Fall Focus and Open House

Carrigan Intermediate School
Open House
Wednesday, September 12, 2019
PTA 2019-20

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Students Must Be In School To Learn

- It is the parent’s responsibility to contact the school if your child is going to be absent. Please call the main school number and follow the prompts ▶ 203.937.4390
- It is the parent and child’s responsibility to obtain and complete all missed assignments. Any specific questions should be directed to the teacher.
- The School monitors attendance. Excessive absenteeism will warrant written notification, phone calls and team meetings with the parent(s).
- 4 tardies or early dismissals is equal to one school absence
Rewards for Strong Attendance!

~Class with best attendance has a chance to win trophy for a month.

~The classes with the best overall overall attendance to play in kickball game in June.

~The Wheel of Perfect Attendance

~Star staff Member
Working with the school

- Talk with your child about school
- Utilize the Parent Portal on PowerSchool
- Work with teachers regarding concerns
- Make appointments to visit with school staff as needed
- Take advantage of parent conferences as a time to communicate with teachers
PowerSchool for Parents

- Access through West Haven Schools website
  - www.whschools.org
  - Click on Parents and Students
  - Click on Parent Portal
  - Click on link: ps.whschools.org
Technology

**Chromebooks**
- They are brand new.
- Students must be careful with them!

**Cell Phone Policy**
- If students bring a cellphone to school, it is to be turned off and locked up in their locker when they arrive to school.
- If students need to contact a parent of family member, they can come to the office.
- There is a phone that can be used for emergencies there.

BE AWARE of SOCIAL MEDIA

There is no need for students to use a cell phone during the day at school.
Importance of Organization

- **Agenda** - An important tool to help your child keep organized. Every child should bring their agenda home every night.

- **Homework time** - It is important for a child to have a set time allotted after school for homework. It should be a part of their daily routine.

- **Backpack** - Helping your child clean out their folders and notebooks on a weekly basis helps keep them organized.

*If you feel that your child needs extra support in the area of organization please contact their school counselor.*
Homework

- Make homework part of your child’s routine
- Set aside a time and place with necessary resources for homework
- Have your child check their agenda
- Check your child’s backpack and folders
- Check your child’s homework, but do not do it for them
- Limit television, recreational computer use, and videogames during the week
- Have your student contact other students if they forget the assignment, are absent, or need some advice
- Teach your child to advocate for him/herself
Physical Education

Proper attire is important for safe participation in class.
~Sneakers that tie up or Velcro
~Flexible pants or shorts and a tee shirt with a crew collar
~PLEASE NO SHOES OR BOOTS FOR CLASS

Medical excuses for class need to come from the nurse or a doctor in written form. A parent can write an excuse for immediate emergencies if necessary for that day only!!

The CT State Fitness Test will be given to all 6th graders while 5th grade will prepare to take the test the following year. All scores are recorded and sent to the state for evaluation of our student's fitness level. we work throughout the year to improve our fitness level through the activities we do throughout the year.
Our program serves over 100 students of different backgrounds and nationalities. These students are working hard to achieve English language proficiency through small group instruction based on research based strategies with the support of our highly qualified staff.

Although Spanish is the predominant language in this sub group, we also proudly teach students who speak Spanish, Arabic, Urdu, Pashto, Mandarin, Wolof, French, Turkish, Gujarati, Creole-Haitian, Urdu, Swahili, Tibetan, and Kurdish.
Carrigan Support Systems

When kids have trouble meeting responsibilities, it’s time to sit down for a problem-solving session

- 3 Social Workers
  - Ms. Izzo - A-H
  - Mr. Hotchkiss - I-P
  - Mrs. Flemmig - Q-Z
- 2 School Counselors
  - Ms. Barnes - 6th
  - Ms. Kaczynski - 5th
- 2 member Security Team
- SRO WHPD Officer Dorsi
- Team ALIVE
School Buses

- Behavior that is not acceptable in school is not acceptable on the bus or at the bus stop.
- Stay seated
  - Feet and knees to the front
  - Aisles are clear
- Talk quietly
- Use appropriate language
- Be respectful to the Driver
- All parent pick up and drop off rear of the school only

“I was only playing!”
Rewarding our students

- **Cougar Cash** - earned by students demonstrating positive character traits including respect and empathy.
- **Cougar Paws** – ‘caught being good!’
- **The Wheel of Perfect Attendance**
- **Caring Cougar** – Monthly Student, staff, and family celebration once a month for outstanding students who represent our school and our best characteristics
Community Outreach
Thank you and Enjoy the rest of the evening...

- Don’t forget to sign up for PTA
- Don’t forget to buy your Cluster T-Shirt
- Don’t forget to visit our concert band department if you still have not handed in your instrumental music permission slip
- Remember - this is not a night for parent teacher conferences. Enjoy your visit and we look forward to seeing you again.
Have a Great Night!