

# CARTER BUZZ

CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 2021



## OWEN'S ORACLE~

Where has the year gone? The third 9 week grading period ends March 12!

As we enter the home stretch, encourage your student to finish strong. Attendance is still very much a priority. If your student has to miss, explain that it is his responsibility to keep up with his work and make up any missed assignments. Now is a good time to emphasize completing and submitting assignments in a timely manner. While many teachers offer a grace period, your child needs to be preparing for the expectations of college and the work force. Deadlines should be respected.

April will bring our standardized test window. More information on the dates will be forthcoming. In the meantime, encourage your student to stay on top of their homework. Have them review skills covered this year in preparation for the test. Tell your student that you know she will do her best. Encourage your child to do her best on the test but not to stress. Test results are only one way to measure a student's success in school.

Important dates:

Book fair - March 1– 14 (online)  
Spring Break - March 15-19

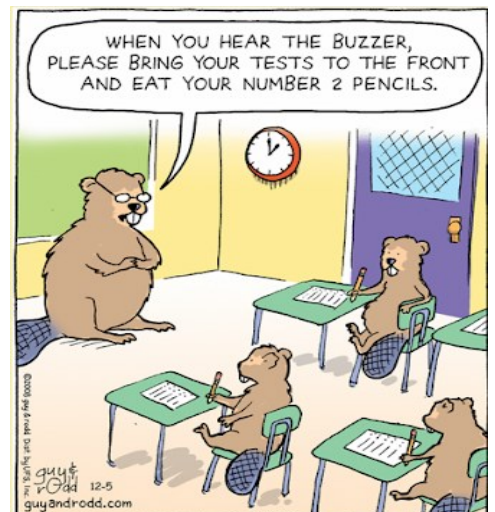
Thank you for your support!

Jack Owen, Principal



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Life!  
Take your time to explore the  
treasures  
In your own backyard.

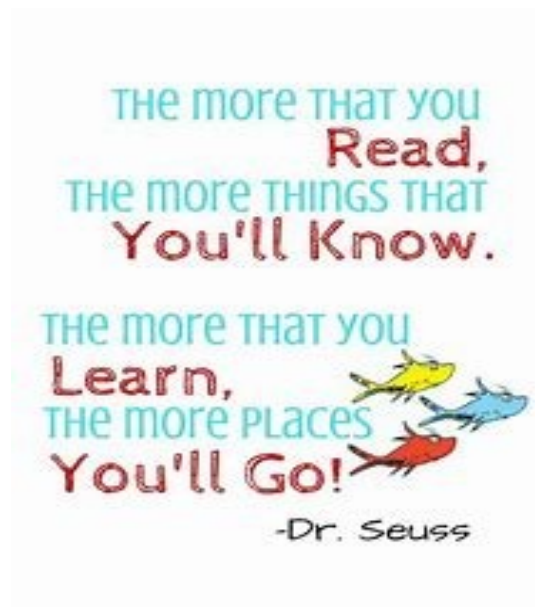
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## STANLEY'S SECTION~

Read Across America is being observed on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Carter Middle School supports literacy in our school by encouraging every student to read. We ask every student to bring a book to his or her classes. After students have completed their classroom assignments, teachers allow students to read a book. This encouragement allows students to develop their vocabulary. Parents, we want you to continue encouraging your child to read at home every night for at least 20 minutes. It does not have to be a novel. It can be a newspaper, magazine, or some type of high interest read that will hold your child's attention.

Jennifer Stanley  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal



## RAMSEY'S REVIEW~

Spring time is in sight. As spring fever begins to invade our students, now is a good time to reinforce good habits. Encourage your student to become more responsible in regard to their own behavior, interactions with others, and as a member in the community. Ask what they could do differently when they make a poor grade on an assignment. Encourage them to utilize the calendar on that cell phone that is never far from their hand to keep track of their activities. Discuss opportunities to make the community a better place.

The first week of March, 8th graders will be participating in a virtual Career Expo. Be sure to ask your student what they have learned about possible careers. Now is a good time to have that discussion as they prepare for their high school career.

Important dates to remember:

Spring Break—March 15-19

GO HORNETS!

Joey Ramsey  
8th Grade Assistant Principal

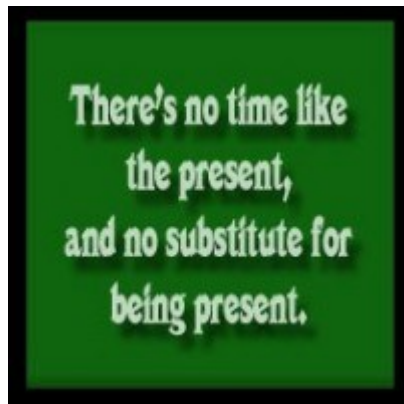


## A+ Attendance

The first step toward doing well in school is to show up! As the school year continues, encourage your child to keep up good attendance with these tips.

- ◇ **Set expectations.** Weave comments into your conversations that make it clear how important you consider attendance. (“I scheduled your dentist appointment for 3:30pm so you won’t miss anything in 7th period science.”)
- ◇ **Know school policy.** If your middle grader misses school because he’s sick, use the policy to help you decide when he can return. For instance, if he has been fever-free for the required amount of time and feels better, he could go back to school.

