

CARRINGTON CURRENT

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

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Our school community will celebrate personal and intellectual growth, and promote physical fitness, while ensuring the overall success of the school.



The Great Debate: *Should girls and boys attend the same or separate schools?*

On Tuesday morning, 6th graders argued formally on the proposition: *Resolved that boys and girls would learn better if they attended separate schools K-12.* The proposition side had a tough task to promote the separation, but argue they did to a close vote by the four faculty judges. Criteria were: Clarity of viewpoint, support of opinion with facts and examples, relevance of arguments, strength of arguments, audibility of voice, and preparation by the debater. The audience of 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th graders seemed widely to favor remaining together.



204 Parents Conferred with Teachers

On Wednesday evening, 204 parents came to Carrington to speak with and listen to their children's teachers. Though not all parents were able to come, those who did enhanced their relationships with the teachers and their children's education. Parents may always request a conference with the teachers. (photos above)

Waterbury Exchange Club Offers China Travel Scholarship

For Carrington's travel group to China during the spring recess, Waterbury Exchange Club offers to sponsor a student of 6th or 7th grade. Families who are interested in having their child experience 12 days of touring Chinese cultural sites, staying four days with host families, see the attachment for the application, which will be randomly selected from eligible students.

CARRINGTON CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 10, Early Dismissal (1:05 p.m.) – Teacher Collaboration

Thursday, December 18, Winter Concert

Parents: If you wish to be added to Carrington School's Email Distribution list please return the portion below to school office.

Parent Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Notable Notes



Students Purchased at PTO Holiday Shoppe This week was busy at the PTO Holiday Shoppe as students bought gifts for others. The Shoppe offered items with no markup, no “profit” for the PTO so that the children would be able to give their gifts.

Kindergartners in Music with Ms. Rosser review the steady beat and divided beat marks on the board. The children clap and chant each pattern. Ms. Rosser invites the children to sit on the floor in front of their chairs and play the “Pass the Pattern” game. At the end of the song, the child holding the card reads the rhythm as the teacher. All echo. **Kindergartners** with their teachers – **Mrs. Riggi, Miss Taylor, and Ms. McDonnell** – are building their literacy by identifying rhyming words as a practice for reading, identifying words and, eventually, poetry. **Mathematically**, the **Kindergartners** will use music, poems, rhymes or literature to enhance rote counting by tens. **First graders** of **Mrs. Baker** and **Mrs. Gwiazdoski** will know that all characters have character traits, and that characters make stories. The children will act out stories to make them real.



Wearing Carrington Clothing
Armani Jimenez proudly wears his Carrington shirt well.



Ready for Xmas
(above right) Angela Riano of Mrs. Gwiazdoski’s class is ready for the holidays with earrings and tree pin.



Carrington 7th Graders in Middle School Writers Project
Yesterday 18 7th graders went for the second session of the Middle School Writers Project at Education Connection in Litchfield. With peers from Danbury, Salisbury, and Thomaston, our students learned from professional writers the methods of enhancing the art of writing. (Photo above) Chrisaphon Reach read his piece for the group. Published author Koo McGoldrick stood at right.



Metaphor of Future Population Count
(left) Janelle Djan of 6th grade used water, a bottle, and a tray as a model of the growth of earth’s population. She included factors of births, deaths, health care, and more in her demonstration.



Math, Science, Chess, Public Speaking, Sports All in Taft / Carrington Afterschool Program
Carrington students have good fortune in being taught by excellent Taft School students in the areas above on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.



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 more.

Volleyball Players Strong
Coach Rodriguez, a player herself, has a team of players who are eager to challenge the capable players of other Pre-K – 8 schools. Only a portion of the team is pictured at right.

