

# CARTER COMMUNICATION BLOG

M. Williams, Principal

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**\* Congratulations to our very own Cassandra Horwitz for being selected by her peers as our Teacher of the Year!!**

**\* Parent conferences are going well this week. Please be reminded that you can view your child's report card through your Parentvue account. I would like to thank all family members who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences. Please feel free to reach out to your teachers whenever you have a question, concern, and/or compliment.**

**\*Our drop-off and pick-up procedures, on the whole, have improved significantly this year. Thank you all. A few reminders though as we end the year:**

- **Our bus zone is for drop off of our special needs students and buses ONLY.**
- **Kindergarten parents should park in our regular lot and walk to the dismissal gate for their students.**
- **Please be reminded that our fourth/fifth-grade students' bell rings at 3:15 for dismissal. They are usually out and ready for pick-up by 3:20. Please do not arrive early as this ends up blocking our third-grade parents who are picking up their students at 3:00 and disrupts the flow of traffic. When we all do our part we are able to clear each group in about 15 minutes.**
- **Lastly, The sheriff dept has mentioned that cars were parked in red zone areas reserved for emergency vehicles. They will be looking to write tickets beginning April 3rd.**

**\* Our ELOP afterschool program 4th session will run, from April 17 through May 19th**

**\*New student registration will begin on April 17.**

**\*School Site Council meeting will be Thursday, April 27th.**

**\* Spring break is April 10th through the 15th.**

**\*2nd-grade field trip to the aerial tramway on Wednesday, Apr. 19th.**

**\* We will be sending home COVID test kits with students this week. We are asking that you use that test kit before returning from Spring Break. Thank you!**

**\* Our current data reveals that we have an issue with excessive tardiness and absenteeism. Missing school is the leading cause of students' academic delays and lack of understanding of standards. When students improve their attendance rates, they experience academic success and improve their chances of graduating High school and beyond. Students with chronic absences (10% or more) will lead to a School attendance review board meeting at the district office, and students who are on a transfer could have it revoked. Please make every effort to get your child to school daily and on time. We will also be implementing some reward-type activities to support this as well.**

**\* Each spring-starting May 1-19th, our students in grades three through fifth participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). English language arts/literacy, mathematics, and science-(5th only) tests are included in CAASPP. The CAASPP**

measures what students know and can do. Results help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills early on so the students can get the support they need.

**3rd-5th Grade Teachers** are practicing with students to help familiarize students with the test format, to help increase mental stamina, and to increase their confidence.

The CAASPP practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web site at

[https://login5.cambiumtds.com/student\\_core/V90/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California\\_PT](https://login5.cambiumtds.com/student_core/V90/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California_PT)

are another good resource. Practice tests are a good way to preview the test and view sample questions.

**\*DAY OF AWESOMENESS is Friday, Apr. 7th. This day is to celebrate our most recent fundraiser. We met our goal thanks to so many of you and will be updating our mister systems and purchasing 2 industrial-type cooling fans to offer cooling stations during recess and lunch times.**

**ALL students will be allowed to participate in the day of awesomeness. Please be sure your student wears socks on Friday so they can participate in all of the activities.**

**\*We are still accepting pictures of our 5th-grade students to incorporate into our yearbook and end-of-year slide presentation. Please send them to your child's teacher.**

**\* Remember to check the Lost & Found before leaving on Fridays. During Spring Break, all remaining items will be donated or discarded due to safety precautions, odor, bugs, and mold. As a Reminder, please mark your students' water bottles/lunch boxes/and jackets. If they are marked we can get them back to your child.**