

# CARTER BUZZ

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## From the Desk of the Principal

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Carter Middle School Families,

We hope that everyone had a restful and joyful holiday season and is enjoying the New Year of 2022! It is very exciting to see our students back at Carter Middle School. However, it has been a challenging start to the year with inclement weather days and sickness. Our teachers and staff have risen to these challenges every day! We thank each of you for your continued support of our faculty and students. We love our Carter Family!

Our Lady Hornets' Basketball team recently finished a historical season! Last week, they finished 2nd in the Knox County Middle School basketball tournament. Last night, they played in the TMSAA State Basketball Tournament at Norris Middle School. We are very proud of our Lady Hornets!

Carter Middle School will be hosting 5th-grade students from East Knox Elementary, Chilhowee Elementary, and Carter Elementary at the end of March. These visits will allow our upcoming Carter Middle School Hornets the chance to visit the school and meet teachers. We look forward to meeting next year's 6th-grade students. Our 8th Grade students will visit Carter High School during school on March 7th or 8th. There will be a parent night hosted by Carter High School on the evening of March 8th. There will be more information to follow. This will allow your student to begin the process of registering for high school classes. Please contact JD Overton at [jd.overton@knoxschools](mailto:jd.overton@knoxschools) or 933-3426 for any questions or concerns.

All Carter Middle School students will be completing Mastery Connect Benchmark Assessments from March 7th-March 25th. Our TNReady State Assessments will start on April 19th. Please be looking for further information in the coming weeks.

Next week, we are celebrating National School Counseling Week. Carter Middle School is very lucky to have 2 of the very best School Counselors in Mrs. Tanya France and Mrs. Nicole Huebotter!

Rachel Morris is our Teacher of the Month for January. She does an incredible job teaching 6th Grade Math. A visit to her classroom will always have engaged students who are enjoying Math! Along with 6th Grade Math, she serves as Carter Middle School's Math Department Chair. Mrs. Morris also leads at the District level by presenting Professional Development opportunities concerning the Middle School Math Curriculum.

Our January Staff Member of the Month is Codie Spivey. Codie is often the first person at Carter Middle School each day where she works as a custodian. She is a tireless worker that will do any task asked of her. We are very thankful for what she does for all our students and staff daily!



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## Stanley's Section

JENNIFER STANLEY

February is Black History Month. Carter G. Woodson is known as the "Father of Black History". He started "Negro History Week" in 1926 during the second week of February to commemorate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. This week has now evolved into a month-long celebration.

Carter Middle School would like to remember those famous African Americans from the state of Tennessee who has made a contribution to the United States of America: Chris Blue, Judge Joe Brown, The Clinton Twelve, Aretha Franklin, Nikki Giovanni, Rev. Al Green, Alex Haley, Isaac Hayes, Benjamin Hook, B.B. King, Wilma Rudolph, Bessie Smith, Tina Turner, Ida B. Wells, and Oprah Winfrey. These are just a few names to remember.

Please note that Black History Month is American history and should be celebrated 365 days of the year not just during the month of February.

Jennifer Stanley  
7th Grade Assistant Principal  
Carter Middle School



## Adams's Anecdotes

DR. CLAIRE ADAMS

Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's Day! It's hard to believe that the first 4 ½ weeks of the Spring semester are coming to a close. We have so much happening this spring! Report cards will be available on Parent Portal beginning Friday, February 11, 2022. The Beta Club will be hosting the Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, February 18th. Also, there will be the Spring Book Fair at the end of the month.

The 6th grade will be going on a field trip on Monday, May 9th. We will be going to Wonderworks in Pigeon Forge and eating lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. The cost will be \$40. You can pay cash, check, or online any time before April 29, 2022. Your student will bring home their permission slips beginning Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Go Hornets and remember we love you!

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

Dates for December

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## Ramsey's Review in of Carter Middle School

**JOEY RAMSEY**

HELLO HORNET FAMILY,

WE ARE ALREADY AT THE 4 ½ WEEK MARK AND PICKING UP SPEED. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES ON ASPEN AND CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THEM. WE HAVE A FEW IMPORTANT DATES TO REMIND YOU ABOUT.

FEB. 10 - CLUB PICTURE DAY

FEB. 11 - GRADES WILL BE POSTED FOR 4 ½ WEEKS

FEB. 18 - VALENTINE DANCE

FEB. 21 - IN-SERVICE

FEB 23 - SPELLING BEE

FEB 28 - BOOK FAIR

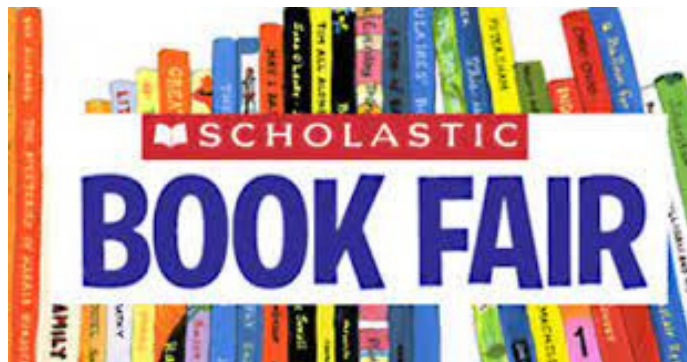
AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT!!!!

GO HORNETS!!!!!!

## Media Center News

**RACHEL SMITH**

Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be from February 28-March 4. Look for more information to come closer to the date.



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*February*  
2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 End 4 1/2 grading period	5
6	7 Band Fundraiser Starts	8	9 BETA Club Meeting	10 Club and Athletic Team Pictures	11 Report cards available on Aspen	12
13	14 ESL Testing	15 ESL Testing	16 ESL Testing	17 ESL Testing	18 Valentine Dance After School ESL Testing	19
20	21 Inservice Day No School for Students	22 ESL Testing	23 Spelling Bee ESL Testing	24 ESL Testing	25 ESL Testing	26
27	28 Book Fair					

## March Important Dates

- February 28 - March 4: Book Fair
- March 7&8: 8th Grade visit to CHS
- March 14 - 18: Spring Break
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- Elementary School Visits






Covenant HomeCare and Hospice is proud to partner with Mane Support to host our next Katerpillar Kids Camp for children, youth, and families who have experienced the death of someone they know.

Open to children in 1st – 12th grade, campers participate in a variety of fun activities including equine assisted counseling, art, play, and discussion, as they learn how to process grief in a safe, healthy way.

Volunteers play a vital role in making camp a success. We currently need volunteers for the following roles:

 **Group leaders**  
**Art**  
**Discussion**

 **Play and recreation**  
**Games**



## Camp Dates

**SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 23, 2022**  
 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

— AND —

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 24, 2021**  
 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

To learn more and to register as a volunteer, visit

[CovenantHomeCareandHospice.com/camp](http://CovenantHomeCareandHospice.com/camp).

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