



# Carpenter Courier

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**August, 2016 Issue**



## *Dates, dates, dates . . .*

Sunday	8/21	PTO Pool Party – 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Centennial Pool
Thursday	8/25	Parent Night – 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. ( <u>parents only</u> )
Thursday	8/25	5th Grade Camp Duncan meeting – 7:25 p.m. – South Gym ( <u>parents only</u> )
Thursday	9/1	Picture Day / Vision & Screening
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	9/9	PTO Fall Family Picnic
Saturday	9/17	Mother-Son Event – Maine South Soccer Game
Friday	9/23	Track-a-Thon
Thursday	9/29	Courier
Friday	9/30	Track-a-Thon Raindate

## *From the Desk of the Principal . . .*

Dear Carpenter Families,

It was an exciting start to the school year! Nothing beats the energy of approximately 400 students all returning to school for the first day of the year. Well, it will be even better when our Kindergartners join us on Friday!

As a follow-up to my construction update email from last week, I'm happy to report that our air conditioning was up and running on the first day of school. With the support of our district office administration, custodial overtime, and hours of work from last Thursday to over the weekend, several repairs were made to damaged boards and our rooms were cool for the first day. I will continue to send updates about the work that will take place to our north gym's roof, likely starting in September. It will be discussed at Board Meetings as well.



## **Bus Info:**

\*For those of you who ride the bus, with every passing day, the routes and times will normalize. Please do not try to adjust the bus drop-offs/pick-ups with the bus driver as the stops have been established through the district office with the bus company. The first couple of days of school, it's typical for the routes to take a little longer with things being new. However, with each request for a new stop to the driver, the routes take even longer to complete. If you have questions about the bus stops or routes, please contact the district office. As always, I appreciate your patience the first couple days of school.

## **Announcements:**

\*As always, check out all of the attachments to the Courier. But check out the special letter we received from Former President, Jimmy Carter, regarding our Well Fundraiser last year!

\***SECURLY PORTAL** – if you are interested in joining a BETA that would allow you to get information and access into your child's internet usage, please consider signing up utilizing this shared form: [Google Form](#). Mr. Michael will be available on Parent Night to share specifics with our 3rd – 5th grade parents.

\***PTO Pool Party** – is scheduled for **Sunday, August 21st** from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. The hours are a little bit late, but this will be a nice way for us to come together to finish our summer and start the new year.

\***Parent Night** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 25th (6:00 – 8:15 p.m.)** During Parent Night, you will also be able to sign up for Fall Conferences (11/3, 11/7, 11/10). The schedule is as follows:

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Drop-in Literacy, Art, Music, PE, Spanish, English Learning (Second Language Learners), Channels of Challenge & Special Education/Related Services  
**6:35 – 7:20 p.m.** AM Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Grades

7:25 – 8:15 p.m. PM Kindergarten, 1st and 4th Grades and 5th Grade Camp Duncan

**Please note that Parent Night is for parents only.**

\***Camp Duncan Parent Meeting (5th Grade)** will take place the evening of Parent Night, **Thursday, August 25th**. 5th Grade Parent Night will take place in the classrooms from 6:35 – 7:20 p.m. The Camp Duncan Parent Informational Meeting will immediately follow in the south gym at 7:25 p.m. The meeting is for parents only. This is the first year that Carpenter has been able to obtain Fall dates and 5th graders will be traveling to Camp Duncan October 24th – October 26th.

\*We'd like to **congratulate** Ms. Magnuson, a former Carpenter Assistant, for getting her first teaching job in District 89.

\*You'll begin to notice our staff members outside in the morning wearing bright green safety vests. We are increasing our staff presence outside in the morning for safety and security. We are also looking to help support our Kiss and Go areas on Elm and Cherry to support traffic flow and parking and the safe arrival of our students. We also like to greet our students in the morning with a smile to start their day on a positive note.

