The West Haven Board of Education has adopted an attendance policy that can be found in the Student Handbook.

Please make note of the following items:

* A student is considered **Tardy** at 8:30 a.m.
* 4 times late to school or early departures constitute one unexcused absence
* Students absent more than 20 days each school year shall be seriously considered for retention.
* After ten absences, a student must have a Dr. note in order for the absence to be excused.

* Parents should call the attendance line on each day a student will be absent (203) 931-6897

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**Staff Development Day:**
October 7th is a half-day for students. School will dismiss at 12:40 - Breakfast & lunch will be served.

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**Carrigan’s Parent’s Visiting Day …** will be held on October 21st. There is no school for students on that day. Information for conference appointments will be sent home with the students.

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**Calendar**

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School Picture Days
October 1st & 2nd

Brochures have been sent home with the students.
Payment must be submitted that day if a portrait package is desired … don’t forget to bring your best smile as well!

The Carrigan Intermediate School Math Department will be holding a **Math Night** on October 8th, 2015 beginning promptly at 6:00 until 7:00. Items will be raffled off. Each family that attends will receive one complimentary raffle ticket. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. We will have stations that you will be able to visit that will be on the following topics:

- Math websites
- Go Quest
- Hands-on Math activities/games

A Social Worker will also be available for consultations … notices will be going home.

**Book Chat**

The Reading Department arranged Carrigan’s first “Book Chat” this month. Students were given a list of five books and asked to select one to read over the summer. The students were then grouped according to the book that they read. Carrigan’s staff members (Classroom teachers, Special Education teachers & the Reading Department) led the Book Chat discussions. The students were excited to talk about their books in detail. Since our theme this year is **Every Hero Has a Story,** the students wore Superhero T-shirts to honor the heroes in their stories.

Hundreds of students read over the summer and the Book Chat was a great success!
Carrigan Students are Stepping Up Their Social Skills

The Guidance and Social Work Departments conduct social skill lessons in the 5th and 6th grade classrooms once every 10 days. Carrigan Intermediate School utilizes a curriculum called Second Step to help foster the development of our students socially, emotionally and behaviorally. Research shows that children who learn and use these skills are more likely to get along with others and do better in school. These skills are reflected in some of our Caring Cougar Characteristics and specifically include:

- Empathy
- Communication
- Handling Meanness
- Assertiveness
- Respectful Disagreement
- Emotions Management
- Problem Solving
- Perspective Taking

Should you have any questions, please direct them to:

5th grade Social Worker – Maura Izzo
6th grade Social Worker - Lisa Flemmig
5th grade Guidance Counselor- Kara Kaczynski
6th grade Guidance Counselor - Betsy Dorsi

Thursday, October 15th is Unity Day - Wear Orange to Stand-Up to Bullying
Dear Parents:
Carrigan School will be sponsoring a Costume Day on **October 30th**. Students must abide with the West Haven Board of Education Dress Code, which can be found in your student handbook, as well as the following guidelines:

- No masks
- No fake blood or inappropriate face make-up
- No weapons or props
- No flip-flops or open-toed shoes
- No slippers
- No mini skirts or tank tops

If students choose not to wear a costume, but would like to participate, they can wear black and orange that day.

We ask that you and your child review this notice carefully and adhere to the guidelines that have been set to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time!