



# Jaguar Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### February 8

Progress Reports

### February 13

Magnet Tours at 9:30 AM

### February 19

No School/ President's Day

### February 20

Professional Development  
Baseball at Wetumpka  
at 4:30 PM

### February 23

PBS

### February 24

Baseball at Floyd  
at 11:00 AM

### February 28

Black History Month Program  
8:30 AM - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
9:45 AM - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade

Baseball at Wetumpka  
at 4:30 PM

PTSA Fundraiser from  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – March 19

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### Assistant Principals

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Mrs. Deidre McCray

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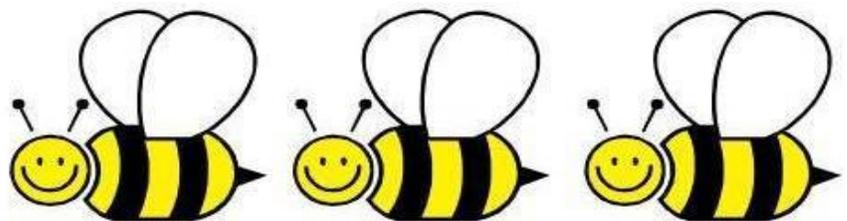
Jisselle Hidalgo

Laurie Edmondson

Dear Carr Middle School Families and Friends!

This is the time of year we find ourselves spending lots of time reminding our students about expectations for appropriate behavior at school. We encourage you to continue your vital role in this partnership endeavoring to make Carr a place where all children can be successful. Working together, we can emphasize and even improve upon our as expectations for behavior and routines in the classroom, the cafeteria, and on school busses. When students hear a common message from school and home about good behavior they understand that all the adults in their life care enough to have the same high expectations for them. Furthermore, when kids know what is expected of them, it's easier for them to comply. Thank you for your assistance in helping all our children understand the importance of being respectful, resourceful and responsible at school.

With middle school students, we work hard to praise positive behavior and to teach more appropriate behaviors when students make poor choices. There are times when we see behavior that requires a more intense intervention. Our goal is to understand the underlying reason for the behavior, so that we can help address the issue while encouraging better choices. At Carr Middle School, we strive to help our students succeed both in academics and in life. If you have any questions about expectations for student behavior, the Code of Conduct is available on the MPS website in the parent handbook.



Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible

## Drive Safety

When dropping off or picking up children up from school, please drive in the designated line. For safety reasons, drive slowly - 5 MPH in the parking lot. Please be courteous to our safety patrols who are there to ensure our students' safety. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.



This month's IB learner profile trait that characterizes Johnnie Carr students is "Balanced." What does it mean to be balanced? Balanced children understand the importance of intellectual, physical, and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

★ **Ways you can help your child become more balance at home:**

- Encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of structured activities.
- Discuss the food groups with your child. Spend a few minutes during mealtime deciding if what your family is eating is balanced.
- Emphasize routines, such as doing homework at the same time each day. Routines help provide the consistency and structure that children need to understand and meet expectations.
- Help your child to get organized by using lists, calendars, folders, and other supplies that keep them on track.

**Balanced**

It is exercise alone that supports the spirits, and keeps the mind in vigor.

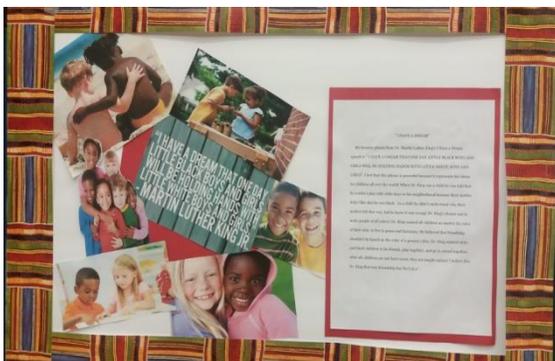
-Marcus Tullius Cicero



# What is happening inside our classrooms...

February marks Black History Month, a tribute to African-American men and women who have made significant contributions in America and the rest of the world. At Carr, our Black History Program will be held this year on February 28<sup>th</sup>. In individual classrooms, students are exploring the lives of well-known, and some less well-known African American, both from a historical and a cultural perspective.

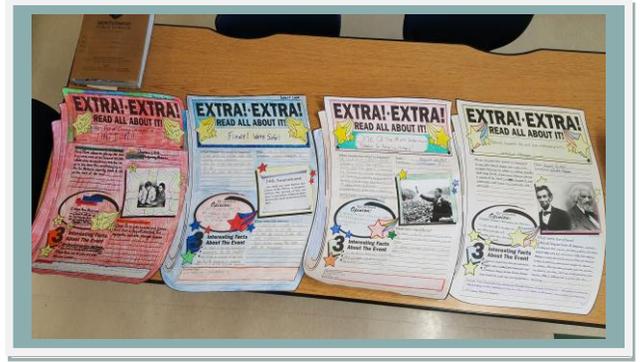
In Mrs. Rabb's, 8<sup>th</sup> grade History teacher, students have been studying and listening to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Students were assigned the task of selecting their favorite phrases from the speech for the title of their projects, and then illustrating their posters using colors, creativity, and design. Students were graded on presentation, originality, creativity, understanding, and interpretation of the phrase chosen.



In Mrs. Ellis's, 8<sup>th</sup> grade History teacher, students were assigned the same task.



In Mr. Bradley's, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civics and Geography class, students created posters about African American History and the civil rights movement. Each student was assigned an event in black history. They had to research the event and list important facts about it such as cause and effect. In addition, students provided a list of sources and used to locate the information. Posters were graded on legibility, organization, and creativity.



## Congratulations Jaguars!



Congratulations to Coach Baldwin, Coach Davenport, Coach Dolman, and our boys and girls basketball players for doing an outstanding job in the basketball Championship. 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team and girls' basketball team won the city tournament championship; and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team won the regular season city championship. Carr finished the regular season with the best score in our nine year history! All the three teams earned the right to host their division tournament at Carr Middle.



Many thanks to our counselors, Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Fenn, during National Counselors' Appreciation Week. On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Carr Middle School, we appreciate all that you do for us each day.



Congratulations to our PALS Self-Contained Special Education teacher, Mrs. Erica Dunwoody for organizing the United Way Fundraising. Our school raised **\$501** for the River Region United Way.



# Announcements:



## IB students of the month:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Alejandro Cordero

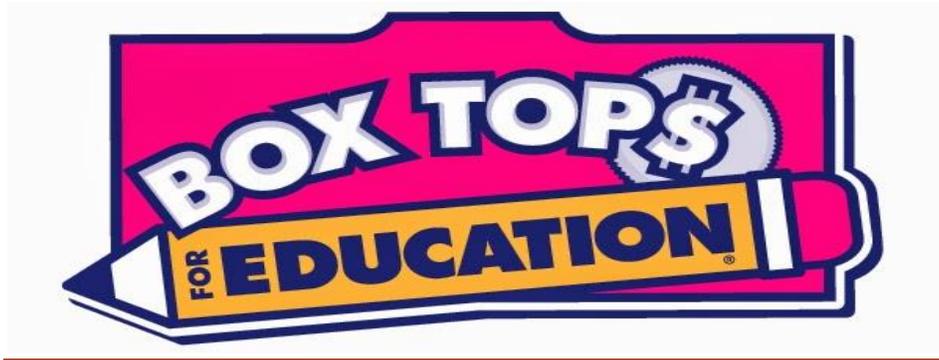
7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Malak Abd El Aziz

8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Ariyana Vaughn

## IB teachers of the month:

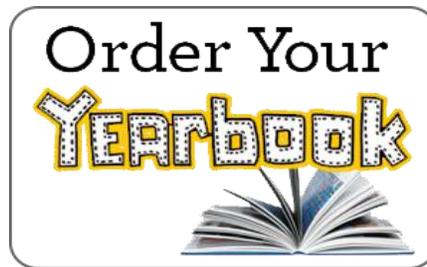
Mrs. Shariye Rabb, 8<sup>th</sup> grade History teacher.

## Box Tops For Education



Thank to all families, students, and staff who continue to bring in the Box Tops.

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. Wells-Mays (cash or money order only please). You can also order online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com).

