




Carrigan Intermediate School

Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow



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Principals' Message:

It's been wonderful meeting so many of you and getting to know your child(ren)! I'm so happy to be back with the Carrigan Family! Our Open House was an amazing event and we had more than 600 in attendance. Mr. Weber and I appreciate all of you and our staff for coming out and helping us kick off our school year in such a unified fashion. As a team, we will help your child(ren) have the best year yet!

Thanks to your generous efforts, Carrigan raised over \$650 to send to the hurricane victims. Carrigan, along with other participating West Haven Public Schools combined our donations to send over \$3100 to those affected by both hurricanes. Such a proud Westie moment! The community once again worked as a team to help those in need. Be sure to look out for the next way Carrigan will reach out and help those in need. We have events planned throughout the year.

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.whschools.org to see what your child's current grades are. Mid marking period progress reports will be sent home. 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 Monday, October 23rd.

Alicia Limosani
Assistant Principal

The West Haven Board of Education's Attendance Policy can be found 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

Carrigan Parent's 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 4th

Brochures have been sent home with the students so that you may select a package and your favorite background ahead of time.

Payment must be submitted on the 4th if a portrait package is desired ... *don't forget to bring your best smile as well!*

BOOK CHATS



The students were asked to read at least one book over the summer from the Summer Reading list. Starting on September 19th, students chatted about their books with peers in their cluster. The students should continue reading each night for at least 20 minutes. This builds stamina, vocabulary and fluency.

Grade 5:

Out of My Mind

Frindle

The One & Only Ivan

A Long Walk to Water

Grade 6:

Boys in the Girls' Bathroom

Loser

On My Honor

Riding Freedom

Friday, October 20th 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 pen 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 once every 10 days. 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:

5^h grade Social Worker – Maura Izzo
5th grade School Counselor - Kara Kaczynski

6th grade Social Worker - Lisa Flemmig
6th grade School Counselor - Dora Barnes

**Friday, October 13th is
UNITY DAY - wear orange
to stand-up to bullying**



*at the annual
Carrigan Intermediate School*

Family Mystery Night

*Friday, October 27th
6:00 p.m.*

*A fun night for 6th graders and their families -
more info will be sent home with the students*

Costume Day



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!