

# Capturing Carver

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#### Vision:

Carver Elementary School will service every child to grow at least two levels by 2022 while guiding students in a safe, inviting environment.

#### Motto:

"Big journeys begin with small steps."

~Author unknown

#CarverStrong

## Carver's View



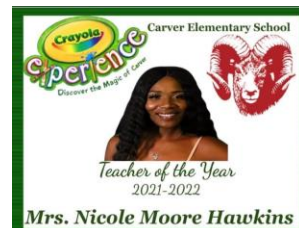
Greetings parents,

We have wrapped up another successful nine weeks at Carver Elementary School. Students have enjoyed receiving weekly incentives from teachers and monthly incentives from the administrative team. These incentives would not have been possible without the support of parents, donating snack items for the "Ram Store" where students spend their "Ram bucks" they have earned for appropriate behavior inside and outside the classroom. If you are wondering if you can donate, the answer is yes. You choose what you send. Nothing is too small or large for our students. Because of your efforts, we have been named School of the Month of December by the District. Students and parents played a major role in this. Thank you to those parents who make this possible.

As a reminder, Benchmark testing starts Monday, December 13, 2021. We will be assessing until December 16, 2021. We ask that you help us finish this testing cycle on time by bringing/sending students to school on time, every day. This would be a tremendous help to our goal of 100% testing.

We will continue to work towards growing our students two proficiency levels. If you need to schedule a meeting with a teacher, please communicate with your teacher to coordinate a time to get this done. We look forward to working alongside you as the year progresses.

With our students' success in mind,  
Principal Bolden



## Counselor's Corner

### Word of the Month: Generosity

**Quote of the Month:** “Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.” Kahlil Gibran

There is no better way to end the year than by giving back to your community. Here are a few simple steps you and your family can take this holiday season to make a difference in the lives of individuals experiencing hardships.

#### 1. Volunteer

The best way for an immediate impact is by volunteering. With the holidays right around the corner, there are multiple opportunities to have an impact in your community. Visit a nearby soup kitchen and help serve individuals a warm meal or check with local agencies for gift distributions to children in need or holiday parties for senior citizens.

#### 2. Gifts That Give Back

Many brands and stores donate a percentage of purchases to an organization that helps those in need. Many stores will also provide shoppers with an opportunity to donate a small amount during checkout and be featured on their “wall of fame” throughout the holiday season. Some credit cards also donate a percentage of purchases during the holidays. While you finish your last-minute Christmas shopping, consider shopping at one of these supportive stores.

#### 3. Donate

Even the smallest donations go a long way in assisting those in need. Donations to the local Salvation Army, coat drive, or toy drive will be a great way to help those in need. This will provide necessary items for families, but it will also put a smile on their faces and warm their hearts.

## Librarian's Corner

Walking in a Bookish Wonderland: A December Reading Challenge for Kids

As the year's end rolls in and holiday excitement takes over, there's no better feeling than taking some time out and getting cozy with a book. While out for the Christmas Break, take the opportunity to celebrate your year in reading. Enjoy these challenge ideas while you get ready for a brand-new year filled with reading.

- Read a book about a winter sport.
- Ask a Librarian: Visit the local library and ask a librarian, “What are some of your favorite books published this year for readers my age?” Then check one out!
- Read a book about a holiday you don't celebrate at home.
- Celebrate National Short Story Day, December 21, by exploring an anthology or collection of short stories and using it as inspiration to write your own short story.
- Try reading a book aloud to the tune of your favorite winter song, such as “Jingle Bells” or “Winter Wonderland.”
- Think ahead: What's something you want to learn more about in the New Year? Read a book on that topic to get a jump start!
- Read a book while wrapped in a favorite blanket. Add a cup of hot cocoa if you'd like.
- Think about all the books you've read this year and choose your favorite. Flip through it one more time and ask yourself, “What made it feel special?”
- Read a book by an author who has a first or last name that starts with the same letter as yours.
- Gather up old books you no longer read and donate them to those in need.

## Upcoming Events

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Assessments**  
December 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Break**  
December 20, 2021-January 3, 2022

**Storyboards Due:**  
January 4, 2022

**ADA**  
**91.5%**

## “Every day Counts”

Ms. Akela Barnes, District Attendance Officer

Mr. Adrian Gooden, School Resource Officer



As a school and a district, we understand that we are not quite out of the woods with COVID-19 yet. We will continue to follow the CDC and district protocols for social distancing and sanitation, ensuring that all facets of our journey during the school day is one that is aligned. Our goal is, and has always been, to provide a safe learning environment. You can help us keep everyone safe by ensuring your child has a mask on daily before arriving at school.