




Carrigan Intermediate School

Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow



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Principals' Message:

What an awesome start to the 2016-2017 school year here at Carrigan Intermediate School. Our Open House was a success with over 500 in attendance. Friends, families, staff, and Carrigan students learned about all the great things our school has to offer. We would like to thank everyone, both staff and families, for making this event a huge success. It is with support from everyone that our students will continue to thrive in a supportive and nurturing environment. The staff has begun planning for next year's Open House!

We are impressed with how well our fifth grade students have transitioned to Carrigan Intermediate School. They are showing us that they are ready to take on the academic challenges and social responsibilities of being an intermediate school student. Please support your child by reviewing the homework agenda for assignments and projects as well as accessing Parent Portal through PowerSchool at www.ps.whschools.org. Mid marking period progress reports will be distributed at the end of October. We encourage parent and teacher/staff communication throughout the school year so please contact your child's teacher via email or phone call. Open communication is essential to student and school success.

Our sixth grade students have transitioned "upstairs" and are adjusting nicely into their "role model" status. It is through their behavior and hard work that the climate of our school remains one of high expectations both academically and socially. We look forward to seeing you again at Parent Visiting Day on Thursday, October 27, 2016.

Twana Shirden, Assistant Principal

The West Haven Board of Education has adopted an **Attendance Policy** that 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 must have a Dr. note in order for the absence to be excused.

* Parents should call the attendance line on each day a student will be absent (203) 931-6897

Carrigan's Parent's Visiting Day ...

will be held on **October 27th.**



There is **no school** for students on that day. Information for conference appointments will be sent home with the students.



School Picture Day October 5th

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 that day if a portrait package is desired ... *don't forget to bring your best smile as well!*



Students are excited for this year's **Book Chat** whose theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!"

Carrigan's Book Chat dates are:

Grade 5- September 30th

Grade 6- October 4th

During a block of the English Language Arts period, the students will discuss one of the Book Chat books that they've read over the summer. They will be placed with other students who have read the same book so they can share their thoughts on the subject matter.

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 – Lisa Flemmig

6th grade Social Worker - Maura Izzo

Guidance Counselor - Kara Kaczynski

Wednesday, October 19th is

UNITY DAY - wear orange

to stand-up to bullying



We know that our 6th graders anxiously await their turn to attend the annual Family Mystery Night in October. However, due to the renovation of the Carrigan auditorium, this fun night will not take place until March 31st.



Please mark your calendars so you don't miss what promises to be an exciting time with 'Heroes & Villains'!

Friday, October 21st 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 pencil for their contribution and for wearing pink clothing.



Costume Day



Dear Parents:

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