Principal’s Message:

Spring has finally sprung! As we anticipate warmer weather, please have your child dress appropriately and follow the school’s dress code located in the Carrigan Student Handbook. Teachers and students continue to work hard to complete the Smarter Balanced Field Test. Although there are some challenging skills on the field test, please continue to encourage your child to try his or her best.

The 5th grade students had the opportunity to see the production of Willy Wonka at West Haven High School on March 27, 2014. They are also looking forward to spending a great day at the Sound Tigers hockey game on April 1st.

It was a pleasure to see all the parents attend Parent Visiting Night on March 31, 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher or our guidance department if you have any questions about grades. The 4th marking period has begun and we would like all the students to continue to work hard to enhance their academic and social growth.

Mr. Paolino, Mr. Weber and I are always here to answer any concerns or questions that you may have.

Yours Truly,
Twana Shirden
Assistant Principal

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May V. Carrigan Intermediate School

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Our school website has been redesigned. Please visit [http://carrigan.whschools.org](http://carrigan.whschools.org) for up-to-date information, school activities and pictures. You can also visit the newly updated West Haven school system website as well: [http://whschools.org](http://whschools.org)
5th Grade Field Trip

This month the 5th grades will be taking a field trip to the Ward Heitmann House and the WH Military Museum. These two historical landmarks are true jewels of our city, holding the keys to the great historical contributions of citizens who have gone before us, not only as productive members of our community, but as brave soldiers who fought for the freedom of their nation. Students will marvel at the artifacts inside the historic Ward Heitmann House. Students can find one of the original classrooms in our area along with historic furniture, toys and plenty of stories told by the docents of the House. These ladies bring our students on a magical tour, pointing out all of the significant stories, facts, and antiques.

Another place of pride for our city is the WH Military Museum, featuring hundreds of pieces of military history, exhibited in sections dating back to the Revolutionary War. Visitors will see letters, weaponry, pictures from the Civil War, a real tank from World War II, and amazing military and personal belongings that belonged to all of our American heroes from the Korean War through Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. It is a place for students to learn about the sacrifices that our men and women made years ago - and continue to make every day to keep our country free.

Think about joining your 5th grader on this wonderful field trip. Both museums will be visited in the same day. Buses will leave school at approximately 8:45 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to take the bus as chaperones or meet their child’s class at the museums. They are right here in West Haven and if you've never visited either of these places, you are in for a treat! Permission slips were handed out in March and are due back by April 1st.

The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored 6th grader Marissa Forleo on March 17th at The Good Citizens silver tea service. The DAR was founded in 1890 as a women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, education, and preserving American history. Marissa was honored as a student who shows respect to people of all ages, races, and cultures. Marissa attended the ceremony with her family and teacher Erin Blake, who nominated her for the award.

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Students and staff enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday on March 7th

Throughout the month of April, several published poets will be visiting our 5th grade classes to speak about the creative writing process, poetry, and the joys of writing. Below are the featured authors who will be working with our students.

**Angela Narciso Torres** is the winner of the Willows Book Poetry Award and her manuscript *Blood Orange* was published in the fall of 2013. Her recent poetry is available in the *Baltimore and North American Reviews*, and in *A Face to Meet the Faces: An Anthology of Contemporary Persona Poetry*.

**Joseph Ross** is part of the vibrant literary community in the Washington, D.C. area. He founded and directed the Writing Center at Archbishop Carroll High School and now teaches in the English Department at Gonzaga College. His poems appear in many anthologies including *Poetic Voices 1 and 2*.

**Randall Horton** is the recipient of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award, the Bea Gonzalez Poetry Award and most recently a National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship in Literature. He is Assistant Professor of English at the University of New Haven.
Carrigan kicked off the new SBAC testing with a pep rally that included a team building hula hoop relay race, a ‘celebrity’ filled game show, and a balloon challenge filled with test taking hints. **The SporX**, Carrigan’s All-Star band, rocked the house with their own version of a KISS song, ‘I Want to Rock the SBAC Test’. To encourage the students, the school was decorated with motivational ‘You Are ….’ posters made by all the staff.