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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"The Official Carver Elementary School Newsletter from the Office of the Principal"

### **Report Card Pickup**

Thursday, January 14th, parents will be allowed to come to the school for pick up your child's report card from the 2nd 9-weeks period. (4:00-5:30 pm)

### **STAR Testing**

Mid-Year STAR Reading and Math Testing begins Monday, January 11th. Students will be able to see how much they have grown since the fall assessment.

### **Bi-Weekly Testing**

Beginning the week of January 25th, students across the district will take common assessments to measure their learning.

## **Fundraiser Rewards**

The top sellers from our popcorn and candy sales will have the opportunity to draw for cash awards on Jan. 14th. Students who sold 7 or more items will have a snack party on Jan. 15th. Both events will be sponsored by our sales rep.



(Reading Fair Winners Pictured Above: 1st Row, Left to Right: Demarion Taylor and Jayden Jordan; 2nd Row: Xavier Hodo, Keven Cartlidge, and Delvin Smith; 3rd Row: Nakiya Carter, Tristan Taylor, and Jameshia Attaway; Ms. LaCandace Campbell, Librarian and Reading Fair Coordinator on the end)

### **Welcome Back**

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the break! We certainly did and are just happy to be alive and see another year. As we have stressed to our students, the 3rd 9-week period is one where the hardest work has to come because it is the last big push before state testing. As a result, we need students in attendance at school, focused on learning, and respectful to their peers and teachers. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school and knows how to act. Time spent on discipline takes learning time away from other



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Teacher of the Year

Ms. Tekevia Smith, Reading Interventionist with the Read180 and System44 Programs was voted as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for Carver Elementary School! Ms. Smith will represent the school at the district level.

### **Reading Fair Winners**

Congratulations to the Carver Reading Fair Winners!

Division D (3rd Grade)

1st- De'Marvion Taylor

2nd-Jayden Jordan

3rd- Jalexis Galloway

Division E (4-5 Grade)

1st - Xavier Hodo

2nd - Keven Cartlidge, Jr.

3rd-Delvin Smith

Division F (6th Grade)

1st- Nakiya Carter

2nd-Tristan Taylor

3rd-Jameshia Attaway

students. When you view our official data from last year's state assessment below, you will see that there is little time to waste!

### 2014-2015 Official PARCC Data

Last year marked the first year for Common Core State Standards Testing for our state and our students. These assessments were taken on computer and were a step up in rigor in reading and math. A few differences exist with this type of testing than our old MCT2 Testing.

- I. There are 5 proficiency levels instead of 4. On our old test, students could score in the minimal, basic, proficient, or advanced ranges. On this test, there are 5 levels and those levels stand for the following:
- 2. For a while, under the old MCT2, students and schools earned points for the number of students they could get into the basic, proficient, and advanced categories. Now, the only points that are awarded are for proficient or higher students (Level 4 and Level 5). However, if students show growth, points can be earned to increase the school's rating.

At Carver, an approximate average of 14.4% of our students scored proficient or higher in Math, and approximately 8.9% scored proficient or higher in Reading. In reality we had hardly any students scoring at the Level 5.

So what do these numbers mean?

These numbers mean that about 86% of our students in math and about 91% of our students in Reading are not meeting the requirements of the new college and career readiness standards. These standards are not new anymore. This is precisely why all instructional time needs to be spent on teaching and learning, not on getting children to behave.

Please push with us as we move this school!

Our first PTA/Family Night of 2016 will be held Thursday, January 28th at 5:00 pm.

There will be NO SCHOOL Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday!