



# SUMMER@CARROLL NEWS

July 2, 2010

On-line at: [www.carrollschool.org](http://www.carrollschool.org)

Issue 2

## From the Director:

What a wonderful week of sun and comfortable temperatures to start the summer with. During this initial four-day week, the kids started intensive academic work and began to make friends in their camp groups. After some early jitters, everyone seems to be settling in to the Summer@Carroll daily routine. The week concluded with games & activities celebrating *Red, White & Blue Day* at Carroll.

Happy & Safe Independence Day celebrations to all Carroll families!

**Reminder: No program on Monday, July 5th.**

Greely Summers

Director

[gsummers@carrollschool.org](mailto:gsummers@carrollschool.org)

781-259-8342, x3031

Cell phone: 781-859-6008

## Academics:

Students have been bounding around campus to each of their respective classes, all while enjoying this gorgeous weather! The academic morning for *Elementary/Middle School* (Grades 3-7) students includes traveling to a writing class, math class, Orton Gillingham language tutorial and activity period. A short snack and recess break provide a chance for students to socialize with friends and run around the playground. Students eagerly head off for lunch after a rigorous morning of academics, which they know is followed by a fun filled afternoon of games and exciting adventures! Beginning next week, check your child's backpack each Thursday for a folder of work samples sent home by math, writing and tutorial.

Allison West

Academic Director

[awest@carrollschool.org](mailto:awest@carrollschool.org)

781.259.8342 x3912

## Writing Class (Grades 3-7):

Writing is underway at Summer@Carroll! Students have been writing Bio-Poems about themselves to share with classmates. This summer at Carroll, students will work on developing their writing skills using journaling, creative writing, mini-lessons, and formal written pieces. Through modeling, guided practice, and independent practice, students will have the opportunity to apply what they learn about the writing process in a final product such as a comic strip, class magazine, or portfolio.

Erika Gold

Writing Supervisor

[egold@carrollschool.org](mailto:egold@carrollschool.org)

781-259-8342, x3912

## Math classes (Grades 3-7):

Math classes for all grades have started off very well. While the theme for this summer is geometry, we will continue to review the concepts your child was introduced to this past school year. Grades 5-7 have enjoyed their introduction to the computer program, *Fastt Math*, which works on their fact fluency. Some of you may be looking for games or websites that your child can enjoy during this rainy weather. Please visit the Carroll web page and follow the links to the math pages.

Instructions:

1. Go to the Carroll Web page  
[www.carrollschool.org](http://www.carrollschool.org)
2. Select **Academics**
3. Select **Carroll Student Links** on the left side of the page
4. Select the **Math Department**

Jen McAleer

Math Supervisor

[jmcaleer@carrollschool.org](mailto:jmcaleer@carrollschool.org)

781-259-8342 x3912

**Beginning Readers News:**

*See BR supplement*

Kate Ambrose  
Beginning Readers Supervisor  
kambrose@carrollschool.org  
781-259-8342, ext. 3708

**High School Readiness had a busy week:**

The first day of Summer@Carroll 2010 started with the *High School Readiness* students “breaking the ice” and getting to know each other through the use of interactive activities. Artistic skills were put to the test when the HSR students decorated t-shirts using a screening method. On Wednesday, the students went boating on the Charles River in Newton. Whether it was kayaking, canoeing, or using the paddle boat, all the students thoroughly enjoyed the field trip. A couple of students took unexpected “dips”, along with someone’s right shoe. Thursday was a trip north to the Salem Witch Museum which depicted the awful events that occurred in Salem Village during 1692. The week ended with the group enjoying ice cream in historic Concord at Bedford Farms.

*Next week:* Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Tuesday, July 6. HSR Groups will leave at 12:30 and return by 4:00 for dismissal.

**Absent or tardy “hot line”**

Call (781) 259-8342, extension 4000 to report a student absence, tardy arrival or early dismissal. You can also send an email to: [gsummers@carrollschool.org](mailto:gsummers@carrollschool.org). Call or e-mail prior to 8:20 so that we have an accurate attendance count for the day. If for any reason the Carroll phones are “down” due to weather, call 781-859-6008 to leave a message for Greely Summers.

**Camp starts at 8:30 a.m. promptly:**

Attendance is taken daily at 8:30. Please plan to arrive on time so that your child is not marked absent. All students arriving after 8:45 report to the gym to check-in so attendance can be finalized by 9:00 for the day.

