Principal’s Message:

As we spring into the fourth marking period, we hope the weather catches up with the season. This year was truly Frozen! Hopefully, we can all ‘Let it Go’ and warm up soon.

On the educational front, students have been working very hard on our Smarter Balanced Test. Along with all of the hard work done in class this year, our students have done well because they are so familiar with technology. Teachers in both 5th and 6th grade have been integrating technology and the internet into lessons utilizing iPods, iPads, laptop computers, and smartphones with their students. The BYOD program has worked amazingly well and Carrigan remains at the forefront of technology and education in West Haven.

With warm weather coming soon, I predict our students will be able to leave their books in their lockers as some great field trips are in the forecast. Our 5th graders will be headed to the Ward-Heitmann house, the West Haven Military museum, and enjoying Carrigan Field Day - scheduled for mid-June. The 6th grade Holiday Hill trip is planned for Tuesday, June 2nd and promotion ceremonies are being planned for our exiting 6th graders in June.

Let’s hope the weather finally warms up for these great events and celebrations. Mr. Paolino, Mrs. Shirden, and I can always be reached here at school if you have questions or concerns.

Wishing you a happy and healthy Spring,
Rich Weber, Assistant Principal
Congratulations to our Caring Cougars!

5th grade: Muhammed Ali, Murtaza Amjad, Valeria Ayala, Mikayla DePalma, Amal Frikel, Gianni Gambardella, Bailasaan Ghunaim, Shane Glover, Austin Greenwood, Joseph Hawkins, Adham Khafaga, Julia Merola, Jada Neal, Andrew Nevin, Kellyan Ruiz, Riley Severino, Deanna Smith, Makeda Staton, Luis Uribe, Michelle Valencia

**Fun events coming up in May at Carrigan:**

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**Westie Day of Hope** was held

Sunday, May 3rd, from 10:00-2:00, in the West Haven High School courtyard to raise money for Camp Rising Sun, a camp in Connecticut for kids across the state who currently have or have previously battled cancer.

If you couldn’t make it but would like to donate, please visit: [http://www.camprisingsun.com/westie-day-of-hope/](http://www.camprisingsun.com/westie-day-of-hope/)

Congratulations to our Drama Club for their outstanding production of Disney’s *Aladdin, Jr.*!
Congratulations to the winners of the West Haven Elks Lodge #1537 Drug Awareness Prevention essay and poster contest for students of Carrigan and Bailey. From left to right are: Jazmine Rivas, Amanda Repetsky, David Burke- W.H. Elks Exhausted Ruler, Adela Otajgic, Alicia Iannucci, Sabrina Yaser, Dorinda Borer-Elks DAP Chair, and Max Liberti. Missing from photo are winners: Mya Sanchez and Aalyiah Douglas and DAP Committee member Stephanie Kessler.

Congratulations to our 6th graders who were winners of the Earth Day contest sponsored by the Land Trust of West Haven:

1st place: Christian Scanlon
2nd place: Bryan Barrington
3rd place: Farah Najjari