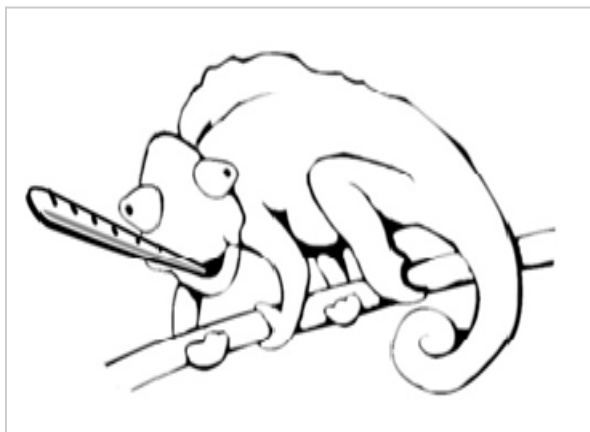


# CARPENTER CHRONICLES

Carpenter Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Association Newsletter  
August 2010



*We're building a great learning community!*



## CATCH CHAMELEON FEVER AND JOIN THE PTA!

If you haven't already joined the PTA for the 2010-2011 school year now is the time!

For the next 3 weeks the PTA is sponsoring a membership drive to encourage all our parents and staff to join the PTA. All classes that have at least 80% of families joining the PTA will receive a popsicle party! Classes that have 100% of families joining the PTA will receive additional prizes.

Results will be updated bi-weekly and tracked in the main hallway.

**WHY:** The PTA sponsors many exciting events at our school including Carnival, Yearbook, Teacher Appreciation, Book Fair, Science Night and Cultural Arts. Joining the PTA is a wonderful way to get involved in helping to make your child's school year great. What are you waiting for? Join TODAY!

**HOW:** Complete the form that will be sent home in your child's Tuesday folder and send it back with cash or a check to their teacher. You may also find the form on our school website at <http://carpenteres.wcpss.net>.

**WHEN:** Our membership drive runs until **September 15, 2010**.

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## YOU'LL LOVE OUR FUN NEW APPRECIATION SQUAD



Carpenter PTA's new Appreciation Squad donned capes & masks and crashed the teacher's meeting on Wednesday, August 4. The Squad brought cupcakes and Extra gum that said, "We think you're EXTRA Special!" for teachers who have August birthdays. You never know where they'll show up next! (Pictured: Molly McKinley, Lori Potter, Ashley Takalo, and Brooke Bowersox.)

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## WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

Our next spirit day (always the last Friday of the month) is Friday, August 27. Wear your Carpenter shirt or yellow and green to show your Chameleon Pride! Carpenter t-shirts come in a variety of colors and are available for sale at most school functions. Order forms will also be included in your Tuesday folders periodically throughout the year. To make sure you get one before the 27th, contact LuAn Eyeran at [lueyeran@juno.com](mailto:lueyeran@juno.com) or Tanya Peterson at [TP92802@nc.rr.com](mailto:TP92802@nc.rr.com).

## PTA MEET AND GREET AUGUST 26

Our first PTA general membership meetings of the year for tracks 3 & 4 will be on August 26th at 7:10pm immediately following Meet the Teacher night. After you leave your child's classroom, join us in the cafeteria for refreshments, a quick volunteer orientation and a chance to meet the new PTA board.

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## FEATURED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are still in need of **room parents**! Room parents work closely with the teacher and PTA liaison to organize volunteers, handle classroom needs that may arise during the year, and collect and distribute information to parents. A room parent is a wonderful way to support your child's education! Please let your teacher know if you would like to be a room parent. If you have questions, please plan to attend the Room Parent meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following the General PTA meeting.

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## SCHOOL STORE

If you and your child have not already discovered the School Store, please stop by our cart on a Thursday or Friday morning. We are open from 8:45-9:15 and set up in the main hallway. Everything we sell is a school supply, and prices start at \$.10 and go up to \$2.00. You may come with your child to shop, or they can bring their own money and parent volunteers will help them.

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## WHAT'S WITH THE WEEDS?

Recently you may have noticed landscape crews spreading compost all over the school grounds, and then letting everything get really weedy. What is actually happening is the Wake County Public School System is re-establishing "No-Mow" areas at Carpenter Elementary. "No-Mow" areas are seeded with native grasses and native wildflower seeds, and are left alone to grow into lovely meadow areas that are lovely to look at (eventually). "No-Mow" areas are also environmentally friendly, because they do not require irrigation, fertilizers or you guessed it, mowing! These "No-Mow" areas have the added benefit of giving our students the opportunity to study meadow communities and plant succession in their own school yard. So please excuse the smell of the compost and resist the urge to spray all the embankments with Round-Up. Next spring you and your kids will be amazed by the meadow.

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## DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week or more. Now turn those shopping trip into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 20 Early Dismissal 1:15pm  
Aug 26 Meet the Teacher and PTA Meet & Greet for tracks 3 & 4, 6-6:30 and 6:40-7:10pm  
PTA General Membership Meeting and Meet & Greet 7:10-7:30pm  
Room Parent Meeting 7:30pm  
Aug 27 Spirit Day  
Sept 6 Holiday, No School

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