



SUMMER@CARROLL NEWS

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Final Issue

Last issue of *Summer@Carroll News*:

Summer@Carroll 2010 has flown by. We have only one more week of camp left. The academic staff is looking forward to meeting parents next week to discuss the progress students have made this summer.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Summer@Carroll Speaker Series. Carroll School is committed to sharing information with parents on topics related to children with language-based learning disabilities. I encourage summer parents to visit the Carroll School web site (www.carrollschool.org) to stay current on speaker presentations during the school year. The web site will also keep you abreast of developments this fall as Carroll opens its new Lower School building on Trapelo Road in Waltham. Summer parents are welcomed members of the Carroll School community. Please consider Carroll another valuable information resource for meeting the educational needs of your student.

Best wishes for a great 2010-2011 school year!

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Academics:

By now, parents/guardians should have received their student's mid-term reports. Enclosed in the reports was information regarding the final day of the program (July 30st) with a conference schedule. Parent conferences for *Beginning Readers* will be held from Monday through Thursday of next week. There will be no *Beginning Reader* conferences on Friday, July 30. For the *BR* conference, the student's tutor and language/math teacher will be present. *Elementary/Middle* parents/guardians will

have a one-on-one conference with their student's language tutor on Friday. In addition, they can meet in small, informal groups with math and writing teachers. Parents/guardians of *High School Readiness* students should have received a sign-up sheet for conferences, which is to be returned to Janet Maguire or Larry Greco. Conference times will come home with *HSR* students on Monday.

At conferences, parents will receive folders containing samples of student's work.

We look forward to seeing all of you here at Carroll as we conclude Summer@Carroll 2010.

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Final academic reports will be mailed home at the conclusion of the program.



Twister game during Geometry Day, July 16

Geometry Day a big success!

Thanks to the hard work of Jen McAleer, Math Supervisor, the July 16th *Geometry Day* was a hit with all the kids. Activities and games were planned throughout the afternoon with each camp group rotating from activity to activity.

Reminder: On Friday (7/30), bring home any student work samples or projects that your child has been working on.

Beginning Readers News of the week:



Emerson Playground in Concord

This week the *Beginning Readers* traveled to Emerson Playground in Concord for some fun in the sun! We had a great time on the play structure using the monkey bars, the swings, and the slides. You could find kids climbing under, around, and on top of everything. To cool off and take a break from all the climbing, the BRs headed to the water sprinklers, where they splashed, laughed, and got soaked! When the BRs were all worn out, we relaxed in the shade of the trees and enjoyed a chocolate and vanilla twist from Bedford Farms.

Next Thursday the BRs head to the *Acton Science Discovery Museum*. Also, remember Parent Conferences are held next Monday through Thursday. If you are unsure of your conference time or have any questions. Please contact me at kambrose@carrollschool.org or 781-259-8342, ext. 3708.

On Friday, July 30, there will be *Closing Ceremonies* for the Beginning Readers in the Gate House starting around 11:00 a.m. We hope you can join us. Dismissal will be at 11:50 from the Gate House for all *Beginning Readers*.

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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 8:20AM. You may e-mail: gsummers@carrollschool.org.

Final Summer Speaker Series:

Wednesday, July 28: 8:30-10:00

Building Better Brains for Reading

An incredible flow of research on the human brain is helping us understand how best to help children with language learning difficulties. This presentation is designed to help make some of this research understandable for parents. The brain research can help parents make more informed decisions about the types of programs and instruction that are more likely to be effective with their children.

Speaker: Steve Wilkins
Head of School
The Carroll School

Venue: Cole Room, Storrow House
8:30-10:00 – refreshments, presentation, Q&A

The 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.

**Reminder to Parents:
Check the Lost & Found in the gym
before leaving campus on July 30.**

Camp Trips next week (July 26-27):

Cochituate State Park trips:

Mon. July 26: Groups A, B and TED

Tues. July 27: Groups C and D

The bus leaves Carroll at 1:15 PM and returns by 3:40 PM in time for dismissal. Campers need swim suits, towels, camp T-shirts, and sneakers for Walden trips.



Blueberry picking brings out smiles!

Blueberry Picking at Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow:

Mon. July 26: Groups D, E1

Tues. July 27: Groups E2, F and G

Talaganza 2010: New Date – July 28th

The 2010 Talent Show – Talaganza – is now scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 in the afternoon. All Elementary/Middle School camper will have the opportunity to showcase a wide variety of talent at the Talaganza.



Performers at Talaganza 2009

Willard Brook State Forest – Thursday, July 29

Elementary/Middle School (Grades 3-7) and the *TED* (Technology, Engineering & Design) campers will travel to Willard Brook State Forest in Townsend, MA for the day on Thursday, July 29. There will be no morning classes for this group on Thursday. After morning meetings with their camp groups, *Elementary/Middle School* and *TED* campers will travel by bus to Townsend for a day of fun. Pick up is at the regular 4:00 time at Carroll School. For lunch, there will be a cook out with hot dogs & hamburgers. Do not send lunch on Thursday. Carroll will provide drinks as well as snacks on Thursday. Campers should remember water bottles, bathing suits and towels, and sunscreen lotion.