\*We'd like to **welcome** our new Head Lunchroom Supervisor, Margaret Young. Margaret recently moved to Illinois from Kentucky and worked in the Kentucky School District in a lunchroom program overseeing 900 students. We're happy to report that Mrs. Wacker, a lunchroom supervisor in our program for over 10 years, is now working as our Assistant Head Supervisor. We'd also like to welcome Mr. Piech, Mr. Marchisotto, and Mrs. Ramsey as new lunchroom supervisors. We **continue to have openings** as well as needs for substitutes, so if anyone is interested in working full or part-time or subbing in our lunchroom, please email Mr. Balduf or Mrs. Lech.

\***ASSESSMENTS** – Our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students will be completing Fall Benchmarking in Aimsweb on Monday and Tuesday (8/22 & 8/23). We are getting a quick snapshot of some of their early literacy and numeracy skills. Our 2nd – 5th Graders are taking their Fall MAP tests the week of 8/29.

\*Science Training – your child's teacher may be out a day the week of 8/22. Our teachers are receiving training in our new Science Curriculum.

\***Picture Day** and our Vision and Hearing Screenings are scheduled for Thursday, September 1st.

\*You will be receiving information from the PTO, but at this point, we are planning on having pizza day every Thursday, starting **September 8th**. Speaking of the PTO, we have a Fall Picnic Scheduled for Friday, September 9th. Mark your calendars!

\*Our school's **Track-a-Thon** is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd. (Raindate is Friday, 9/30)

\*Feel free to contact me at (847) 318-4374 or at [bbalduf@d64.org](mailto:bbalduf@d64.org).

Warm Regards,

*Brett Balduf, Principal*

## *Important Information . . .*

### **COURIER DATES FOR 2016-17**

8/18/16  
9/29/16  
10/27/16  
11/17/16  
12/22/16  
1/26/17  
2/23/17  
3/30/17  
4/27/17

## *Attachments . . .*

- D64 Parent University Flyer
- ELF Fundraiser Event
- Carpenter School Roster 2016-17
- Carpenter Letter from Jimmy Carter

# The Google Apps for Education Suite

Tools that your entire school can use, together



Classroom



Gmail



Drive



Calendar



Docs



Sheets



Slides



Sites

Google Apps for Education has become an integral part of District 64's Learning Ecosystem especially now that we have a 1:1 Learning program. Students have been given the opportunity to use this powerful productivity tool in their learning environments. In this Parent University session, you will learn about Google Drive, how it works and the awesome suite of apps students use to be creative, to think critically, to communicate to a variety of audiences, and to practice collaboration skills. We will go over the basics of Google Drive and highlight some of the great ways Google Apps are used for student learning.



**All parents and community members  
are welcome.**

## Parent University 2016-17 Series

Facilitated by Allison Sobotka and Kevin Michael  
D64 Instructional Technology Coaches

**Tuesday, Sept. 13th**

**6:30PM to 7:30PM**

**Carpenter Elementary School  
Learning Resource Center (LRC)  
300 N. Hamlin Ave in Park Ridge**

**DISTRICT 64  
PARENT**





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## ***FUNDRAISER EVENT***

***Join us for Paint Nite @***

**6727 Olmsted, Chicago, 60631**



**Thursday, September 15th @ 7:00 pm**

**\$40**

**43% of the proceeds go directly to ELF for the benefit of District 64 schools. Price includes: complimentary appetizers, an adult beverage, canvas (to take home) & a professional artist & instructor to help make your artwork a masterpiece!**

**Register at [www.district64elf.org](http://www.district64elf.org)**

For questions please contact ELF at [district64elf@gmail.com](mailto:district64elf@gmail.com)







# Carpenter School

George B. Carpenter School  
300 N. Hamlin Ave. • Park Ridge, IL 60068  
Bike racks: North side of building

## Main Office (report absences)

Office hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Wed 3 p.m.)  
Phone 847-318-4370  
Fax 847-318-4201  
Health Office 847-318-4371  
Staff Voice mail 847-318-8100  
Staff Email First initial of first name followed by full last name @d64.org

Principal Brett Balduf 847-318-4374  
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[elech@d64.org](mailto:elech@d64.org)  
Secretary Maribeth Aimers  
Office Associate Janet Petrielli  
Health Assistant Melissa Moore  
Lunch Program  
Head Supervisor Margaret Young [myoung@d64.org](mailto:myoung@d64.org)  
Emergency Temporary Housing Site:  
Maine Park Leisure Center

## District 64 Mission

Inspire every child to discover, learn, achieve, and care.

