



Carpenter Chronicles

Carpenter Elementary School

PTA Newsletter

January-February 2010

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Time to Break Ground!

The PTA is in the final stages of bid selection for the first phase of the Outdoor Science and Environmental Education Center (OSEEC). Bids were submitted for review and approval on Friday, January 15. The intention is to have the selected contractor break ground as soon as weather permits.

The Book Fair is Coming!

Carpenter's Scholastic Book Fair will be open every day between Friday, February 5th and Monday, February 15th from 8:45am - 3:30pm. The Book Fair offers fiction and non-fiction books for all ages and reading levels, including a section devoted to adult readers.

Each class will be given a "preview" day and a "shopping" day during this time. In addition to purchasing books, parents may contribute books to their child's classroom library or make a donation to their teacher's "book wish list."

Don't forget to join your child during Family Night at the Book Fair!

Tuesday, February 9th
5:30 - 7:30pm
In the Media Center



Volunteers are needed to make the Book Fair a success. Contact Tina Jamrog at tjamrog@nc.rr.com to sign up for a 30 minute or longer session.

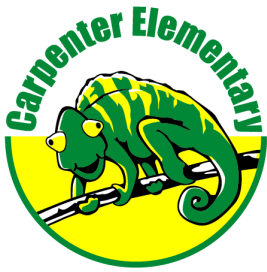
So... what happens if... Experiment!



It's not too early for our buddy scientists to start thinking about Carpenter's 3rd Annual Science Expo. The Expo will March 18th with setup starting at 5:30pm. The Expo will run from 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Students in all grades are encouraged to participate. Experiments should be age-appropriate and use the scientific method: ask a question, do background research, construct a hypothesis, test the hypothesis through an experiment, analyze the data, draw a conclusion and communicate the results. More details coming soon!

Yearbook Sponsors Needed!



Help support Carpenter and keep yearbook costs down by buying an add in 2009-2010 school yearbook.

Business card size ads are \$50. Act now! Space is limited.

Students may also pre-order a yearbook now for \$12.

For more yearbook information, contact Dori Blau at doriblau@hotmail.com or check the PTA website for advertising and pre-order forms: <http://carpenteres.wcpss.net/>

Kindergarten Registration - Get Ready!

Thursday, February 4th
8:30am - 3:00pm

To register, a child must be five years old by August 31, 2010. Parents or guardians must bring the following items to enroll a child in kindergarten:

1. Certified birth certificate (we can no longer accept the mother's copy)
2. Immunization record
3. Photo id
4. Proof of residence (HUD statement, signed lease, gas-water-electric bill)

Final Days - Box Top Challenge

Carpenter's Annual Box Top Challenge will end February 1st.

Consider using Box Top products for your family's meals, then clip and save to help Carpenter earn money and educational supplies.



Turn in your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels to your teacher by Monday, February 1st.

Last year, Carpenter received more than \$1,100 during its two-month Box Top Challenge.

Questions? Contact Christy Pavell - cpavell@nc.rr.com

Dates to Remember

January 20	Last day for Track 3
January 21	Track 4 Returns
January 29	SPIRIT DAY!
February 4	Kindergarten Registration
February 5	Book Fair Begins
February 5 - 15	Book Fair Open!
February 9	Family Night at the Book Fair
February 10	Last day for Track 2
February 11	Track 3 Returns
February 15	Book Fair's Last Day
February 17	Early Release - Dismissal at 1:15pm
February 26	SPIRIT DAY!
March 5	Last Day for Track 1
March 8	Track 2 Returns
March 10	Early Release - Dismissal at 1:15pm
March 18	Science Expo
March 26	Last day for Track 4
March 26	SPIRIT DAY!
March 29	Track 1 Returns

Carpenter's End of Grade Test Dates

Tracks 1 and 2
Week of May 10th

Tracks 3 and 4
Beginning June 1st

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