

# Carpenter Courier

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**November, 2016 Issue**



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

Thursday	11/3	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Monday	11/7	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11/8</b>	<b>TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY – NO CLASSES</b>
Thursday	11/10	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/12	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Monday	11/14	D64 Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Field School
Thursday	11/17	Carpenter Courier
Friday	11/18	Report Cards Go Home
<b>11/22-25</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday	11/28	School resumes
Monday	11/28	PTO Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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

Dear Carpenter Families,

The Cubs are in the World Series. That is all.

I am kidding. Despite the terrific news of our north-side baseball team having great success this year, we can't stop and totally enjoy the ride. As always, the teachers and students have been working hard as the year continues to move quickly. We've had a couple of successful field trips this month and our fifth graders just completed their Camp Duncan trip. This was the first year that we were able to go in the fall and it was enjoyable to see the trees with leaves and an unfrozen lake where our students got the opportunity to get in some boating.

We are looking forward to an awesome November. We anticipate seeing you all at some point starting next week for our parent-teacher conferences. Please see the announcements below for other activities and information.

## Announcements:

**HALLOWEEN** As previously shared, students should not be picked up at school during lunch to go home to change into their costumes this year. With the construction, we simply do not have the ability to manage such a student exodus. This year, we've recruited 20 volunteers to help our students put on their costumes during the lunch/recess period. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Please have your students bring their costumes in a portable bag and we will give them the directions on Monday when they are here. Keep it simple for them and for the volunteers.

\*The PTOs' party is this Friday, October 28th. Trunk-or-Treating is from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. and the party is from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. You'll be home in time for the 4th inning!

**PTO** Thank you for voting to purchase up to \$4,000 in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) tech tools for Carpenter to build our library of devices/tools!

- North Gym Roof Construction has been a little delayed. The work likely will be beginning on Halloween.
- Thank you for supporting our **Red Ribbon Week**. Please continue to talk to your children about making healthy and safe life choices.
- **Digital Citizenship** – every month, we focus on another aspect of digital citizenship with our students. We discuss it in the classrooms and we add in reminders to our announcements about 3 times a week. This month we are focusing on **Internet Safety**. We talk about staying safe online, only talking to people you know, not sharing personal information, not sharing your password, talking to your parents/guardians about unfamiliar sites, and how not everything you read on-line is true. Similar to Red Ribbon Week, please continue to have these discussions with your children at home. We are setting up a nice "springboard" for you to have these conversations. Next month our theme is Privacy and Security.
- We hope to see you at the Barnes and Noble Bookfair on Saturday, November 12th.
- **LOST & FOUND – Recognize any of your child's items? (Picture below) This area is growing! Nice sweatshirts, a backpack, water bottles are multiplying. Stop by when you are here for conferences next month.**



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

Warm Regards,

*Brett Balduf, Principal*

## *D64 Information . . .*

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL D64 ELF CASINO NIGHT!**

Join us for Casino Night – “A Night of Good Fortune” on Saturday, January 28th at Café La Cave from 6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Proceeds support innovative and imaginative education programming for D64 schools. If you would like to learn more about ELF visit us on Facebook, District 64 Elementary Learning Foundation or at [district64elf.org](http://district64elf.org).

## *Attachments . . .*

- D64 Parent University
- Maker Night Materials Drive
- D64 Kiwanis Fundraiser
- School Closing Guidelines
- D64 Casino Night 2017
- D64 ELF Fundraiser "Trolls" at Pickwick Theater
- Science Olympiad
- Carpenter Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- Carpenter Art Fall Newsletter



Hosted at  
Lincoln Middle School  
Learning Resource Center (LRC)  
200 S. Lincoln Avenue in Park Ridge

This program is geared towards families  
with school-aged, grades K-8 students.

Families are invited to an evening of

## Making, Coding & STEAMing

*(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)*

Members of the D64 Technology Team are facilitating a **hands-on night of exploration!** You will get to know the first elementary and middle school **MakerSpaces**, try **coding** with your family, and learn about the fundamental ideas behind our **innovation and design mindset**. Families will have the opportunity to learn and problem-solve **through exploration and play**. Bring your thinking cap and your imagination!



