



Jaguar Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

April 6

Spring Pictures

April 9-20

Testing All Week

No Activities

April 17

Honor's Activity at 9:00 AM

Perfect Attendance Activity 1:15 PM.

Track Meet at PC

April 19

PST Meeting

April 20

Multicultural Day

8th Grade Dance

Staff vs. Student Basketball at 1:30 PM

April 23

FB Meeting at 5:15 PM

April 24

Parent Meeting 9:00 AM

School Library Month

April 26

Report Cards

Track Meet at PC

April 27

PBS

April 30

PTSA 5:30PM

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Testing time is once again upon us at Carr Middle School. Johnnie Carr students are taking the SCANTRON Performance Series tests between the dates of April 9 through 20. All students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be testing in reading and math, and 7th graders will also be testing in science.

6th Grade

Monday April 9th - Reading

Tuesday April 10th - Math

7th Grade

Monday April 9th - Reading

Wednesday April 11th - Math

Thursday- April 12th -Science

8th Grade

Tuesday April 10th - Reading

Wednesday April 11th - Math

Our teachers have prepared our students all year long for this, but we still need your help during testing. **Parents:** Please make sure that students are here every day and on time. We want all of our students to be well rested and to eat a healthy breakfast. Thank you for your support! It is very important that our students take this testing seriously and that they try their best. To prepare, we have listed some test-taking tips below:

Test Taking Tips

Take a deep breath and relax

Read all of the directions carefully

Read the questions carefully

Make sure you understand what is being asked

Look at all of the choices before you answer

Paraphrase the question

Eliminate the answers you know are wrong

Stop and think carefully

Check your work for accuracy

And always do your best.

April's IB learner trait is “**communicator.**” According to our IB learner profile, **Communicators** understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. IB students regularly deliver stimulating presentations and drive excellence in group assignments, presenting information, asking questions, and sharing ideas. As you can see, being an effective communicator is more than being able to articulate one's thoughts. Putting words into meaningful contexts and using appropriate vocabulary all contribute to the effectiveness of communication. Being an effective and confident **communicator** is a valuable characteristic to have throughout life. The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally-minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

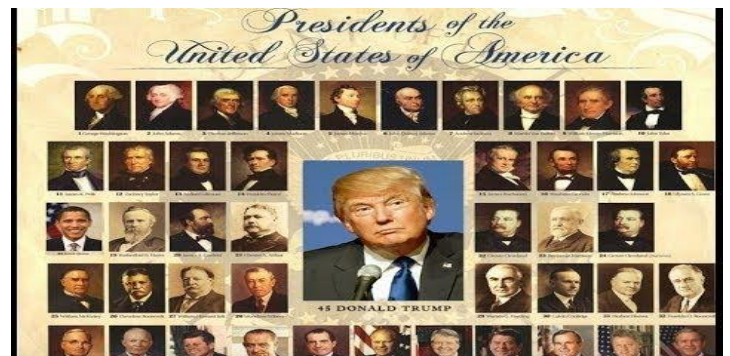
★ **Ways you can help your child become a better communicator at home:**

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other states or countries by writing letters, using the phone, and sending emails.
- Have informal talks and discussions with your son or daughter when you are in the car, at the dinner table or during bedtime chats.
- Work with your child to improve listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.
- Ask your child to communicate his or her ideas to you. You may be surprised at what you will learn about your child!



What is happening inside our classrooms...

In Mr. Bradley's 7th grade civics and geography class, students are working on presidential essays. They are writing about a former president of the United States, using graphic organizers to take notes on key information such as: critical events in the president's life, people who influenced the president, his contribution to U.S. history, etc.



In Coach Dolman's physical education class, female students showcased their dancing skills for their peers. With the help and support of Ms. Jones, an intern from Alabama State University, students learned dance routines and designed jackets using duck tape and other materials. Congratulations to all female students who participated in this event for their outstanding performances and creativity, and special thanks to Ms. Jones for doing such an excellent job under the supervision of Coach Dolman.



Congratulations Jaguars!



Anmol Guard, a 7th grade student in Mrs. Edmondson's Magnet English class, won 1st place in the Maxwell Air Force Base Centennial Committee Essay Contest to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of Maxwell AFB. This contest was open to MPS schools and schools on Maxwell AFB. Submissions for the contest were to include a one-page essay about what 100 years of the base in Montgomery means to the writer. Anmol's name was announced at the Montgomery Biscuits game on Friday, April 6th for the top prize among three finalists! We are so proud of you, Anmol!!

Congratulations to Carr tennis players of the month, Brian Thomas and Alexis Andrews for their outstanding job on the Jaguars team!

Announcement



IB students of the month:

- 6th Grade- Ethan Walton
- 7th Grade- Melanie Hurtado
- 8th Grade- Kistrall Crusoe

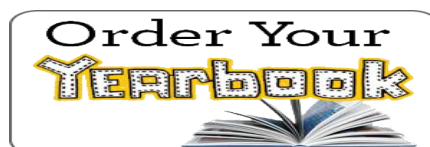
IB teachers of the month:

Coach Shirley Dolman, Physical Education Teacher.

Box Tops For Education



We are still collecting them, so please keep those labels coming! Turn them in at the front office.



Reminder: Order your yearbook before they sell out! They are \$ 35.00 and you can pay Mrs. Davenport (cash or money order only please). You can also order online at Jostens.com



MULTICULTURAL DAY



Date:
4/20/18

Time: 7:50 AM –10:45 AM



Let's celebrate the cultural richness and diversity of our school!

Since the spring of 2013, Carr Middle School has designated a special day each year to celebrate and explore the many countries and traditions represented within our school community and to get a taste (literally) of the world right in the heart of our own school. The Carr Middle School Multicultural Festival is a fun and meaningful way to recognize our differences while celebrating those things which unite us. This exciting event will include display tables with interesting facts and foods from around the world.

Come take a world tour with us!

April 20, 2018— Gym



Dear Parents:

As mentioned above, we are having a Multicultural Day on Friday, April 20, 2018. Students who have signed up to represent their country of origin may dress in traditional dress, set up a display table representing the many wonderful facets of their country, and share about their homeland with classmates and teachers. If your child is doing a display table, he or she will bring the items to school that day or even the previous day, if needed. This may include but is not limited to: small figurines, flags, music, power point presentations with laptop/ipad, small bite size food samples (remember we have over 750 students—we will have small cups/spoons for tasting), posters, and anything else you would like to use to decorate your area. Parents, you are more than welcome to join us for this celebration as well.

Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Ellis

ESL and Social Studies Departments

