

# The Chronicle

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## From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie

February was a busy month at Carden Conservatory! We started out with our successful Open House, where we had a wonderful turn out and finished off another amazing Book Fair! A big thank you to Thai Bui, Melissa Holloway, and all of our outstanding parent volunteers for their hard work and help with this event! As we continued in the month, our 3rd grade did an excellent job with their President's Day assembly. It was great to see all of our staff and children enjoying another fun Spirit Day, while starting our fun-filled themes for Dr. Seuss Week (Read Across America Week) to finish off the month!

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of our Carden families who work hard to provide the best possible education for their children. Many schools, public and private, have had to cut enrichment programs and increase class sizes. These types of changes can decrease the students' ability to learn, limit individual enrichment, and increase behavioral problems. It is because of this, that we are committed to keeping our student to teacher ratio and maintaining our enrichment classes such as music/drama, art/computers, and yoga for all of our student body and kayaking/paddle boarding, golf, and bowling for our upper grade students. In addition, we constantly strive to add new programs, like our very popular cooking class for our junior high, which add excitement to our already advanced curriculum! Next year, we will continue to provide a vigorous academic curriculum, in a safe and nurturing environment for your children to learn and grow. The only changes we plan on making are for the better, and we look forward to showing you how we raise the bar yet again at our school!

Remember, Carden families with returning students and their siblings will receive a 10% discount off the enrollment fee for early sign-up, so look out for enrollment forms going home soon! We wish you and your family a happy spring and look forward to more fun in March!



## STUDENT of the MONTH

*Carden recognizes these students for exhibiting fine citizenship!*

### FEBRUARY

JK	Carter Nguyen
K	Belen Bui
1st	Romeo Tajanlangit
2nd	Saylor Holloway
3rd	Joely Vahdat
4th	Sebastian Galdamez
5th	Arielle Zappia
6th	Shaheen Morakkabi



## Upcoming EVENTS

March 13  
Skate Night

March 30  
Good Friday  
Observed

April 2-6  
Spring Break

April 13  
All-School  
Jog-A-Thon

## Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

In the month of February, the Kindergarten class finished reading "The Red Book", a Carden first grade reader. The K class had a fun Valentine's Day party, and enjoyed giving Valentine cards and treats to each other, along with decorating and eating the cupcakes. The students learned about Groundhog Day and watched for the news from Punxsutawney Phil as he saw his shadow, which according to the story means we will have six more weeks of winter. The Kindergarteners are learning things red, white and blue, and about our country, American history, and American symbols such as The Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Memorial and the



Washington Monument. For science, the students erupted a plastic volcano, using vinegar, red food coloring, and baking soda, and also planted sunflower seeds in our garden plot. They learned that water can be a liquid, solid and a gas, by putting water (as a liquid) in a cup, and then the cups in the freezer (solid), and the next day took the cups outside to the warm sidewalk. The students observed the ice melting and the water evaporating off the sidewalk. A mug of water was microwaved and the students felt the steam (gas) coming out of the mug. For the 100th day of school, the JK class joined us in our room, where we read a story and decorated headbands with 100 sea life stickers. We had a fun morning together. The JK class will be coming to the K class regularly on Friday mornings for story time and singing. The field trip to the Kellogg House in Santa Ana was an educational day outside the classroom. The students toured a home that was over 100 years old, and learned how people lived over 100 years ago, by making butter, washing towels using a metal tub with a washboard, and getting their photos taken dressed up in old-fashioned clothing.



## Preschool

The Junior Kindergarten class has been busy learning all the play names and sounds of the letters, practicing printing letters, and is also starting on printing the numbers. They had their first visit with our Kindergarten class and really enjoyed it, and are looking forward to the next visit. The children in the pre-primary class and in the 2 year old program have also been very busy learning shapes, numbers, letters and been working on listening skills and following verbal directions. All the children are enjoying circle-time, art projects, music and Spanish, and we are very proud of all of their accomplishments so far.

## 1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

The First Graders had a fabulous February. They participated in many fun learning activities. During Math, students used money manipulatives for problem solving and enjoyed the game of "Allowance". They are getting really good at collecting all the money! In Writing, we have stepped it up a bit, in preparation for second grade expectations. Students are working towards the mastery of conventions (capitalization and punctuation). First graders should be writing with many details and developing focused and interesting stories. Students are learning how to write a paragraph, state their opinion and write a narrative. February is a special month for focus on American symbols and historical figures, with emphasis on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. First graders studied character traits of fairness, responsibility, respect, caring, trustworthiness and citizenship.

## 2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

The month of February has been filled with celebrations for 2nd grade. On the 9th, we participated in the 100th day of School. Each student brought in a bag filled with 100 items from home, and we decorated crowns with 100 jewels, made 100th day snacks with ten different foods, and made necklaces with 100 fruit loops. The students also enjoyed both giving and receiving Valentines, while we feasted on delicious treats and watched a movie. On the 23rd, we participated in Spirit Day, and "Read Across America" began on the 26th. Throughout the month we have read and learned about Chinese New Year, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and The United States, in addition to continuing to practice our cursive, multiplication, and writing skills.



