



SUMMER@CARROLL NEWS

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From the Director:

Another unseasonably cool and wet week didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of Summer@Carroll students. For many students, the academic challenges in reading, writing and math are very difficult. At Carroll during the summer, we strive to build confidence in every student. Through one-to-one tutorials and small classes with low student-teacher ratios, Carroll teachers help students to realize that they *can* be successful.

The afternoons are all about having fun! This week saw some trips to a soggy Walden Pond as well as tours, and ice cream, at Great Brook Farm in Carlyle. Next week will include canoeing trips to the Charles River in Newton.

Wednesday, July 15, is the "change day" on which all *Elementary/Middle School* (Grades 3-7) students' morning activity classes change for the last 2½ weeks of the summer. New schedules will be handed out to *Elementary/Middle School* students on Thursday at 8:30 during morning meetings. Be sure to check the Carroll web site for updated Summer@Carroll news: www.carrollschool.org.

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Academics:

After an exciting Fourth of July, students have settled nicely back into their morning routines. In writing classes, students are well on their way to writing interesting stories. Students are practicing following the writing process and using a variety of graphic organizers to brainstorm and organize their ideas. Students in grades four through seven have enjoyed using the laptops to type, revise and edit their work. In math classes, the students who are using the *FastMath* program are progressing nicely and are now in the game mode. The students in grades three and four have had lots of fun playing different games, including *Farkle* and *DinoMath*, to practice their math facts. The interactive SmartBoards have been a welcomed addition to the classrooms! Teachers and students are taking full advantage of this educational software to reinforce what is being taught in writing and math classes. Lots of productive laughter can be heard from the hallways. Don't forget to check your child's backpack each Thursday for work samples from each class.

On Wednesday, July 15, Summer@Carroll School teachers and tutors will be completing the first of two reports mailed home to families. This report consists of a checklist of skills and work habits and will be mailed on July 16th. A second report will be mailed home after the end of camp. In addition to the checklist, the second report will include a short paragraph

describing the work the student has completed. Parents will be invited to a conference with their child's tutor, in addition to an informal gathering with their child's writing and math groups.

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Absent or tardy "hot line"

Call **781-259-8342, extension 4000** to report a student absence, tardy arrival or early dismissal. Plan to call prior to 8:30 at which time attendance is taken. You may also send an e-mail to: gsummers@carrollschool.org. The Summer@Carroll emergency cell phone number is: **617-901-5271**.

Summer Speaker Series

Tuesday, July 14, 8:30-10:00 AM:

Written Language

This presentation will review some of the difficulties our students face with respect to written output. We will explore the ways in which direct, explicit multi-sensory instruction can be instrumental in helping students develop effective strategies and skills for improving their writing.

Speaker: Allison West
Middle School Language
Department Head
The Carroll School

Venue: Cole Room, Storrow House
8:30-10:00 – "Meet & greet" with summer writing teachers, refreshments, presentation, Q&A

This Summer Speaker Series is open to members of the Summer@Carroll community. There is a \$10 fee, all proceeds going to the Summer@Carroll Scholarship Fund. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Camp Trips next week (July 13-17):

Walden Pond swimming:

Mon. July 13: Groups A&B
Tues. July 14: Groups C&D
Wed. July 15: Groups E, F, Gr. 7
Thurs. July 16: Groups A&B

Bus leaves Carroll at 1:40 PM and returns at 3:45 PM in time for dismissal. Campers need swim suits, towels, camp T-shirts, and sneakers for Walden trips.

Charles River Canoe in Newton:

Mon. July 13: Groups E2, F
Tues. July 14: Groups A, B
Wed. July 15: Groups B2, C
Thurs. July 16: Groups D, E1



Bus leaves Carroll at 1:15 PM and returns at 3:45 PM in time for dismissal. Campers should wear their camp shirts, sneakers and hats for protection from the sun.

Beginning Readers:

Wednesday, July 15th – Drumlin Farm

On Wednesday afternoon, the *Beginning Readers* (BR) will travel down the road to Drumlin Farm for a self-guided tour of the farm. The visit starts with a hayride throughout the farm. The Carroll bus will leave at 12:45 PM and return at 2:30 PM for regular BR dismissal.

All Beginning Readers needs to wear their camp shirts on all field trips.

Metro Rock Quotes from the HSR students:



“I had a great time climbing and hanging out with our group.”

“At some walls there were hard parts to overcome, but when you got through them and reached the top it was a feeling of accomplishment.”

“The day was filled with smiles and the sound of laughter coming from kids there.”

“Metro Rock is an amazing place.”

High School Readiness:

Monday, July 13th – Boston Harbor Tour

On Monday, July 13th, the *High School Readiness* group will be heading into Boston to spend the afternoon on a Boston Harbor cruise. The cruise will tour the inside and outside harbors, while pointing out some of the historical sites along the way. The *HSR* group will return to Carroll in time for the afternoon pick up at 4:00.



Friday, July 17...*Magic Day with Frank Karpo*

Frank Karpo returns to Summer@Carroll with a variety of magic tricks and illusions that will amaze and confound all the campers. Frank has performed and booked over 3,000 *Amazing Kids Magic* events in the past 20 years. See him make a pizza disappear! Is this the summer he actually cuts a camper in half? We will all find out next Friday afternoon. This is an on-campus activity for all the Summer@Carroll campers.