Departure for Willard Brook State Forest is at 9:00 AM sharp – do not be late!

High School Readiness Final Projects: Presentations on Wednesday, July 28 – Parents invited!

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend the *High School Readiness* end-of-program presentations on Wednesday (7/28) from 9:00-11:00 in the Library Conference Room in Storow. Students have been working on essays for their presentations. The writing process focused on narration and technical writing skills. The classroom instruction reinforced the writing process utilizing the “Six + 1 Traits” writing model. The *High School Readiness* staff hopes to see many parents in attendance on Wednesday for the presentations.



The HSR Group visits Boston

More HSR Fun next week:

Another busy week for the *High School Readiness* group:

Monday, July 26: *Metro Rock*

Tuesday, July 27: Group lunch at *Fire and Ice* in Harvard Square

Wednesday, July 28: TBD

Thursday, July 29: *Canobie Lake Park* in Salem, NH

Beginning Readers visit the Science Discovery Museum in Acton -- Thursday, July 29.

The *Beginning Readers* will travel to Acton on Thursday for a visit to the Science Discovery Museum. They will leave Carroll at 11:45 after morning classes and an early lunch. The *Beginning Readers* will enjoy a tour of the museum during which they will view and touch a variety of science displays. The *Beginning Readers* need to bring a lunch which we will eat at Carroll prior to leaving for Acton. Regular 2:30 pick up for *Beginning Readers* is at the Gate House. The “extended day” 4:00 pick up will be at “Needham Station”.

Friday, July 30st -- Last day of Summer@Carroll -- Noon dismissal:

July 30 is the last day of Summer@Carroll 2010. Students will be dropped off at 8:30AM for a morning that starts with abbreviated classes. This is a time for teachers and tutors to hand back work from the summer and say “good bye”.

Elementary/Middle School (Grades 3-7) parents will leave the Carroll School campus at 8:30AM and can return at 10:00AM for conferences. Refer to the “area highlights” on the Carroll web site if you are looking for something to do before 10:00AM. Conferences begin for *Elementary/Middle School* parents at 10:00AM depending on your child’s schedule. This conference information was sent home with the mid-summer reports last week. Additional copies of students’ schedules will be available in the lobby of Storror if you do not have one. Parking is available in the Gym lot at the top of the hill as well as next to the Spaulding Building as you go down the hill. Parents can meet their children at 12:00 noon in the courtyard of the Storror Building for final day pick up.

Beginning Reader parents are invited to come to “closing ceremonies” at 11:00 AM in the Great Room of the Gate House. You may park on the lower field. Dismissal for *Beginning Readers* is after the ceremonies at 11:50 from the Gate House.

Summer@Carroll 2011 Information:

Parents should check the Carroll School web site starting in November to get details about Summer@Carroll 2011.



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Message to Parents:

For parents of *Elementary/Middle School* students, Friday, July 30th is parent conference day at Summer@Carroll from 10:00-12:00. If you drop your child off at 8:30 and need something to do before returning for your 10:00 conference, please refer to this list of local highlights. A more extensive listing is on the Carroll web site: www.carrollschool.org. Search “**Area Guide: Where to Find What Locally**”.

Codman Farm, 58 Codman Road, Lincoln: take a right at 5-way stop, Codman Road is just past the railroad tracks and before the police and fire stations. The farm store opens at 9:00 AM.

DeCordova Museum & Sculpture Park, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA: the sculpture park opens at dawn and is free until 10:00 AM.

Drumlin Farm, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, opens at 9:00 AM. They have a wonderful gift shop.

Walden Pond in Concord: enjoy a peaceful walk around Walden. See Thoreau’s cabin.

Minute Man Visitor Center: Exit 30B off Route 128/I-95, Route 2A in Lexington

Hartwell Tavern, Route 2A in Lexington; opens at 9:30 AM.

North Bridge Visitor Center: 174 Liberty Street in Concord; opens at 9:00 AM.

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord Center features “Author Ridge” where Hawthorne, Thoreau, Alcott, and Emerson are all buried. You can walk through the cemetery to the **Great Meadows Nation Wildlife Refuge**.

West Concord 5 and 10, 106 Commonwealth in West Concord; a “step back in time” 5 and dime with almost anything you need.

Farm Stands: Various farm stands along Route 2 offer an array of fresh vegetables.

The Whistle Stop Gourmet: 145 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, offers coffee and newspapers to read.

Dunkin Doughnuts: Route 117 at Nine Acre Corner in Concord, more coffee & treats.

Starbucks: 159 Sudbury Road off Route 2 in Concord for more upscale coffee & treats.

Donelan’s Market: Lincoln Street in Lincoln, a great chance to do some shopping.

Sally Ann Food Shop, 73 Main St in Concord; fresh-baked breads and pastries, and coffee.

Helen’s Café, 15 Main St in Concord (formerly Brigham’s)

Concord Teacakes, 59 Commonwealth in West Concord; a popular little shop with great scones, shortbread, and coffeecakes.

Nashoba Brook Bakery, 152 Commonwealth in West Concord; located across the street from the Chrysler dealership, just before the Gulf station in an old brick warehouse set back off the road; watch them make great slow-rise bread.

Enjoy your visit to Lincoln and the surrounding areas.