As Carrigan storms into the 3rd Marking period, we look forward to a busy Spring. Carrigan Math night will take place on March 3rd. This family night will focus on math games and activities that our students can do at home with family and friends to increase their math skills. Our families will leave with goody bags containing all the manipulatives and game pieces needed to recreate these fun and educational games at home. This great night begins at 6:00 PM.

Carrigan’s drama department is also hard at work on this year’s production - Alice in Wonderland! Mark your calendars and ready your Cheshire grins for this amazing production on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Our students and teachers alike are gearing up for this year’s State testing. We are working on 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 addressed to fully prepare our Cougars to rock the test, beginning in March. Thank you for your continued support and follow through at home.

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.

Also when dropping off students by car in the morning, please know that ALL parent drop off is at the rear of the school. Please do not use the top lots or the front semi-circle as it is reserved for school buses only. 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 2016.

Rich Weber, Assistant Principal

Wednesday, February 10th is a Staff Development Day students will dismiss at 12:40
Congratulations to 5th grader Arin Bhandari for winning the West Haven Spelling Bee! Carrigan was also proudly well-represented by runner-ups Coogan Cardella, Ayannah Obas, and Gianna Ruiz. Arin will move on to compete in the regionals at Quinnipiac University.

PFC Maria Barden of the 143rd RSG Army National Guard made a surprise visit to Carrigan … much to the delight of her sister Abryana Moore and nephew Justin Goiran, who were both thrilled to see her!

Shown here are 6th students participating in the Caring Cougar presentation organized by the Guidance and Social Work department. The theme for this presentation was entitled “The Torn Heart.” Students were taught how mean/hurtful words can leave scars and can make you feel unwanted and not important. It was stressed to the students to be kind and empathetic to each other all the time because it makes a difference!
Our talented Band students put on a great Winter Concert!

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 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.

Congratulations to 6th grader Leslie Malpica whose Fire Prevention poster was selected as the winner in West Haven and will now be entered into the statewide competition.
Congratulations to our ‘Caring Cougars’:

5th grade:

6th grade: