

# CARTER BUZZ



CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 2019

## WATSON'S WORLD~

### **CMS Arts and Academics Night**

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Carter Middle School will host the CMS Arts and Academics Night from 5 pm to 7 pm. We will have artwork displayed, Jazz Band performance, and Ensemble performance. We will also have an opportunity for parents to have a Maker's Experience using our Maker Space Carts. Parents will also have an opportunity to learn about some of the instructional strategies being used in our academic classes. I hope you take the opportunity to join us on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the CMS Arts and Academics Night.

### **Testing**

The end of the school year is approaching and that means testing is around the corner. We will be complete the writing test on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will take the rest of ELA, Math, Algebra, and Social Studies the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will take the Science test, which is online, on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. As you schedule doctor appointments this spring please try to schedule them for the afternoon during the testing window because all testing will take place in the mornings prior to lunch.

### **Attendance**

Our school goal is to have a 95% attendance rate for the year. Research shows that students that miss a lot of school will have gaps in learning and are at a higher risk of failing. Right now we have an attendance rate of 93 %. I know there is a lot of sickness this time of year and I do not want a child at school that is truly sick, but please make sure students make it to school if they are healthy. Every day counts!

Thank you for your continued support of the students and staff of Carter Middle School. Working together we can make sure our students reach their full potential.  
Go Hornets!!

Mr. Watson

**"You haven't failed until you stop trying."  
~Jon Gordon, Author**

## STANLEY'S SECTION~



Read Across America is being observed on Saturday, March 2, 2019. 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.

### Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 15, 2019 – PBIS Incentive, Staycation, Fun filled afternoon of food, games, and fellowship.

Friday, May 3, 2019 – Field Trip to the Aquarium in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Thanks!

Jennifer Stanley

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



## RAMSEY'S REVIEW~

GO HORNETS!!!

March is upon us and we have some important dates for you to put on your calendars.

March 8 – Final payment NY/Washington (125.00)

March 8 – Club picture make-up day

March 11-15 – Book Fair

March 12 – Special Olympics Volleyball @ Gibbs

March 18-22 – Spring Break

March 25, 26 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade visits Carter High School

March 29 – April Fool's Dance

Thanks for making Carter Middle such a great school!!!!!!

Joey Ramsey

8th Grade Assistant Principal

### A Note from the Nurse~

6th Grade Parents!

*"Has your Child received their 7th Grade vaccination?"*

Prior to starting 7th Grade, all students must show either proof of receiving Tdap immunization or provide a letter from medical provider stating medically exempt from receiving vaccine or a parent/guardian letter stating religious exemption.

Make appointments now to avoid the rush!!

Thank you,  
Nurse Davina Morgan



"Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds".

~Gordon B. Hinckley, Author

# Goforth's Gab~

Carter Family,

We don't want your child to fall behind in school or get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

We want your child to be successful in school. Let us know how we can best support you and your child so that he or she shows up for school on time every day. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact your child's teacher, principal, or school counselor.

Thanks for all you do to support good attendance habits and for supporting Carter Middle School.

Go Hornets!!

Scott Goforth



## PTSA NEWS~

You are always welcome to attend PTSA meetings. Our general meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the library. We would love to have you join us!

[cartermiddleschoolptsa@knoxschools.org](mailto:cartermiddleschoolptsa@knoxschools.org)

## Counselor's Corner~

March 11th- Austin East Counselors are coming to meet with their zoned 8th graders.

March 14th, our feeder schools are bringing their 5th graders for a visit.

March 25th and 26th, our 8th graders are visiting Carter High school.

Mr. Meade and Ms. Kyburz

### Carter Middle School Tutoring Schedule 2018-2019

Morning Tutoring Monday through Friday

7:30-8:00	Room 812	Mrs. Kinchen
7:30-8:00	Room 606	Mrs. Morris
7:30-8:00	Room 808	Mrs. Simpson

Afternoon Tutoring Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:30 pm -5:00 pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Room 803 Mrs. Reinthaler	Room 810 Dr. Robinson	Room 810 Dr. Robinson
Room 607 Mrs. Nicely	Room 607 Mrs. Nicely	Room 607 Mrs. Nicely
Room 604 Ms. Brannom	Room 604 Ms. Brannom	Room 803 Ms. Reinthaler

## Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!