### 3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

Third Grade continues to learn exciting things! The students are increasing their pace, as we prepare for the fourth grade by facing more academic challenges. The students have been learning higher level concepts in math and language arts. They have also completed three book reports and are looking forward to completing their biography and planet projects. New spelling and vocabulary are consistently introduced on a weekly basis. We also have a few more field trips coming up (Water Festival and Planetarium), so the year is flying by! Third grade is an amazing journey and we remain excited about the challenges ahead!



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### English & Literature: Ms. DeLoa

The month of February brought two very fun field trips for the 5th and 6th grades. The 5th grade went to the Segerstrom Concert Hall to see a production of the opera, *Hansel and Gretel*, written by Engelbert Humperdinck. We also saw the ballet dancers from the Orange County Performing Arts Academy perform in the opera. It was an amazing show and we were all very impressed with the singers' voices and the graceful ballet dancers. The 6th grade attended a concert where we learned about the history of jazz music in New Orleans. The musicians performing were called Jazzy Ash and the Leapin' Lizards. They were amazing and we had so much fun singing and dancing to jazz music. It is hard to believe that the school year is going to be winding down in a few short months. I am having such a good time teaching the students in the junior high and I am really looking forward to what the rest of the school year has in store for us!

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### Math & Science: Mrs. Sowards

"Busy, busy, busy", seems to be the theme for Junior High this last month. All students have been working hard on their Science Fair Projects. We have been using deadlines for several steps in the process, in order to keep the students organized and on track. I am very excited to see everything come together in the final reports and boards. In class, fifth grade has been swimming in a chapter devoted to Earth's water. They have been focusing on fresh water sources and how the source water becomes our utility water. In Math, fifth grade finished working with factors and are now working in finding common multiples between sets of numbers. These last two chapters are in preparation for the upcoming fraction work. In sixth grade Science, we have continued studying Earthquakes. Students can explain how they occur and are beginning to understand how to rate their intensities. In Math, sixth grade finished reviewing all the operations involved with fractions. We just recently began solving for the variable in equations where whole numbers, fractions, and decimals are being used. We are working hard and accomplishing a lot here in Junior High!

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### Spanish: Ms. Drummond

February has arrived cold, wet, and full of chocolates! In Spanish we continue to expand our vocabulary. From irregular verbs to conjunctions, our dialogues are becoming more fluent every day. This month, we focus on colloquialisms across the Latin world. We dig deeper to discover why Tortilla is bread in Mexico, but means omelet in Spain, or why there are three completely different words for string beans. All of this, as we also take on the murals and court paintings of Riviera and Velasquez. Understanding different cultures expand our awareness, and consequently improve our lives. Next stop, Modernism in Barcelona with the master Antoni Gaudi.

### 4th Grade: Mrs. Hashin

Our Open House was quite a success! I was very happy with the turnout, and I hope all of the parents were impressed with their children's hard work. The fourth grade is progressing rapidly. The children are perfecting their concept of numbers, converting weights and measures, and refining their division and word problem skills. We finished *By the Great Horn Spoon* in literature, and we have started *Patty Reed's Doll*. The difference between a possessive noun, a plural noun, and a possessive plural noun is challenging the students in grammar. Students are working on changing adjectives to adverbs and adverbs to adjectives. We are studying earth science, which is all about the earth, volcanoes, minerals, and the different types of rocks. We are also preparing for the 4th grade play, which is a mini-lesson of California history. We hope to see everyone at our performance on March 23rd!

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### Music: Ms. Murga

Music has always been an important part of Carden Conservatory's activities and programs. The individual grades perform almost every month at our assemblies. This month, the third grade performed remarkably at our Presidents' Day Assembly. Besides our Assemblies, each grade incorporates their literature studies into music and drama by bringing their particular reading story to the stage. The first grade is excitedly preparing for their Peter Rabbit play. They are very enthusiastic in learning the twelve songs for Peter Rabbit, with the help of the second grade as the main chorus in the play. Julia Ray, Doctor of Education of University of California, Los Angeles stated that "Music has magic appeal for children. Seemingly effortlessly, they will learn multiple verses of complicated songs. Tirelessly, they will sing their favorite ones over and over again. Long after the toys of childhood are forgotten, the gift of music remains."

# WISHING — YOU — the Happiest — OF — BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Caitlin Smith
- 6 Olivia Burnham
- 10 Sean Van Herle
- 12 Shaadi Morakkabi
- 12 Shaheen Morakkabi
- 16 Lilianna Sowards
- 22 Saylor Holloway
- 22 Ruby Holloway
- 24 Alyssa Tran
- 28 Kallen Smith

## MARCH

- 7 Belen Bui
- 15 Michio Ferri
- 17 Payton Fisher
- 23 Jana Saade



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