



Director News

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A Note from the Director

October is a busy month here at Carden. In our assemblies and in our classes, we have been teaching the value of self-discipline. We've talked about disciplining ourselves in our academic, social and emotional lives. Others won't have to remind us or discipline us, if we learn to discipline ourselves. In November, we will learn about the value of being grateful.

This month we hosted our first Principal's Coffee of the school year, and got a lot of good input from the parents that attended. We held our first open Friends of Carden board meeting, and heard from many energetic volunteers. We recognized Miss Manning and Mr. Hathaway as our exceptional teachers of the month. (We'll be recognizing all of our extraordinary teachers in the coming months.) We elected our student government, under the guidance of Mr. Sharea. Led by Mrs. Pak, we launched the Yoo-Hoo Subaru fundraiser. We primped and primed to have our school pictures taken by Mr. and Mrs. Garrett. We sent our 5th and 6th grade students to the Web of Life overnight science camp for three days. Cypress Charter High School presented to our 7th and 8th grade students and parents, and Georgiana Bruce Kirby School will present at the end of the month. Great Pumpkin Day saw students, teachers and parents in costumes, bowling with pumpkins, mixing potions and eating mummy hotdogs. The scarecrow auction was nothing short of a hoot and a howl, and a surprisingly good fundraiser.

-Haydi Danielson

Assistant Director News

Our value for the month of November is Gratefulness. As we practice gratitude this month I'd like to share a great quote I recently found;

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." -Melody Beattie

-Monica Lalanne

November

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	X	X	X	X
X	26	27	28	29	30	

- Nov. 2- Teacher Workday No School
- Nov. 10- Open House
- Nov. 5- Principal's Coffee 9am
- Nov. 8- Vision & Hearing Testing
- Nov. 19- Read-A-Thon begins
- Nov. 16- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 20- Thanksgiving Feast, early dismissal
- Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 26- Classes resume



Bella

Thank You Parents,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people:

- Mr. & Mrs. Becker for the office freezer
- Mrs. Armstrong for distributing Open House fliers
- Mr. Alejandro for electrical and technical help
- All the parents who helped with the class scarecrows
- The many field trip drivers this month
- All the parents who are helping in the Cougar Café
- Jelli Beanz for the Scarecrow clothes donation
- Lydia Bettencourt for visiting pre-schools with Mrs. Lalanne

Thank you to the Friends of Carden for:

- A ping pong table for recess and after school play
- A new tether ball court (being built by Harb Norris)
- French text books,
- Clay for our upcoming ceramics projects in Art.

Kindergarten News

The highlight of our month in kindergarten was our visit to the UCSC Life Lab. We enjoyed a walk through the gardens on a beautiful fall day and the sweet, fresh taste of the organic vegetables grown. We also enjoyed a classroom visit this month from our friend Deputy George Dileon from the Animal Control Center.

- Miss Trost

First Grade News

First Grade explorers began the year by learning about themselves, their families, and our community. Now we broaden our scope of study to include our beautiful California coastline and the Redwood tree forest.

Students have made gorgeous oil pastel pictures of Redwood trees and will be taking a ride on the "Pumpkin Train" at Roaring Camp. Surrounded by these majestic trees of study, students will be given an instructional scavenger hunt in which they teach their driver the highlighted facts that they have learned. When students, through expressive language, re-teach what they have learned, this demonstrates a deep level of understanding.

First graders have reading groups daily and are reading and writing up a storm. In such a short amount of time, I am already seeing such growth. In math, students are adding and subtracting numerals up to four.

They are a fun eager group that loves to learn!

-Mrs. Laffin

Second Grade News

Greetings from Second Grade! The students and I have been hard at work on many projects this month. We had a fabulous time creating our eight unique scarecrows. The children and I love going down into the garden for our Life Lab Science lessons, and are looking forward to creating and sharing our Ancestral Cookbooks in Social Studies. With so much to do, we are busy as bees...and loving it! All of our classes and lessons are going very well. I am extremely pleased with the progress and the efforts of all of the children. We are working hard in our core subject areas of Math, Spelling, Literature, and Language Arts. I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank both Mrs. Alejandro and Mrs. Hendersen for their generous donation of infant jeans, shirts, and overalls for our scarecrows!

