics and specifically include:

- Empathy
- Communication
- Handling Meanness
- Assertiveness
- Respectful Disagreement
- Emotions Management
- Problem Solving
- Perspective Taking

Should you have any questions, please direct them to:

Social Workers - Lisa Flemmig, Cameron Hotchkiss or Maura Izzo
5th grade School Counselor - Kara Kaczynski
6th grade School Counselor - Dora Barnes

Friday, October 25th is
UNITY DAY - wear orange
to stand-up to bullying

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Family Mystery Night
for our 6th grade students and their families

Friday, October 25th
6:00 p.m.

You will need to solve the CLUE’s to reach the conclusion. Please return your response form so you can come and join us for a night of fun, games, and intrigue ... if you dare!
Carrigan School will be sponsoring a Costume Day on **October 31st**. Students must abide with the West Haven Board of Education Dress Code, which can be found in the student handbook, as well as the following guidelines:

- No masks
- No fake blood or inappropriate face make-up
- No weapons or props
- No flip-flops or open-toed shoes
- No slippers
- No mini skirts or tank tops

If students choose not to wear a costume, but would like to participate, they can wear black and orange that day.

We ask that you review this notice carefully and adhere to the guidelines that have been set to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time!

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.