


Carrigan Intermediate School ~ October Newsletter



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PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.	3
Picture Day	8
Staff Development Day - half day for students	11
No School Columbus Day	14
Caring Cougar assemblies - 6th grade 9:15 5th grade 10:40	17
No School Parent's Visiting Day	21
Carrigan Night at Texas Roadhouse 4-7	22
Family Mystery Night for 6th graders - 6:00 (responses necessary – space is limited)	25
Costume Day 	31



Principals' Message:

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." by Albert Camus

What a fantastic start we are off to here at Carrigan Intermediate School! Our First Annual Fall Focus/Open House boasted over 500 in attendance, with friends, families, staff, and Carrigan students taking in all that our school has to offer. We would like to thank everyone, both staff and families for making this event such a huge success. It is with support from everyone that our students will continue to thrive in a supportive and nurturing environment. Plans for next year's fall focus are already underway!

We have been very impressed at the transition being made by our incoming fifth graders. They are showing us that they are ready to take on the academic challenges and social responsibility of being intermediate school students. Please support them by reviewing homework agendas for assignments and projects and accessing Parent Portal through PowerSchool. Mid marking period progress reports will be distributed at the end of October. In addition, reach out to our teachers and staff when you need to. Early and open communication is essential to student and school success

Our sixth graders have transitioned "upstairs" and are settling 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. Looking forward to seeing lots of you again at Parent Visiting Day on October 21st!

AJ Palermo- 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 11th 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 8th

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!*



Upcoming PTA Events:

October 3rd - Next meeting with guest speaker Wayne Gallipoli from Surf-Rodz who will discuss helmet safety

October 15 - JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) fundraiser ... watch for fliers to come home for a great interactive event!

October 22 - Texas Roadhouse Rib Rally ... fliers for pre-orders will be sent home with the students.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Otis Spunkmeyer and Rita's Ice fundraisers! Please don't forget to send in your Box Tops for Education.

Wellness Policy:

Please be reminded that the West Haven School System has adopted a Wellness Policy. When planning a child's birthday or other holiday celebrations, parents should always check first with their students' teacher as to what items will be allowed in the classroom. Healthy food choices will be allowed for classroom celebrations only with prior approval from staff, however only non-food items should be used for birthdays. At all times, products that contain nuts or peanut butter must be avoided.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a healthy and safe school environment for our staff and students!



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER –BILINGUAL/TESOL

Las clases bilingües y de segunda lengua han comenzado en septiembre. Tenemos muchos alumnos hispanos y de varios otros países en nuestro programa. La comunidad hispana sigue creciendo a pasos agigantados. Es necesario que los padres demuestren su presencia en los actos escolares. Fechas para tener en cuenta:

11 de octubre: Medio día para los estudiantes. Horario de salida es 12:40pm

14 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.

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

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 creole)

Wednesday October 9th 2013

Unity Day

Wear Orange 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 the 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 support; Mrs. Izzo and Ms. Kaczynski, 6th grade support; Ms. Dorsi and Mrs. Flemmig at (203) 937-4390.



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. Costume Day will coincide with the Juvenile Diabetes Walk that will take place on the field behind Carrigan so if your child is participating in the walk please be sure they're wearing suitable clothing!

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.