-Ms. Manning

Third Grade News

We have completed our study of the Ohlone Indians with a field trip to the Santa Cruz Natural History Museum. At the museum, we discussed the day-to-day lives of the Ohlones - the roles of men and women and their use of Tule in making baskets and many other tools. Also, we heard a great Ohlone folktale. If you have a question about the Ohlone Indians, ask a 3rd Grader.

- Mrs. Newman

Fourth Grade News

In 4th grade we have been studying Native American life before the arrival of the Europeans. At the Natural History Museum we learned how the Ohlone people lived sustainably through nature's resources. Here is an excerpt from a beautiful essay written by Hunter Paulson:

"I love the nature, the nature is everything. The nature is free. It levels out the world and chaos. Nature is wild. The trees give shade. Bushes give berries. Nature is calm, soothing, and a place to think. It is somewhere you can dive into imagination, somewhere you can imagine anything. Just think."

- Mrs. Manjunath

Fifth Grade News

The 5th and 6th graders attended the Web of Life Field School from October 17th -19th, and we had a terrific time! We went off with trail groups and experienced nature firsthand, faced our fears of the dark by going on a night walk, and raised our awareness of the energy and food we waste by measuring our mealtime "garbology." It was a wonderful bonding experience for everyone, and a great way to learn about science!

- Ms. Weiss

Sixth Grade News

Fall is absolutely my favorite time of year. The air is filled with excitement as the students prepare for Great Pumpkin Day-decorating the classroom, putting the finishing touches on their scarecrows and settling into their new routines at school.

The coming months will be filled with fun activities for the students as we prepare for some exciting field trips. Most recently, the students just returned from Science Camp which they said was filled with lots of learning, fun and new friendships! A visit to the Rosicrucian Museum as part of our Ancient Egyptian studies is coming up and is always a highlight!

Thanksgiving and Christmas will find our class participating in some community service activities which I anticipate will continue throughout the year.

Be sure to check in with your child about what they are learning from time to time. This opens the door for them to discuss with you the wonderful things the Sumerians invented; the differences between cave painting murals and Renaissance murals; or how to use an appositive and an adjectival phrase-just to name a few!

-Mrs. DiGrazia

Pick up Procedures

Please let your children know in advance if they are staying in after school care or going home and who is picking them up. Last minute situations do happen, but they are confusing to the children.

*"Life is a joy, so should be learning."
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Eighth Grade Parent Pop Quiz

Answer:

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness...

We're traveling the "The Mighty Mississippi" by raft in our 8th grade Literature class, and holding on for dear life, as we read The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and follow Huck and Jim down the river from one exciting "close call" to the next.

-Mr. Sharea

Teacher Highlight Ms. Manning 2nd Grade Teacher



Amber Manning has been teaching children from pre-kindergarten through the third grade since 1999. Her experience ranges from second and third grade teacher to lead summer school teacher, extended care provider, school administrator, and pre-school lab teacher. Most of her teaching has been in private school environments in the Silicon Valley and Los Gatos. Miss Manning earned her Bachelors degree in Child and Adolescent Development from San Jose State University, graduating with honors. She attended Archbishop Mitty High School, where she received athletic honors for softball. Miss Manning loves to bring art, music and drama into her classroom.

Teacher Highlight Mr. Hathaway P.E. Teacher



Joshua Hathaway has been an athlete all of his life. Since 2002, he has been inspiring students at Carden to develop the athletes and sportsmen inside of themselves. A graduate of UC Santa Cruz, Mr. Hathaway has participated in sports ranging from volleyball to kayaking, and continues to enjoy a lot of physical activity in his time off. Mr. Hathaway has taught swimming, kayaking and surfing to children. We are happy to help him to realize his dream of being an elementary school teacher.