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Students will leave Carrington School well-educated, confident and enthusiastic.



2nd Graders form Learning Partnership

Ideally people, including children and adults, learn from one another. Today, 2nd graders Brandon Arcinega and Keyera Craig did that. Brandon as teacher and Keyera as student taught and learned multiple-digit addition with symbolic representations of units and tens.

2nd Grade Learning Partners

Rest in Peace, Mr. Steve!

Steve Ferrucci was a paraprofessional at Carrington School for several years. He cared for and guided some students who were experiencing significant difficulties of life. He always acted in a way that was in the best guidance interests of the child. He was fatherly in a very strong way. Even when the student was out of control, Mr. Steve, as he was known, would not lose his temper, but would do his best to calm the student down. Mr. Steve was a very good man.



Carrington Artist Displays Works

Art Teacher Julian named Justin Vo of 6B one of Carrington's outstanding artists, and he received recognition at the Connecticut Association of Schools banquet. Justin now has a display cabinet of his origami works, including animals, and so much more of the folded paper art.

Visitors from China-to-Carrington Expected February 9th to 13th, 2015 for Exchange

Welcoming Committee Forming

To plan for the welcoming of students from our partner school, Qingdao Experimental Primary School to Carrington School, we are forming a committee of parents, faculty and staff, and some students to answer the essential questions:

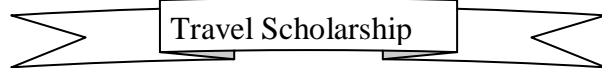
What activities and events can we plan that will:

- *help our students learn about Chinese culture and people, and*
- *will help the Chinese students learn about American culture and students?*

Students who know about other cultures are able to know about their own culture in a way that is far deeper than mere book-learning. In January 2012 we had 74 students and 10 teachers come from China. This February we are expecting only 50 visitors total, 43 students and 7 teachers.

We will be seeking host families for the visiting Chinese students. Host families in 2012 reported wonderful experiences that enriched their children's education.

Sub-Committees In planning the February exchange, subcommittees will include the initial reception, gift exchanges, food, decorations, and more.



Waterbury Exchange Club China Travel Scholarship Awarded to Frederick Quezada

Thanks to the generosity of the Waterbury Exchange Club, the Travel Scholarship has been offered to a well-deserving Carrington student, 6th grader Frederick Quezada. There were 12 eligible students whose parents signed forms to enter into the random drawing for the travel scholarship.

On Wednesday at lunchtime we held a public drawing on stage in the cafetorium. Fred Quezada's entry was pulled from the slips. Fred jumped and raised his arms in glee.

Thanks so much to The Waterbury Exchange Club for this opportunity for a student to have the experience of international travel to our partner school in China. The awareness and the time spent in China will be a life-enhancing experience for Fred and all students who are able to travel to Qingdao Experimental Primary School and to the other sites in China.

CARRINGTON CALENDAR
Cookies & Cocoa with Santa, Tonight, Friday, December 12th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, December 18, Winter Concert
Winter Recess, Wednesday, December 24
School Re-Opens, Wednesday, January 7th

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: _____

**Librarian Behlman notes that Carrington’s library has these:
New York Times Children’s Best Sellers:**

THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT, by Drew Daywalt. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Colorful problems arise when Duncan’s crayons revolt. (Ages 3 to 7)

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, by Clement C. Moore. Various illustrators. Not a creature was stirring. (All ages)

WONDER, by R. J. Palacio. A boy with a facial deformity enters a mainstream school. (Ages 8 to 12) **Highly recommended by Mr. Brennan**

THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN, by Katherine Applegate. A gorilla living in a mall meets an elephant. (Ages 8 to 12)

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. The travails of adolescence, in cartoons. (Ages 9 to 12)

HEROES OF OLYMPUS, by Rick Riordan. Adventures of a new generation of demigods. (Ages 9 to 12)

DORK DIARIES, by Rachel Renée Russell. Nikki Maxwell navigates the halls of middle school. (Ages 9 to 13)

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS, by Rick Riordan. A boy battles mythological monsters. (Ages 9 to 12) 349

Students: Read a book and publish your short review in Carrington Current

Notable Notes

Kindergartners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders in Music with Ms. Rosser will analyze and discuss the form of two famous dances from “The Nutcracker”. The students will use their imaginations, acting in a movement piece that mirrors the form of the music. **The 4th and 5th grade students** will learn to play a new song on barred instruments by imitation, exploration, and visualization. Musically, the **6th and 7th grade students** will analyze and memorize an old English poem, play the rhythm of the words on drums, and create and perform a percussion ensemble piece.



Chess Moves On Tuesday afternoon, 4th graders Edwin Roberts and Jason Canady matched chess wits with the help of a Taft service student.



80 Gathered for Carrington Holiday Celebration Yesterday Last evening many members of the greater Carrington family came together – past and present faculty and staff as well as family members.



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



(left) Michael Jarjura of helped Daeshawn Boyle and Kyleigh Gorman both of 1-B, use the map key to find their pirate names after reading Treasure Island.

(right) Some members of the Family Read-Together Book Club



Join Carrington’s Family Read-together Book Club

The club met Tuesday after reading the classic book, *Treasure Island*. Students used a Map Key to find out what their Pirate Name would be. They then drew a picture of themselves as that pirate.

The book club meets once a month. They share dinner and an activity related to the book of the month. Join in the Reading Adventure at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 6pm in the Carrington Café.

Email Robyn O’Neill at roneill@waterbury.k12.ct.us for more info or for a copy of December’s book, *A Season of Gifts*. Readers of all levels are invited to join!

Thumbs Up for Students