Spring is coming,  
As winter fades away,  
With the melting snow.  
Warm winds are coming,  
Cold winds are leaving.  
The air has this taste,  
Of fresh spring air.  
All traces of winter drowsiness,  
Gone.



# Carter Middle School's PTSA Spring Fundraiser Kickoff!

The PTSA fundraiser kicked off on February 27th and will run through March 13th. There are many levels of prizes that students can earn through their sales. They were made aware of prizes and incentives at kick-off.

Look for a catalog in your student's backpack. We encourage students to be safe while selling items. Door-to-door sales are not permitted unless accompanied by a parent/guardian and you know the people living there. Parents may sell at work if you wish.

Please note that people may order on-line. Directions for that are in the catalog as well. On-line orders come in with the other sales items. We look for this to happen in the first two weeks of April.

Lost your catalog? Come to the office and you can get a new one there.

## Congratulation to the 2018/2019 Carter Middle School Track Team

### Girls

Emily Sikes  
Katelyn Reynolds  
Riley Smith  
Mariah Battle  
Ivey Jones  
Danielle Cohen  
Rachel Wilhoit  
Marah Yeo  
Kelsi Lindsey  
Hailey Sartin  
Alyssa Allen  
Mckenna McCarrell  
AnnaJane Underwood  
Destiny Willis  
Teddi Appleberry  
Makiyah Hancock  
Alana Potter  
April Britton

### Boys

Blake Smith  
Elijah Morton  
Elijah Clark  
Chase Clabough  
Presean Brown  
Austin Cardwell  
Leland Brown  
Hunter Evans  
Drake Limbaugh  
John Hoss  
Aaron Hartness  
Bentley Brown  
Nick Corum  
Robert Jolley  
Roman Webb  
Isaiah Webb  
Cayden Greene  
Matt Black  
Drew Brown  
Zayne Sharpe  
J.T. Preston  
Walker Williams  
Collin Abbott



## Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make in their future? Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes per day score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your child will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Book Fair!

**Save the date! March 11-15**

Students can shop the Book Fair during **HOMEROOM** with teacher permission, & they will also be visiting with their **SCIENCE** class.

The Book Fair will also be available to **PARENTS** on **Tues., March 12** and **Thurs., March 14** from **3:30-5:00pm**.

**Introducing Book Fair eWallet!** Let your child shop the Fair **cash-free** with our NEW digital payment option. Learn more on our Book Fair homepage and get started creating an account:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/cartermiddleschool6>

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from **March 3-23**.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Happy reading!

Sincerely,

**Rachel Smith, LMS**

**READ 20**

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

typically scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



# MARCH



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
					 Read Across America Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Club Pictures make-up day	Turn clocks back one hour
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Special Olympics @ Gibbs MS		5th Grade visits		
<b>Book Fair Week</b>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>Spring Break</b>					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					April Fools Dance	
31						
						

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



# Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



## Short Stops

### Write a poem

Encourage your tween to experiment with language by writing a family poem. Together, make up a title about something your family loves (*Tasty Tortilla Soup*). Agree on a format, such as a limerick or free verse (no rhyme or regular rhythm). Then, take turns writing the lines, and let your child read your poem aloud when you finish.

### Problem-solving pro

If your middle grader leaves for school without something she needs (book, graphing calculator), resist the urge to rescue her. Handling the situation herself will teach her to be a good problem solver. She might find alternatives like borrowing from a friend who has the same class during a different period.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Taking an opioid like oxycodone for as little as five days can lead to addiction. Share this fact with your teen, and explain that he should never take medication that isn't prescribed for him. If he is injured or has surgery, ask his doctor about alternatives to opioids. And if anyone in your home takes an opioid, keep it locked up, and discard leftovers immediately.

### Worth quoting

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." *Mahatma Gandhi*

### Just for fun

**Q:** Why did the gum cross the road?

**A:** Because it was stuck to the chicken's foot.



## Respect: The 4th R

Treating people with respect can help your tween form strong relationships with classmates, teachers, and family members. Consider these ideas to help your middle grader show consideration for others.

### Look for examples

Point out respectful behavior to your child, such as knocking on a closed door or being quiet while others are speaking or performing. Likewise, let her know what disrespectful behavior looks like. After a concert, you might say, "It was not nice when the people behind us were whispering. That was disruptive to the musicians—and the audience."



