

The Chronicle



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From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie

November and December were exciting and busy months here at Carden! We had fantastic Veteran's and Thanksgiving assemblies and we had an amazing dessert auction! Our second Skate Night of the year, our restaurant fundraisers, and our Bowling Night were also fun evenings for our school community. Do you ever notice how well our students behave? Do you notice how hard they work and how happy they are to help others? I am proud of the constant comments that I get from people who are impressed with our students' behavior and character. The best part is that they are having fun, not realizing that they are building traits that will one day help them stand out in a group, in a community, in institutes of higher education and in their future careers.

I am so proud of all of our students for exemplifying the Carden Conservatory mission of Educating the Whole Child. Not only do our students show their academic strength on a daily basis, but are continuously demonstrating their sense of community and responsibility. Thank you to all of our amazing Carden families for working with us to instill such important values in the children.

As we head deeper into the holidays, I encourage the children to continue experiencing the joy of helping others. We wish everyone a joyous holiday season and we look forward to all that the new year will bring!

Upcoming EVENTS

December 21
All-School
Winter Program
8:45am

Dec. 24 – Jan. 4:
Winter
Holiday
Break

January 7
Classes
Resume

January 18
Tribute to
Civil Liberties
Assembly
(Junior High)

STUDENT *of the* MONTH

Carden recognizes these students for exhibiting fine citizenship!

NOVEMBER

JK	Holden Domush
K	Darius Davis
1st	Gideon Sowards
2nd	Dylan Jorgensen
3rd	Payton Fisher
4th	Sabastian Fatemian
5th	Ben Thatcher
6th	Avery Ross-Ryan
7th	Shaheen Morakkabi

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DECEMBER

JK	Olivia Craig
K	Olivia Escolar-Chua
1st	Angela Nguyen
2nd	Chase Fisher
3rd	Saylor Holloway
4th	Chloe Nguyen
5th	Sebastian Galdamez
6th	Heart Perez
7th	Athan Taylor

Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The Kindergarten students have been working hard to increase their reading skills the last two months. They have learned blends and the long and short sounds of the vowels. They have read the "I See" book and the "Joan" book, the first and second readers for Kindergarten. It is exciting to see the Kindergarten students' progress each school day at the Teaching Table, in acquiring new reading skills and practicing the skills they have already learned. In November, the students learned the meaning of Thanksgiving Day and about the Pilgrims. The students enjoyed decorating a gingerbread turkey. The best part was eating the turkey! For our literature unit, I read "The Little Red Hen" books to the class. The K students compared what was the same and what was different about the Red Hen stories. The books taught us the importance of everyone helping each other. This was followed by a unit on the Native Americans. The K students have enjoyed the Native American stories and learning how to write their own Native American stories, using the Indian Picture Language. I wish all our Carden families a wonderful winter season!

Preschool

The preschool children had a busy month of learning and enjoyed participating in the Thanksgiving program. The junior kindergarten class has finished their second language book, "The Runaway Bunny", and has learned the play names and sounds for the letters "B" through "P". The children in the pre-primary class and the 2 year old program are having fun with various art projects and learning some important skills, like following directions and hand eye coordination through these activities. The children are all excited to decorate the rooms with artwork for the holidays, so please make sure to take the time to look at all the fun projects displayed in the classrooms! Wishing all of our families a very happy holiday season!



1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

With fall in full effect and Thanksgiving past, first grade is looking forward to Christmas and the holidays. We have been having a great time in our classroom! As the change from summer to fall is subtle, students are constantly on the hunt for signs of fall. On the playground, they have been looking for leaves that have changed colors, bugs, and fallen twigs; children have even spotted a few rabbits preparing for winter. Each day the students have found new treasures to bring inside to add to our "science table." I don't know about you, but I absolutely love this time of the year! December is a crazy month in the classroom— schedules get changed, students are super excited (who can blame them?!), and there is so much to get done. Over the next few weeks students will participate in STEM inspired ideas for the season, Christmas Star Slime, Christmas Sink & Float, How Tall Are You in Bows, and Water Xylophone Jingle Bells to name a few. There is much to accomplish before the end of 2018. Happy Holidays to All!

2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

November and December have been busy months for second grade. The students thoroughly enjoyed presenting the Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Winter Holiday performances. It was great to see all the parents there to support the hard work the students put into the shows. Our trip to the Natural History Museum in November was the highlight of the month. Everyone enjoyed being fossil detectives, looking at the dinosaurs, exploring the Nature Lab and examining the minerals and gems. Throughout these months we have been focused on mastering our multiplication facts 0-5, by singing songs and completing timed practice sheets. We have continued to practice and improve our cursive writing and will soon be completing all our work in cursive! In reading, the students have been enjoying the Bluebird book. This endearing story of a bluebird family is presented as a chapter book, with complex vocabulary which challenges the students to increase their sustained concentration. I wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday season, filled with family and love.



