**Principal’s Message**

Wow! It’s already December? The months just seem to fly by. We have our annual Choral concert scheduled on Dec. 16th. As always, this promises to be a very entertaining event under the direction of Ms. LaMotta and Mr. Benn.

The students and teachers are working extremely hard on all aspects of the updated curriculum. More instructional time is required by everyone in every grade. Please check over the reports that were sent home for the Smarter Balanced Test that was conducted last Spring. If you have any questions, please contact the teacher for clarification.

We are still in need of 5 parents to join our School Governance Council. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. - right before the PTA meetings. If you are interested in joining our Council, please email me at: frankpaolino@whschools.org. The only stipulation is that you cannot be a member of the PTA Executive council.

Our Math Night was a success. We had many families come and enjoy experiencing math in new ways. We are in the process of scheduling our next family night. This time we are going to focus on English/Language Arts.

Our many fundraisers and collections for various charities have proven to be successful. Carrigan Intermediate School is always looked favorably upon for our generous donations. Our last donation to WHEAT garnered 4000 food items to help the needy at this time of year. Our “Carrigan Family” is the BEST - always willing to provide for those less fortunate.

At this point, Mrs. Shirden, Mr. Weber, and I want to wish everyone a very safe, happy, and productive holiday season and a very prosperous New Year. Please feel free to contact any one of us for any concerns at any time.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Paolino
Principal

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## CALENDAR

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**Inclement Weather**

In the event school may have an early dismissal or be closed for the day, all households will receive a phone call through the automated School Messenger system or you can visit the district website: [www.whschools.org](http://www.whschools.org).
Winter Recess Reading Tips for Parents and Students:

- **Schedule** a reading time or do a daily crossword puzzle to keep children focused and using their brain power.

- **Keep** a journal- It provides writing practice and personal time.

- **Follow** a festive recipe and bake together. This is great for Reading and Math practice.

- **Visit** the local library. There are books for everyone in the family to read.

- **Get Ahead** - start on upcoming projects and assignments. The holidays are hectic, but be sure to get enough sleep. You want to return to

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6th grade Physical Examinations

In accordance with State law and West Haven Board of Education policy, each 6th grade student is required to have a Health Assessment.

Completed physical examinations must be received by the nurse’s office before **February 1, 2016** or the child will be excluded from school.

If you do not have a health care provider and have no insurance, please call the West Haven Health Department at 937-3660 and they can help you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Carrigan School nurses office: 931-6867.

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Carrigan Friends & Family Night at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Sunday, December 6th
5:00 p.m.
Only $18. per person (regularly $39.)

Please return to the office by December 1st the form that was sent home or contact John Reis at the Sound Tigers: (203) 345-4548
Congratulations to our Caring Cougars!

5th grade: Arin Bhandari, Ty’Jier Cooper, Emma Davey, Jayden Ginsberg, Katherine Greenwood, Lydia Grillo, Antonelly Hernandez, Jaydon Jackson, Jenna Link, Ruveyda Maras, Theresa Massey, Alissa Mendez, Irene Meza-Cortes, Morgan Montz, Marc Muldong, Gavin O’Mara, Dominic Poindexter, Malachi Rosa, Leonel Sampedro, Abigail Sanchez-Gomez, Billy Wilson

Carrigan Cares!

Almost 4,000 food items were donated to WHEAT! Thanks to our Student Council members & advisors for all their hard work in order to help families in need have a brighter holiday!

The Carrigan Student Council will be holding a Toy Drive to benefit the toy closet at Yale New Haven’s Children’s Hospital. If you’d like to help, please send in a new, unwrapped toy between December 9-18 and help to make the children’s hospital stays more fun!