### Be a model

Middle graders are quick studies when it comes to life. What they see is what they learn. If you treat your child respectfully, she is apt to follow your lead. And if you embarrass her in front of her friends or invade her privacy for no reason, she will get the idea that actions like these are acceptable.

### Set limits

Make it clear that disrespectful language is never allowed. If your tween loses her cool and behaves rudely, suggest that she take a break. Tell her you'll listen when she calms down. Letting her know that you won't tolerate disrespect provides the guidance she needs to change her behavior. 👍

## Spring science

Warm weather brings opportunities to explore science outdoors. Share these activities with your tween.

**Design detective.** Georges de Mestral invented Velcro after noticing burrs stuck to his dog! Suggest that your child observe objects in nature, pick one, and invent something inspired by its structure. Maybe he'll watch a turtle emerge from its shell, then design a retractable phone case.

**Energy consultant.** Have your middle grader look closely at renewable energy sources like solar panels on buildings or wind turbines spinning in the March breeze. Based on his observations, perhaps he'll try making a model turbine that will spin in the wind. 👍



## Standardized test success

Your child may be gearing up to take standardized tests soon. Here are ways to support him so he can do his best.

**Plan ahead.** Have your tween post the school testing schedule on the refrigerator and highlight dates for the ones he's taking. Then, try to be sure he gets 9–11 hours of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on test day (and every day).



**Ease nerves.** Talk calmly and positively about the tests to reassure your middle grader. Explain that effort is what matters most. Also, he'll feel well prepared if he's in class each day leading up to the tests, since teachers often review material or give practice tests.

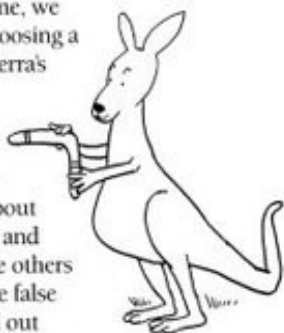
**Follow up.** After each test, ask your tween how it went. Which parts did he find easier, and which were more difficult? Reflecting on a test can help him do better on the next one. *Note:* When you receive the test results, go over them together. 🍷

## Parent to Parent Wordplay

Our family loves games like Scrabble and Boggle. They're fun, and they help my daughter, Sierra—and all of us—build vocabulary. Recently, we've started adding variety by inventing our own word games.

In one game, we take turns choosing a word from Sierra's textbooks or vocabulary lists and writing three statements about it—two true and one false. The others try to spot the false fact. I figured out Sierra's incorrect fact for the math word *acute* ("A boomerang has an *acute* angle"), so it was my turn to pick a word.

We also made up a vocabulary version of 20 Questions. One player thinks of a word. Then we ask yes-or-no questions like "Is it a living thing?" and "Does it have fur?" The first person to figure out the word selects the next one. I wonder what new game we'll come up with next! 🍷



### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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## Q & A A perfect image online

**Q** My eighth grader is new to social media. When she sees classmates' posts, she thinks they have perfect lives. Help!

**A** Suggest that your daughter compare scrolling through social media posts to watching a movie trailer. The trailer doesn't tell the whole story—it just shows scenes that will attract viewers' interest. On social media, children (and adults!) tend to share happy moments, not ones that are boring or embarrassing.

If your daughter feels jealous of a classmate's vacation pictures, for instance, have her think back to a trip she took, perhaps when you went camping last summer. Ask which moments from the trip she would and would not want made public.

Also, set limits on your child's social media use. Maybe she can check her accounts once after she finishes homework and then log off for the evening. Kids need time away from social media to experience real life—not the lives their friends are "creating" online. 🍷



## "Sunny" mornings

Daylight saving time begins March 10. Even if it's still dark when your tween wakes up, you can make mornings bright and cheerful in your home—and send him off to school ready to learn. Try these tips.

### 1. Turn on the lights.

Light sends signals to the brain that it's time to wake up.

**2. Play music.** Ask your middle grader to make a playlist called "Good morning!" He can include everyone's favorite upbeat songs.



**3. Laugh.** When you hear or see a funny joke, save it for morning. You could tell it at the breakfast table.

**4. Exercise.** Have sneakers and headlamps or reflective gear ready to go the night before, and head out for a quick run or to walk the dog together.

**5. Enjoy trivia.** Get everyone's brain in gear with a question of the day. Keep a deck of trivia cards on the table, or ask your smart speaker for today's Jeopardy question. 🍷