3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

We are already in December and starting to wrap up an amazing 2018! The students have been mastering their multiplication facts, doing multi-digit multiplication, number patterns, division, and covering some fourth grade math skills. We have also been studying the different parts of speech in Language Arts. So far we've covered sentence structure, nouns, and verbs. The other parts of speech will be covered in the upcoming months. We attended our first two field trips by visiting Knott's Berry Farm to study Native American culture and Shipley Nature's Center to explore the environment. We are looking forward to future field trips. On a weekly basis we will continue studying new spelling and vocabulary words. Third grade is an amazing journey and we remain excited about the challenges ahead! Happy holidays!

4th Grade: Mrs. Hashin

Fourth grade had a very busy, and exciting November and December. The fourth grade class had a day-long field trip to Lazy W Ranch. The students participated in the California Time Capsule Day program. They experienced Native American survival, Spanish settlement, and the Gold Rush. Each time period had three different activities. The students gained a new understanding about how people lived in early California. The fourth graders put on a fabulous Veterans' Day Assembly. We had veterans from the American Legion come out to watch the production. They were very complimentary! Additionally, the children went to the Veterans' Hospital in Long Beach and performed the program there. They were sensational! The class finished reading *Pasquala*, which is about Native Americans and the mission period. The students completed their first book report, a biography, for fourth grade. I was very impressed with the number of good writers I have in the class. We shall have a very busy December reading *Island of the Blue Dolphin*. The students have picked their missions and we have started the mission report in class. The students are also learning to think logically to solve math work problems and honing their grammar skills. We have started a new science unit on rocks. The fourth graders are very busy all day long! I am very impressed with the growth they have thus far shown! Happy holidays to all!



Music: Ms. Murga

The months of November and December are the most wonderful time of the year and the happiest season of all! The students are very excited and enthusiastic in rehearsing their songs for the winter program. You are all invited to join us in our **Winter Wonderland Program** on December 21st at 8:45 a.m. The children are also learning the different instruments of the orchestra and they are very interested in making their handmade musical instruments. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a blessed Christmas to all, and a Happy and a Prosperous New Year!

Math & Science: Mrs. Sowards

Happy Fall Carden Families! I can't believe we are already nearing the holidays. Fifth, sixth, and seventh grade have been accomplishing some great things. Fifth grade have continued working with decimals in the multiplication and division sense. We will continue to work with decimals in the metric system. In science, we finished our unit on the systems within the human body. We have moved forward into Earth's waters. We are discovering where our usable water comes from and goes when used. Sixth grade has been working with complex fractions and operations with those fractions. This has led us into Probability and putting actual numbers together to understand the chance of something occurring. In science, we have dug into Earth science and studied how the Earth is shifting and changing. We have started to look more closely into how plate tectonics cause earthquakes and how Seismologists are working to attempt to predict "The Big One". In seventh grade, we have entered the realm of Geometry, which are full of equations and multi-step problems. In science, we have been learning how organisms have adapted to survive in various ways. This led to a "create your own animal" project, which was so fun to see the final products! We have been doing some great things in Jr High. Happy Holidays!



English & Literature:

Ms. DeLoa

November and December have been very exciting months for everyone. There is so much to do and it is hard to believe 2018 is coming to a close! The junior high students did a phenomenal job performing their Thanksgiving play for the assembly in November. I just love working with your children every day and directing their performances. It truly is a privilege. The children will be singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" for the Winter assembly on Friday, December 21st. I hope you can all come see them! When we return from winter break, the junior high will begin rehearsals for their big Broadway production taking place in June. That is going to be an amazing show! Merry Christmas everyone, and Happy New Year!

Spanish: Ms. Drummond

December is once again upon us, arriving with its loveliness and the spirit of celebration. In a month filled with holy days for much of the world, we take time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings. In Spanish, we continue to master the conjugations, taking our time to increase the children's vocabulary with every step. Along the way, we experience other cultures and of course sing new songs. We wish you all a beautiful holiday season, a Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Joyeux Noel, and Merry Christmas from our Carden Family to yours.



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— OF —
BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

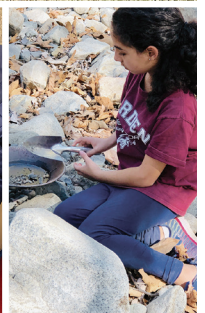
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- 3 RJ Tajanlangit
- 5 Ms. Vardeman
- 18 Braeden Smith
- 24 Jessica Ha
- 26 Michael Ginnett

FEBRUARY

- 6 Olivia Burnham
- 10 Sean Van Herle
- 12 Shaadi Morakkabi
- 12 Shaheen Morakkabi
- 15 Jax Taylor
- 16 Lilianna Sowards
- 22 Saylor Holloway
- 22 Ruby Holloway
- 24 Hadi Yoozbashizadeh
- 24 Rylee Hill
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