**Computer Science helps nurture creativity and problem-solving.**

Join the Maker Movement

Wednesday, Nov 9th, 2016  
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Facilitated by Megan Preis & Kevin Michael  
D64 Instructional Technology Coaches  
Parent University Series 2016-17



# MAKER NIGHT MATERIALS DRIVE

WEDNESDAY NOV. 9TH 6-7PM @ LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL LRC

PLEASE HELP US COLLECT MAKER MATERIALS!

DROP OFF MATERIALS AT ANY SCHOOL OFFICE  
AT ANY TIME.

**\*\*Duck/Duct Tape Rolls -----\*\*Masking Tape**

**\*\*Construction/Colored Paper -----Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils**

**Child-safe scissors -----Misc. Craft materials (glue, pipe cleaners, etc.)**

*\*\*Denotes most needed supplies*

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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Kevin Michael (Carpenter) [kmichael@d64.org](mailto:kmichael@d64.org)

Lincoln Middle School  
200 S. Lincoln Avenue  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

**Kiwanis Clubs of Park Ridge  
Holiday Food Basket Fundraiser for  
District 64 Families in Need**



Harp & Fiddle

110 Main Street, Park Ridge

THE HARP  FIDDLE

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

4 p.m.—10 p.m.



When you dine at Harp & Fiddle on November 9 from 4-10p.m. and tell the server you are with the Kiwanis Club, 20% of your total bill will be donated to the Kiwanis Clubs. All funds raised that evening will go towards providing holiday food baskets to those families in District 64 that fall below the poverty level. Please show your support for those families by dining at Harp & Fiddle or by sending a cash donation to the Kiwanis Holiday Food Basket Fundraiser c/o Kiwanis President Frank Kaminski, 200 S. Vine, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

# School Closing Guidelines Winter 2016-17

Wind-chill is a key factor in our closing guidelines.

District 64 coordinates guidelines with other elementary and high school districts in our community (62, 63, 79 and 207). The Superintendents work together on closing decisions for severe weather-related conditions or other emergency situations.

## Safety is our priority

Our first priority is the safety of students and staff. At the same time, we know that closings create child care and work schedule problems for families. Districts understand that individual views of weather-related closings vary, and that not everyone will always agree with district decisions. For many reasons, we prefer to keep schools open. In deciding, Superintendents consult with local municipal departments and use National Weather Service data. Some factors we consider include:

- ❖ safety of students and staff
- ❖ severity of weather (extreme cold, flooding, etc.)
- ❖ timing of the weather
- ❖ ability of vehicles to travel safely and ability of students to walk to and from school safely
- ❖ operable condition of our buildings and ability to maintain safe conditions around the buildings, sidewalks and parking lots

## Wind-chill is a key factor

Wind-chill notices from the National Weather Service are the primary meteorological source to determine and declare weather conditions, such as snow forecasts, wind-chill advisory, or wind-chill warning.

- ❖ **Advisory** - Schools will be in session when a wind-chill advisory is issued. A wind-chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees F or colder. The weather during a wind-chill advisory is not life threatening, but presents conditions that may result in inconvenience or pose moderate risk to safety.
- ❖ **Warning** - In contrast, schools will be closed under the condition of a wind-chill warning, which indicates life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A wind-chill warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -30 degrees F or colder OR the actual temperature is -15 degrees F or colder.

## How we inform parents and staff of closings

When a decision is made to cancel school, parents and staff can expect to receive an automated phone call and email. It is the parent's responsibility to provide up-to-date contact information and/or preferences to the school office. **School closing decisions will usually be made by 6:00 a.m. This allows Superintendents to monitor weather overnight and avoid unnecessary closures.** Weather closing information also is available through: District 64 and school websites; recorded on District and school phone messages; [www.emergencyclosingcenter.com](http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com); and broadcast on TV and radio stations.



Here's to a safe  
winter ahead!

## Your family situation. . .

Any decision to cancel school or alter the school day is based on general safety conditions for all students and staff. Districts know that conditions may vary for each student or family. If, in the event of severe weather when schools are open, you feel it is unsafe to send your student to school, please contact the school office.

