Principals’ Message:
As Carrigan storms into the 3rd Marking period, we look forward to a busy spring. In anticipation of the new SBAC State testing system, Carrigan School will be hosting two important evening events and your participation is encouraged. Carrigan Math night will take place on February 12th. This night will focus almost exclusively on the SBAC testing. Other topics include the Common Core State math curriculum, strategies for helping students with math facts, math technology, and Study Habits and Organizational Skills. This educational night begins at 6:00 PM.

In addition, Carrigan will host an English Language Arts night on March 13, 2014. Our staff will address such topics as school wide ELA curriculum based performance tasks, reading comprehension and vocabulary strategies, and the SBAC testing. This night is slated to begin at 6:30PM. Please look for information slips on both of these nights coming home with our students, as well as a phone call from yours truly, in the near future.

Our students and teachers alike are gearing up for the new SBAC State testing. Staff is busy reviewing key concepts, good study habits, and ways to incorporate language arts and mathematics into everyday, practical applications. Science, Social studies, and writing skills are also being reviewed to fully prepare our Cougars to rock the new test, beginning in March. Thank you for all of your continued support and follow through at home in preparing our kids as best as we can for this exciting new adventure.

Lastly, in an ongoing effort to increase school safety and security, please always use the front door when visiting the school. Our top-notch main office staff will assist you from that point with whatever you may need. Thanks in advance for working with us as we continue to keep our students safety and best interests at heart.

Mr. Paolino, Mrs. Shirden, and I wish you continued health and happiness in 2014.

Rich Weber, Assistant Principal

A huge THANKYOU to the ExxonMobil Corporation for their generous $500.00 donation to Carrigan School. These funds will be used for Math and Science assemblies and supplies.
Consider entering your child in the CHET (CT Higher Education Trust) Dream Big! Competition.

Your child tells what they’ll be doing after college and could win a CHET 529 College Savings Account. Schools and teachers that have the highest number of completed entry forms will win $500. The top 10 teachers will win an iPad mini for the classroom.

Please visit www.chetdreambig.com or call our 5th grade Guidance Counselor, Kara Kaczynski, for more information.

Attendance
As we transition to the 2nd part of the school year, please be mindful of your child’s attendance. It is imperative that our students are in school in order to receive their education. A student who is not in school for a substantial amount of time (8 or more unexcused absences) will present with significant academic gaps in essential skills. Our Social Workers and Guidance Counselors will be contacting those students’ families and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss your child’s attendance and educational well-being.
February 12th ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an informative evening!

Parents will learn about the upcoming Math portion of SBAC testing (replacement of CMT’s)

Raffles, prizes and snacks

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February 20th - 6:30 p.m.
Carrigan Intermediate School Auditorium

Tickets: $5.00
Congratulations to December’s ‘Caring Cougars’:


6th grade: Joshua Allen, Marc Ancheta, Genis Aviles, Destiny Barnett, Angela Borelli, Denise Carmona, Maura Dowd, Tristan Echevarria, Lorenzo Espinal, Jason Guo, Sam Hotchkiss, Eduardo Lopes, Othniel Kra, Isiah Mikan, Sebastian Morelli-Peyton, Alex Moreno, Emre Ozturk, Brianna Perez, Joshua Perez, Thomas Plantamura, Imar Rizek, Mya Sanchez, Stephanie Soto, Angela Tapia