## School Report Card

[www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org)

## PTO

[www.carpenterpto.com](http://www.carpenterpto.com)

President: Lisa Morgan  
Co-Vice Presidents: Tammy Kwiatkoski & Jennifer Adams  
Treasurer: Patrica Hoshizaki  
Secretary: Amy Lamplota

## Calendar

Parents' Night: August 25 6:00-8:15 p.m.  
Parent Meeting for 5th Grade Outdoor Education Trip:  
August 25 7:00 p.m.  
Picture Day: September 1  
Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 3, 7, 10 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Holiday Sing: December 15  
Open House: February 2 6:30-8 p.m.  
Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 9 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
5th Grade Outdoor Education Trip: October 24-26  
On-Site Board of Education Meeting: April 24 7:00 p.m.

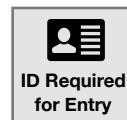
## Parking/Driving

- Elm Street is closed in the bus pick up and drop off area between Hamlin Avenue and Broadway Avenue before and after school.
- Because of the lack of parking space around the building, students living within reasonable distance from the school are strongly encouraged to walk, rollerblade, or ride bikes to

- school. Please remember that students should be of third grade age or older to ride a bike to school unaccompanied by an adult. Please see the helmet policy in the Handbook.
- When students must be driven to school, strict adherence to drop-off/pick-up procedures is critical for our students' safety. Those who do not comply risk being cited by Park Ridge Public Safety officers.
- Please do not drop off or pick up children in the staff parking lot or the blacktop area on the north side of the school.
- Student Kiss 'n' Go Zones are on the north side of Elm Street between Broadway Avenue and the staff parking lot, and on the south side of Cherry Street between Hamlin Avenue and Broadway Avenue.
- Never ask children to get out of the car on the side of the street away from the school and cross in mid block! Students should always cross at corners and obey the Safety Patrols.
- When students are dropped off and the first bell has not yet rung, they are expected to enter the building through their assigned doors. No students should enter the building at the main front door unless they arrive after the second bell has rung.

## School Entrances

Students are asked to please enter and exit the building by these doors: Grade 5 – north end; Grade 4 – north end, near gym; Grade 3 – northwest corner, near gym; Grades 1 & 2 – southwest corner; Kindergarten – south end. The main entrance (southeast corner) is to be used by students arriving after 8:50 a.m. and for visitors throughout the day; please ring the doorbell. All visitors must enter the main entrance. See the Handbook for building entry procedures.



## Playground Rules

Please see the **Lunch & Playground Behavior** section of the District 64 Student-Parent Handbook.

## Homework When Sick

If your child is ill more than one day, arrangements for school work can be made by calling the school office before 10 a.m. on the second day of your child's absence. The work may be picked up at the end of the school day. If your child is absent only one day, arrangements for missed work can be made when he or she returns to school. Please see the Handbook section on Homework for further information.

## Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

Video Club, Computer Club, Science Club, Chorus, Safety Patrol, Student Council, Mathletes, Battle of the Books, and Junior Great Books are offered. Other activities are scheduled based on interest and adult sponsor availability.





JIMMY CARTER

July 19, 2016

To the students of George Carpenter Elementary School

Rosalynn joins me in congratulating you on a successful fundraising campaign to help three villages in northern Ethiopia have access to water. We are inspired by the enthusiasm you have demonstrated for assisting communities on the other side of the world and are glad to know that we have a generation of conscientious young citizens committed to advancing global health. We are proud to have you as global health partners in our mission to provide secure access to water and improve sanitation conditions in regions of the world often overlooked.

With warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ms. Becky Keenan  
George B. Carpenter Elementary School  
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