





Carrigan Intermediate School ~ October Newsletter



Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow

Calendar	
Picture Day	7
Carrigan Night at Chili's in Milford 5:00-9:00 	9
No School Columbus Day	13
Family Literacy Night 6-7	15
No School Parent's Visiting Day	21
Unity Day	23
Caring Cougar assemblies - 6th grade 9:15 5th grade 10:40	23
'Get Your Pink On Day' to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness 	24
Family Mystery Night for 6th graders - 6:00 (responses necessary - space is limited) 	24
Staff Development Day - half day for students Dismissal at 12:40	29
Costume Day 	31

Principals' Message:

What an awesome start to the 2014-2015 school year here at Carrigan Intermediate School. Our Fall Focus was a success with over 500 in attendance. Friends, families, staff, and Carrigan students had an opportunity to learn about all the great things our school has to offer. We would like to thank everyone, both staff and families for making this event a huge success. It is with everyone's support that our students will continue to thrive in a considerate and nurturing environment. The staff has begun planning for next year's Fall Focus!

We are impressed with how well our fifth grade students have transitioned to Carrigan Intermediate School. They are showing us that they are ready to take on the academic challenges and social responsibilities of being an intermediate school student. Please support your child by reviewing the homework agenda for assignments and projects as well as accessing Parent Portal through PowerSchool at: <http://ps.whschools.org>. Mid marking period progress reports will be distributed at the end of October. We encourage parent and teacher/staff communication throughout the school year so please contact your child's teacher via email or phone. Open communication is essential to student and school success.

Our sixth grade students have transitioned "upstairs" and are adjusting nicely into their "role model" status. It is through their behavior and hard work that the climate of our school remains one of high expectations both academically and socially. We look forward to seeing you again at Parent Visiting Day on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Twana Shirden, Assistant Principal

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

Staff Development Day

October 29th is a half-day for students.

School will dismiss at 12:40 -
Breakfast & lunch will be served.

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.



Picture Day October 7th

Brochures will be 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!*

We want to invite you to an exciting evening of reading! Grab your family members and come to **Carrigan's Family Literacy Night**. It will be held on **Wednesday, October 15th from 6 pm to 7 pm**. Please join us for a fun-filled evening of reading strategies, activities, and resources. In addition, each person will receive a **free raffle ticket** for a chance to win a **Fabulous Reading Basket**. Transportation will be provided. We hope to see you all at this awesome event!



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER –BILINGUAL/ TESOL

Las clases bilingües y de segunda lengua han comenzado en septiembre. Tenemos aproximadamente 100 estudiantes hispanos y de otros países varios en nuestro programa. La comunidad hispano parlante sigue creciendo pero también tenemos estudiantes que hablan Arabe, Turco, Criollo, Albanés, Frances, Punjabi, Urdu, Kotokoli, Ga, Chino, Hindu y otros. Es necesario que los padres demuestren su presencia en los actos escolares. Fechas para tener en cuenta:

24 de septiembre: Medio día para los estudiantes debido a perfeccionamiento docente. Horario de salida es 12:40pm

25 de septiembre: No hay clases por la celebración judía de Rosh Hashana

13 de octubre: No hay clases por el Día de Colón

21 de octubre: Reunión de padres individuales con los maestros. Las reuniones son por cita solamente. Por favor haga su cita con los maestros y sea puntual.

24 de octubre: Noche de Misterio en Familia (para sexto grado solamente)

29 de octubre: Medio día para los estudiantes debido perfeccionamiento docente. . Horario de salida es 12:40pm Su presencia en la escuela y su interés en la educación de sus hijos es indispensable. ¡Esperamos verlos pronto!

Sra. Howard – Maestra Bilingüe y de Segunda Lengua (español e ingles)

Sra. Lapham – Maestra de Segunda Lengua (Ingles y español)

Sra. Theodore – Asistente de Segunda Lengua (Ingles y criollo)

Carrigan Night at Chili's



1500 Boston Post Road,
Milford

October 9th
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Please help support our school!
Flyers have been sent home - with
each one presented that night (eat
-in or take-out) Carrigan will
receive 10% of the sales.

In a rush?

Feel free to call in your order to
(203) 874-5140

With a little help from our friends



Thanks to a joint effort by the West Haven and Milford
Tree departments, our interior courtyard
received some much needed 'sprucing' up! Pictured
are Mr. Paolino, Mr. Weber, Leo Kelly (WH Tree
Warden) and Bryan Mancini & Sean O'Neil (Milford
Tree Commissioners Office).

Thursday, October 23rd

Unity Day

Wear Orange clothing to unite against
mean-spirited behavior



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 – Lisa Flemmig

6th Grade Social Worker – Maura Izzo

5th Grade Guidance Counselor- Betsy Dorsi

6th Grade Guidance Counselor- Kara Kaczynski



Costume Day

Dear Parents:

Carrigan School will be sponsoring a Costume Day on **October 31st**. 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 letter carefully and adhere to the guidelines that have been set to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time!

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.