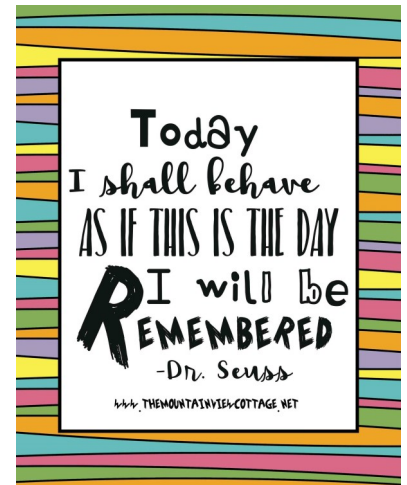
(Middle Years, February 2020)



Reece Holbert, a 6th grader, has chosen to do a pet supplies drive as her project for Mrs. Smith’s class. Please bring in any of the following items:

Old towels or blankets  
Canned or dry pet food  
New Pet Toys  
Treats  
Collars and Leashes  
Food and Water Bowls

Collection boxes for these items will be located in the main lobby and the gym lobby.



## From the Clinic:

Attention Parents of Rising 7th Graders:

Make your appointment now for 7th grade vaccinations!

Rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap and the 2nd Varicella vaccination prior to the start of 7th grade. This includes all in-person **AND** virtual learners. Vaccinations must be documented on a TN Department of Health Certificate of Immunization form and submitted to the school office. If a student is exempt from receiving vaccinations due to a medical reason, a parent/guardian shall provide a note from the medical provider. If a student is exempt from receiving vaccinations due to religious beliefs, the parent/guardian must provide a written statement.

Please email Nurse Morgan with any questions.

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# 10 Habits of Successful Middle Schoolers

Anyone can be successful with the right habits. Developing the following habits will help you get good grades, and have a great middle school experience.



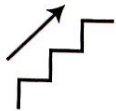
### 1 Have good attendance

Attendance is the number one success factor! Be in school unless you have a legitimate reason (like an illness) for being absent.



### 2 Be organized

Use a planner to record assignments, tests, and appointments. Make To-Do lists and cross things off as you complete them.



### 3 Set Goals

Having goals gives you direction, focus, and purpose. Set some academic and personal short-term and long-term goals.



### 4 Participate in class

Pay attention, ask and answer questions, and participate in discussions. Keep a positive attitude, and ask for help when you need it.



### 5 Do all of your homework

When you've done your homework, you get more out of your classes. Your homework grades are also often a large part of your final grade.



### 6 Study smart

Create a daily study plan. Decide what you want to get done and the order in which you're going to do it. Break large assignments into more manageable parts.



### 7 Make the right friends

Hang out with people who make good decisions and share your interests and values. Don't compromise who you are to fit in!



### 8 Be smart with technology

Never post anything that's mean, offensive, or embarrassing. Limit the amount of time you spend on social media and gaming.



### 9 Take care of your health

Have a healthy diet, exercise, get 8-9 hours of sleep each night, and find healthy ways to deal with stress.



### 10 Have a growth mindset

Understand that being "good" at something isn't a talent or a gift. It's something that comes with hard work and perseverance.

Take a look at the habits you need to work on and make a plan on how you're going to improve those habits!

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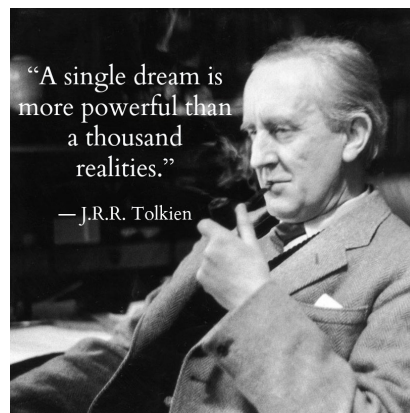
## Library News -



Our ONLINE Scholastic Book Fair will be the two weeks before Spring Break, March 1-14.

The link is available on the library website & library Canvas course or at [scholastic.com/fair](https://www.scholastic.com/fair)

Orders ship directly home and book purchases over \$25 ship for FREE!  
Every purchase helps put more books on our library shelves.



**March 25 is Tolkien Reading Day**

There are also a ton of new ebook titles available through MackinVIA. Visit the Library page of the CMS website or the library Canvas course for access to all the books and more!

Rachel Smith  
Librarian - Carter Middle School  
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is no longer available.



# March 2021

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|   | PET SUPPLIES DRIVE BENEFITTING THE ANIMAL SHELTER |   |     |     |     |     |   |
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|  | ◆◆◆◆◆ <b>SPRING BREAK</b> ◆◆◆◆◆                   |   |     |     |     |     |  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |   |
| <b>World Poetry Day</b>   |   |   |     |     |     |     |   |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |   |

Congratulations to the 2021 Carter Middle Track Team:

Alex Berry  
 Elijah Clark  
 Blake Jackson  
 Julian Wampler  
 Cane Huston  
 Raymond Landry  
 Edwin D'Arcos  
 Chandler Bowman  
 Zach Brown  
 Zach Davis  
 Landon James  
 Blake Martin  
 Graven Wilson

Bryton Landry  
 Zane Fraser  
 Kylie Hancock  
 Kelsey Russell  
 Peyton Smith  
 Harper Smith  
 Alyssa Allen  
 Ansley Williams  
 Arieonna Gentry  
 Stephanie Igwe  
 Lillian North  
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