**DISTRICT 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION'S**

# CASINO NIGHT

A NIGHT  
OF  
GOOD  
FORTUNE



**TICKETS:**

**\$100 each until  
January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\$125 thereafter**

**Buy online at**

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

**CAFÉ LA CAVE  
2777 S MANNHEIM RD  
DES PLAINES, IL**

**6:30pm - 11:30pm**

**Proceeds support innovative & imaginative education programming for D64 schools**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2017**

**Support D64 Schools with a Family Movie Outing!**  
*Take your family to the movies while raising money for innovative projects in D64 schools!*

**D64 ELF Fundraiser at the Pickwick**  
**Saturday, November 5 at 10 a.m.**  
**5 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge**



**Only \$10!**  
Includes movie  
ticket, small  
popcorn, and  
juice box!



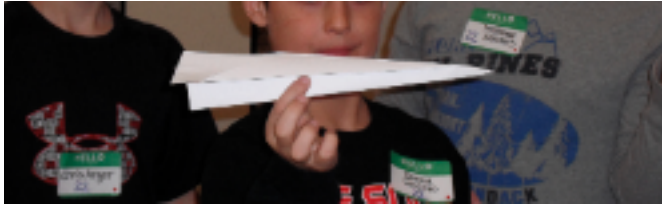
ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION

HELPING DISTRICT 64 REACH NEW HEIGHTS / [district64elf.org](http://district64elf.org)

**Guarantee your spot online now at**  
**[district64elf.org](http://district64elf.org) or purchase Nov. 5 from the**  
**D64 ELF table inside the Pickwick lobby.**

**25% of all proceeds directly benefit D64 ELF**

**Sign ups are underway for the 31st Annual School District 64 Elementary Science Olympiad for students in Grades 3 - 5!**



**Aerodynamics**



**Mystery Box**

**The Science Olympiad**  
sign up deadline for students  
in Grades 3 - 5 is Friday,  
November 11, 2016.

Sign up now online or for more info go to  
<http://www.d64.org/science-olympiad/index.cfm>



**Structures**



**Rubber Band Catapult**



**Egg Drop**

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

Carpenter School  
**Barnes & Noble  
Bookfair**

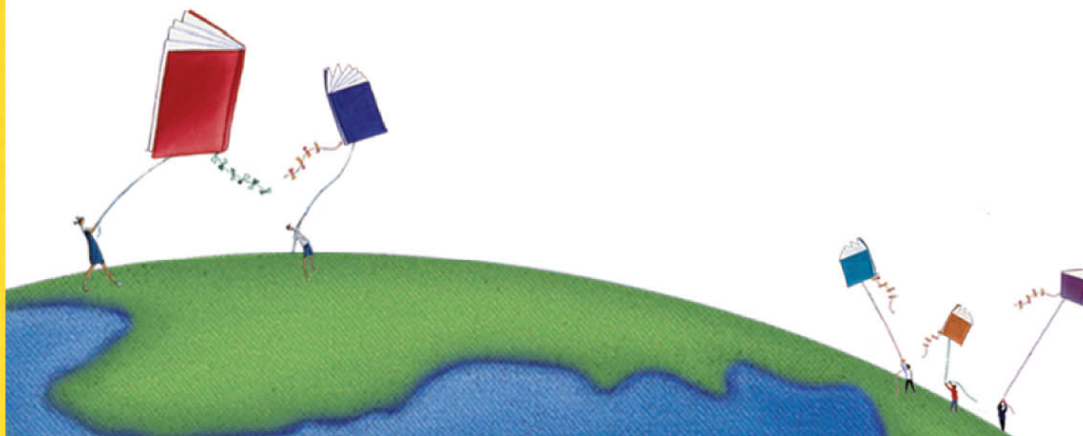


**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Barnes & Noble  
Village Crossing  
5405 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie**

Lots of fun and activities throughout the day including  
special guest appearances, performances,  
activities, raffles and more!

*More details coming soon!*



~ ART NEWS ~  
!!! congratulations !!!  
to the following student artists  
from CARPENTER:

**Kdg**

**Evie W    Dominik S**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**Salvador M    Alyssa I**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Lucas K    Tessa M**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sophie B    Kaia B**

**Charlie W    Daniel D**

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**Emma E    Owen T**

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**Michael S    Josie S**

Their artwork will represent our school in the  
FALL CSC Art Showcase.

Anyone can visit the show 10/19 – 12/20/16

Located at 164 S. Prospect Ave.,

Weekdays, between 8-4:30!!