

Falcon Flyer

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CARSON CARES: Support Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry at our School Oct. 3 - 14

Please participate in the 2nd Annual Carson Cares Food Drive to help food banks in our area. We will be holding a contest to see which class brings in the most items. October 3 - 14 there will be a main collection box in the front entrance of the school. Send non-perishable food items to school with your student(s) to help our community and your child's class could win a party. Get all the details [here](#).

2011 - 2012 Yearbook Notes

Baby Photos ... Great News! This year we will include 5th and 6th grade baby photos! Get those cute baby photos out! We'll have a deadline posted soon.

6th Graders ... please remember to take photos as you're doing your community service. We want to recognize your contributions.

Love Notes ... for those who have purchased Love Notes, please send them to [Teresa DeLappe](#) to be sure they get posted.

Please submit all photos to the office on a disc or a flash drive and include your name if you want them returned. If you're interested in helping out on this year's Yearbook Committee or have questions, please contact [Teresa DeLappe](#).

After School Programs Begin This Week

All after school programs (except Explorations in Math) will begin this week. Parents, please send a note to your child's teacher letting them know that your child is enrolled in after school programs. Children will report directly to the classroom listed [here](#). Volunteers will be by the office to help.

Spirit Wear Apparel Order Deadline Extended

Your last chance to buy apparel for this school year is Wednesday, Sept. 28. Please send your orders into the office by the end of the day Wednesday. Please fill out the [order form and the personalization form](#) and send to school via kid mail to "Spirit Gear Orders." Shirts will be delivered to the students in October.

The very popular stainless steel water bottles (\$8.00) can be purchased until they are gone. Bottles will be delivered to the students when they are purchased. Questions? Contact [Dawn McCutcheon](#).

Ms. Cronin's Falcon News

Click [here](#) to read Ms. Cronin's September 23rd issue of *Falcon News*.

Attention Carson Art Volunteers

Did you sign up to be a Carson Art volunteer? Please come to the Art Room

at 9:30 on Friday, Sept. 30 for our Carson Art Program Orientation. This is your opportunity to learn about effectively teaching art to our students. We'll begin with a quick overview of the program, and then Jan Charleson will provide a presentation on teaching an art class. (Stay tuned for more information about a separate class for glass and clay in early October.)

Is Your Child New to Carson? Emergency Supplies Form Needed

Carson maintains adequate emergency supplies for each student, including drinking water, nutritional bars, one emergency blanket, one poncho and other items to provide comfort. An Emergency Prep Form was sent home with all new Carson students on Friday. This information will ensure that all new students have adequate emergency supplies, even if they have a food allergy or special dietary needs. Please complete and return this form for each NEW Carson student, and enclose \$7.50. Please make checks payable to Rachel Carson PTSA and note your child's name and "emergency supplies" on your check. Click [here](#) to print a new form.

Returning Carson students do NOT need to send money for supplies -- the food bars and water packets have a shelf life of five years. Questions? Contact [Clea Morehart](#).

Carson Clean-Up and Pizza Party

Join your Carson Community on Friday, Sept. 30 for a grounds beautification event. We will be clearing weeds, spreading bark chips and planting bulbs. We will start at 3:30, and finish up at 6:30 with a pizza dinner and a beautiful school! (Garden tools are needed: weeders, shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, bulb planters.) Please RSVP to [Susan Maki](#) by Thursday.

General Membership Meeting Reminder

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the PTSA General Membership meeting in the library on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10:00.

Did You Know?

A diverse group gathers once a month in Sammamish to talk about what's best for kids and how to work better together on behalf of children on the Plateau. With members representing PTA groups, the police, the city and more, the Greater Plateau Tri-Awareness group was founded in 1996 to share information and ideas. Irene Russo and Liz Makofsky represent Carson's PTSA. Click [here](#) for this month's Tri-Awareness meeting notes, or click on the Quick Link in the sidebar.

Mark Your Calendar

- Sept. 26: Room Parent Meeting, Art Room, 9:00am
- Sept. 27: PTSA General Membership Meeting, Library, 10:00am
- Sept. 28: Spiritwear apparel order deadline, Office, 3:30pm
- Sept. 30: Carson Art Program Orientation, Art Room , 9:30am
- Sept. 30: School Clean-Up and Pizza Night, 3:30 - 6:30pm
- Oct. 3 - 14: Carson Cares: Mayor's Month of Concern for the Hungry "Share What You Can" Food Drive
- Oct. 3 - 6: Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 3, 4, 6: Conferences, 11:30 dismissal for students
- Oct. 7: Leap Day, No School
- Oct. 11: Rachel's Challenge Parent Night (details forthcoming)
- Oct. 19: Carson PTSA Board Meeting, 10:00
- Oct. 28: Vision and Hearing Screening
- Oct. 31: Classroom Harvest Parties

Carson PTSA electronically distributes the Falcon Flyer to all Carson families and other interested parties each

Sunday throughout the school year. This newsletter links you to the Carson PTSA Website -- your source for Carson PTSA news and information. Please submit article requests to Mary Lipinsky and Marilyn Bontrager, Carson PTSA Co-VPs of Communication. Submission deadline is each Wednesday at noon.

Our mission is to support and serve the Rachel Carson Elementary School and Community, and promote the wellness, safety, education, and enrichment of all children. Thank you for supporting Carson PTSA!

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