

CARRINGTON CURRENT

Carrington School is a community dedicated to personal and intellectual growth.

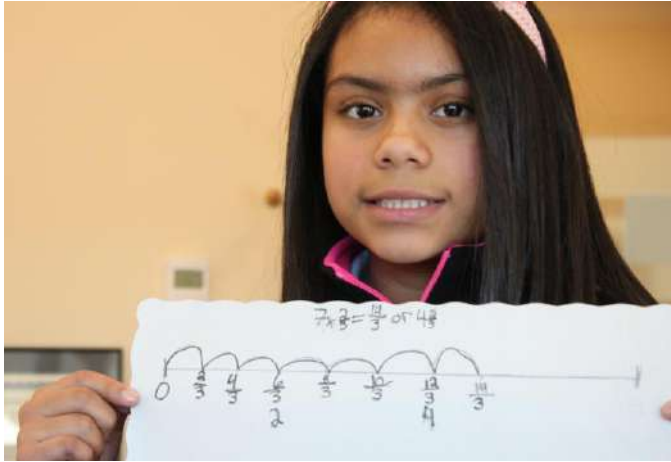
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Our students will acquire the skill and knowledge necessary to become effective collaborators, problem solvers, and community leaders.



Mathematical Thinking Modeled

Sara Peraza of Mrs. Silva's 5th grade used a jumping line method to figure the math calculation of $7 \times \frac{2}{3}$. Waterbury's Mathematics curriculum aims to have students create models and explain their thinking for understanding.



Cesar Chavez: A Life
Mrs. Silva's class is studying biographies and quotations of the people they learn about, then interpreting their words' meanings. Emily Roche presented a poster to show the life of Cesar Chavez who led workers.

Why Consider Traveling to China?

It's on the other side of the globe, literally. As the saying has gone, if you were to dig a hole from the USA you would get to China. Actually, if you were to dig a hole from Carrington, you would get to Qingdao Experimental Primary School, our partner school in China.

However, we are taking a flight – it's faster and brighter.

But, what's in it for the students? Here are a few factors. The students will:

- See another country different from ours;
- Taste foods from another culture;
- Recognize the globe as a single unit;
- Observe the ways that China is different from the USA;
- Notice the ways that China is the same as the USA;
- Fly in a jet to the other side of the earth;
- Stay with a Chinese family for a few days;
- Hear another language continually;
- Try speaking another language to people who already speak it;
- See the artwork in China;
- Travel in the speedy train from one city to another;
- Sleep overnight on the train;
- Spend days in as special guests in QEPS, our partner school;
- Note it on their college applications! ☺
- ...and more.

Meeting on Monday at 5:15 p.m. in the library.

Taft/Carrington AfterSchool Collaboration, Session 2

Yesterday Edwin Cortes made himself known to the group of Taft and Carrington students who are part of the after-school program that yesterday met for the first



day of the second session. The moderator led a group-building game to introduce all students to one another. Students in clubs are learning public speaking, chess, science, and sports.



Veterans Made Real by Models

Brandon Dawson, Dorina Dobruna, and Mikayla Johnson listed the strengths of soldiers on the models they made of them in Mrs. Gwiazdoski's first grade class.

CARRINGTON CALENDAR

April Trip to China – Informational Meeting November 17th 5:15 p.m.

Report Card Day, Monday, November 17th

Math & Science Family Night, Wednesday, November 19th, 6:30-8:00

Waterbury Career Academy H.S. Open House, Tuesday, November 25th, 6 – 8 p.m.

Attendance Policy Requires Notes, Documentation
Waterbury Board of Education Policy

“Written documentation”- Written documentation relating to absences one (1) through nine (9) includes a signed note from the student’s parent/legal guardian, a signed note from a school official that spoke in person with the parent/legal guardian regarding the absence, or a note confirming the absence by the school nurse or by a licensed medical professional, as appropriate. Documentation from a parent or guardian shall include the dates and reasons for the absences and the signature of the parent or guardian.

Notable Notes

Second graders are reading nonfiction, and their teachers Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Fusco, and Miss Pentlicki are asking these questions: *what is the purpose of this text? How can nonfiction writers inspire or change people’s knowledge? What makes main ideas different from details? How do details in text deepen your understanding of the topic?*



2nd Graders Write Reviews

Lucy Davino and Silas Creaven of Mrs. Thompson’s 2nd grade class wrote reviews in their own words. Lucy wrote about *Frozen*, and Silas wrote about the book *My First Day of School*. Both were about fiction pieces.

Today was Hat Day As part of the PBIS program, for unity and individuality, children wore their favorite hats today.



Thumbs Up for Students

The students pictured above had their certificates selected from among more than 200 submitted for their good works, including strong effort, kindness, high performance, helpfulness, attention, and much more.



Why it’s wild.

Unkempt area is natural sanctuary for wildlife. Drivers, visitors, walkers and others may have wondered why the area surrounding the parking lot closest to the school entrance. After all, this is a beautiful building, so in the manicured sense, the wildness of the area in front of the school is in contrast to the sharply designed lines of the building. However, there is a reason.

Deer, Turkeys, Fox Before the new building was constructed, there was a nature trail behind the school for many years. Students saw deer, turkeys, and a fox from classroom windows. The new construction took most of that nature trail. Many lamented the loss.

Love Nature Children naturally love nature, and are interested in animals and insects, at least to see and observe them. In the photo above right is a praying mantis catching a woolly bear mammoth caterpillar. This year on Carrington’s campus both of those species have been plentiful – why? They live in the wild patch, as does a wren, and many other natural creatures, none of which is harmful, and all of which are part of nature’s balance.

Beauty A famous person said: *Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.* Please look for the beauty there in the wild patch.



Prekindergarten Visited Pizza This morning the Prekindergarten classes went to visit a pizza place to see how the pies are made.