**Dismissal Reminder:**

Please do not arrive early for afternoon pick up. *Beginning Reader* dismissal is at 2:30. Parents can arrive on campus at 2:20 to line up around the circle at the Gate House. Camp dismissal for grades 3-9 and *TED*, plus the *Beginning Readers’* extended day, is at 4:00. The earliest cars are allowed on campus is 3:45. *Do not come early and park on Baker Bridge Road: the Lincoln police will ticket cars waiting on the street.* When driving on to the Carroll School campus, please drive slowly! Even if you are late, the kids are being supervised in the gym (after 4:15) so there is no hurry to get up the hill. **Mark your “dashboard” cards:** To help with 4:00 dismissal, please mark your child’s camp group letter & number (A1, A2, B1, B2, etc) on your “dashboard” cards. This will speed up the dismissal process.

**No Electronic Devices at Carroll, please!**

We want kids at Summer@Carroll to socialize with other campers, not be isolated playing personal video games on portable electronic equipment. Please have students leave Nintendo, PSP, and DS at home. There is no need to bring iPods, either. If a child needs to have a cell phone at camp, it is to be kept in their bags and turned off. If there is a need to use the phone, the campers can ask permission.

**The Early Drop Off/Late Pick-Up Services:**

For students being dropped off early (no earlier than 7:30 a.m.) and/or picked up late (no later than 5:30 p.m.), the gym is the point of early drop off and late pick-up. This service requires pre-registration and pre-payment.

**Early dismissal:**

Any student being picked up earlier than the normal dismissal time should have a note signed by a parent. Each camp group’s counselor will collect these notes. The recommended early pick up times in the afternoons are between 12:30-1:00 or 2:30-2:45 due to breaks in the schedule. All early pick-ups are at the gym, except the *Beginning Readers* who get picked at the Gatehouse building.

### Proper Camp Footwear:

Campers are strongly urged to wear sneakers each day. This will eliminate the potential for foot & toe injuries. Flip flops are not protection enough especially during the afternoon activities.

### What to pack each day

Students should bring the following items every day in their backpacks:

- Towel
- Bathing suit for water activities (daily)
- Sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- Bug repellent
- Sneakers, *not* flip flops
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch!!

Please make sure that your child's name is on all personal belongings.

Students participating in the *TED (Technology, Engineering and Design) Program* will be reminded by their counselors when their swim days happen so they can be prepared.

### 2010 Summer Speaker Series:

The Carroll Summer Speaker Series starts on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00. Louise Freese, Director of the Garside Institute for Teacher Training (GIFTT) will present: *What Is the Orton-Gillingham Language Approach?* This presentation provides an overview of the characteristics of the Orton-Gillingham approach. Louise will describe each of these characteristics and how it relates to reading and spelling instruction. Specific strategies will be discussed and suggestions will be given to help parents support their students outside of the classroom. Language tutors will be available before the presentation for a brief "meet & greet" over coffee and refreshments. Each of the Summer Speaker Series presentations takes place in the Cole Room in the Storrow Building. Parents can drop their students off and park in the Spaulding lot. If that is full, drive around and enter the school driveway again. Parking should be available on the lower field lot (on left as you drive in). There is still space available for all four speaker presentations; walk-ins welcome.

To register in advance, call the Summer@Carroll office: 781-259-8342, Ext. 3039.

### Cochituate swimming trips next week:

*Elementary/Middle School* campers (grades 3-7) and *TED* students will continue visiting Cochituate State Park in Natick to swim. Here is the schedule for next week:

Tuesday, July 6: Groups E, F, G

Wednesday, July 7: Groups A, B, TED Program

Thursday, July 8: Groups C, D

### Flight Day at Carroll on Friday, July 9:

(No Cochituate swimming) All camp groups will participate in *Flight Day* featuring a variety of exciting plane, helicopter and balloon activities on the lower field at Carroll behind the Gate House. There is a rumor that one of the Right Brothers may show up to discuss early flight. However, as we went to press, there was no firm confirmation. It should prove to be an exciting afternoon with many possible surprises.

### Local History comes alive for Grades 3-6:

History comes alive as campers tour Minute Man National Park, Old North Bridge and the Hartwell Tavern in Lexington & Concord. Here is the schedule for next week:

Tuesday, July 6: Groups C, B2

Wednesday, July 7: Groups D, E1

Thursday, July 8: E2, F

### Important Phone Numbers:

- Summer@Carroll Absence/Tardy Hotline 781-259-8342, ext. 4000
- Greely Summers, ext. 3031, (Cell: 781-859-6008)
- Mike Kmetz, Camp Director, ext. 3026, (Cell: 6781-859-6083)
- Jayne Moore, Nurse: ext. 3111
- Allison West, Academic Director: ext. 3912
- Donna Brown, Manager: ext. 3035
- Linda Beneke, Administrator: ext. 3039