



SUMMER@CARROLL NEWS

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Final Issue

From the Director:

One more week of Summer@Carroll for 2009: the last four weeks have flown by for students and staff! 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. 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 2009-2010 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 31st) 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 31. At the time of 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 on 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 2009.

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Carroll Math Class during summer 2009

Mathematics:

Thank you to the parents who came to the Math Speaker Series presentation this week. It was nice for me to listen to your thoughts and concerns about your student and their math studies. We have had a good month working and playing games with your

children. They are a thoughtful group of young students.

During the CarrollMath teacher training two weeks ago we had many Summer@Carroll students participate in a demonstration lesson with Dr David Stevens involving thinking skills. Everyone did a great job. The kids were very productive in front of 30 teachers! If you are interested in family games we would like to suggest a game called Meta Forms.

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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.

Summer Speaker Series:

Tuesday, 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.

Camp Trips next week (July 27-30):

Walden Pond trips:

Mon. July 27: Groups A and B

Tues. July 28: Groups C and D

Wed. July 29: Groups E, F & 7

The bus leaves Carroll at 1:40 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 at *Honey Pot Hill Orchards* in Stow:

Mon. July 27: Groups D and E1

Tues. July 28: Groups E2 and F

Wed. July 29: Groups A and B1

Salisbury Beach Trip – Thursday, July 30

Elementary/Middle School (Grades 3-7) and *High School Readiness* (Grades 8-9) campers will travel to Salisbury Beach in Salisbury, MA for the day on Thursday, July 30th. There will be no morning classes on Thursday. After morning meetings with their camp groups, *Elementary/Middle School* and *High School Readiness* campers will travel by bus to Salisbury for a day of fun on Massachusetts’ north shore. Pick up is at the regular 4:00 time at Carroll School. For lunch, there will be a cook out with hot dogs & hamburgers at the beach. 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 Salisbury is at 9:00 AM sharp – do not be late!



High School Readiness presentation, 2008

High School Readiness Final Projects: Presentations on Tuesday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 29 – Parents invited!

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend the *High School Readiness* end-of-program presentations on Tuesday (7/28) or Wednesday (7/29) from 9:15-11:00 in the Library Conference Room in Storow. The *HSR* students will bring home a presentation schedule on Monday so parents know which day to attend. 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 Tuesday or Wednesday for the presentations.

More HSR Fun next week:

On Tuesday, the *HSR* group will travel to Newton to canoe on the Charles River. Before leaving, they are planning a *pizza party* so each student should bring in \$3.00 to cover lunch. On Wednesday, they’re off to *Jordan’s Furniture* for an afternoon of trapeze fun!



Feeding the animals at Davis Farmland

Beginning Readers visit Davis Farmland in Sterling -- Thursday, July 30.

The *Beginning Readers* will travel to Sterling on Thursday for a visit to Davis Farmland. They will leave Carroll at 9:00 after morning meeting. The *Beginning Readers* will enjoy a hayride as well as a guided tour to see and touch all the animals at the Farmland. The *Beginning Readers* need to bring a lunch which we will eat at Davis. Carroll will provide milk for lunch but the campers may bring in their own drink for lunchtime. After lunch, the *Beginning Readers* will play in the “water park” at Davis, so make sure to pack a bathing suit and towel in your camper’s bag. 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 31st -- Last day of Summer@Carroll -- Noon dismissal:

July 31st. is the last day of Summer@Carroll 2009. 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 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 Storrow 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. Pick up is at 12:00 noon on Friday at “Needham Station”

Beginning Reader parents are invited to come to “closing ceremonies” at 11:15AM in the Great Room of the Gate House. You may park on the lower field. Dismissal for *Beginning Readers* is after the ceremonies at 12:00.

Check the “Lost & Found” in the gym before you leave on Friday.

Reminder: Bring home any student work samples or projects that your child has been working on.

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

Summer@Carroll 2010 Information:

Parents should check the Carroll School web site starting in November to get details about Summer@Carroll 2010.



Friday, July 31, is noon dismissal from “Needham Station”.