



Carmel Colts' News

April 2011

Thanks for Keeping us Safe!



Our Carmel Safety Patrols have done a fantastic job this year keeping our school safe and orderly. They have assigned jobs daily and are conscientious and responsible. In addition to patrolling our school, they helped with the holiday toy drive and ensured our computer labs were ready for use every day.

Thank you to our safety patrols!

Field day 2011

We are all geared up and ready for Field Days here at Carmel. Parents are welcome to join their student, take some pictures and cheer them on for their events. Don't forget to pack a water bottle, towel, change of clothes, sunscreen/sunglasses, and wear tennis shoes on your Field Day.

The dates and times for each grade level are as follows:

Tuesday, May 3rd	Kindergarten will be from 8:30-10:45, 1 st Grade from 11:30-1:45
Wednesday, May 4th	2 nd Grade will be from 8:30-10:45, 3 rd Grade from 11:30-1:45
Thursday, May 5th	4 th Grade will be from 8:30-10:45, and 5 th Grade 11:30-1:45

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- 4/14 Domino's Pizza Night
- 4/18-22 CRCT Testing Grades 3-5
- 4/19 Stevi B's Night
- 4/28 Chick-Fil-A Night
- 5/3 Family Traditions Night
- 5/3 Carmel's Band Program
- 5/5 Menchie's Night



If you are on Facebook, please join our Group!
Carmel Elementary School PTA.
We send emails with reminders and information.
Hundreds of pictures posted.
Copies of newspaper articles/pictures posted.

Academic Bowl Success!



Carmel's Academic Bowl Team proudly pose with their 3rd place trophy. The Academic Bowl is a highly structured question and answer event and the students had been practicing weekly since the fall to prepare for the annual Academic Bowl that took place on March 8th. Thanks to Ms. Willis for coaching the students to success and for running the Team!

Carmel students participated in the Sequoyah Regional Technology Fair where they competed in a variety of technology challenges.



Georgia Educational Technology Fair



Four Carmel students recently participated in the Georgia Educational Technology Fair in Macon. All students at the State Fair qualified to compete after winning their event in a regional tournament. Over 550 students attended the state fair.

Both State winners are pictured with 5th grade teacher and Technology Fair Coach Merry Willis.





Have you Heard The BUZZ?

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is May 2- 6

Say "THANKS" for all they do for you.

Carmel PTA is putting together a week of opportunities to tell our Staff and Teachers..... Thank You...

Honey Bee Monday: Send in sticky sweet messages, letters or poems of thanks to your teacher or favorite staff person.

Butterfly Tuesday Treasures: Have your kid(s) bring a treasure or flower to show their heartfelt appreciation.

Ants in Their Pants Wednesday: Let's make 'em wacky with sweet treats. Bring your teacher their favorite candy or treat.

Bookworm Thursday: Bring a new or gently used book to add to your teacher's room library.

Fabulous Friday: Carmel PTA will treat the Carmel Teachers and Staff to a terrific Picnic Lunch (bugs included).



The Carmel PE Department would like to send a special thanks to World of Gymnastics & Cheer for their support of this year's Field Day.

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Congratulations to our 2011-12 PTA Officers!

Co-Presidents: Rebecca Hayes & Gary Parkes

Vice Presidents: Angie Clark, Tawnya Velzy, Lori Rebeles, Tammy Williams, & Joanne Emanuel

Treasurer: Susan Norrell

Secretary: Andrea Cottingham

A great big thank you to our outgoing Officers Kristin Thrift, JoLynne Szymanski, Lisa Grisham, & Robbin Walker.

A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers that do so much for the entire Carmel community!

To continue to thrive, we need your help. Please contact one of the above people (if you know them) or email carmelpta@gmail.com to see what might be a good fit for you and your family.

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.

--Lily Tomlin

Grisham Joins Rank of "HAMS"

Jack Grisham, a Carmel fifth grader, passed his Federal Communications Commission's examination for Technician Class Amateur Radio Operator on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The FCC assigned Jack the amateur radio call sign KK4AUE.

The Technician Class Amateur Radio Examination involves questions concerning FCC amateur radio rules and regulations, practices, radio theory, algebraic mathematics and other radio topics. The license grants Jack the right to operate an amateur radio transmitter and to talk to other "hams" around the world. Very few ten year olds pass this very difficult test. Jack becomes one of a small population composed of very young hams, or Amateur Radio Operators.

Coached by his grandfather, AK4HE, an amateur radio operator since the age of thirteen, Jack spent four weeks of intensive training learning about transmitters, transmitting antennas, radio transmitting frequencies, resonance, impedance, ohm's law, electronic power, ham "talk" (special language hams tend to use on the ham bands), and other such technical issues.

Amateur radio is a special class of radio services in the United States and other countries dedicated to the advancement of radio technology, communications and emergency communications. Hams are well known for often supplying the only source of communications during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Each space shuttle mission carries at least one ham who talks to other hams around the world from an amateur radio station permanently aboard the space station. Amateur radio operators are great experimenters, even launching their own communications satellites piggybacking on rockets.

Amateur radio operators should not be confused with CB operators and constitute an entirely different FCC radio service.

If you would be interested in ham radio you may contact Jack's grandfather, Cuyler Smith, at 678-574-9667. In the meantime, next time you see Jack wandering the halls, congratulate him on this momentous accomplishment.



Jack is pictured above with his grandfather Cuyler Smith.

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Our Student Ambassadors Rock!

We have had a terrific group of Fifth Grade Carmel Ambassadors this year. They have helped implement the Carmel Welcome Bag Program for new students, raised and lowered the flags each day, and helped with our Must Ministries' canned food drive. **Thank you Ambassadors!**

Box Tops Update!

Our Feb/March Box Top Contest brought in \$461 for Carmel! What a great turn out we had! Thanks to all who participated and please save those box tops and ask co-workers, family and friends to save them too!



Many pictures and a color copy of this newsletter can be found at www.carmelpta.org. Photos are also on our Facebook Group page!

Congratulations Sunshine Math Worksheets #8 & #9 winners!

Students who complete all 10 worksheets will be in a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. It doesn't matter if you turned each in before the individual deadlines, but you must turn in all 10 before the final deadline.

- K: Lily Norell, Ms. Burt
 1: Drew Stopp, Ms. Baldwin
 2: Ethan Nichols, Ms. Gazaway
 3: Anna Case, Ms. Robinson
 4: Rylan Puent, Ms. Clark
 5: Ian Bourrett, Ms. Dye

- K: Ryan Neal, Ms. Bendik
 1: Caroline Barsh, Ms. Emanuel
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Save The Date...



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If your student likes to Swim, Bike, and Run then the 2011 IronKids is for them!
The 2011 IronKids will be held on Saturday, September the 11th in Alpharetta.
Join TEAM CARMEL for this great event.

For more info contact Coach Arnold Constantine.arnold@cherokee.k12.ga.us
or Parent Volunteer Andrew Everest aseverest@bellsouth.net.

To see photos of Carmel IronKids participants from last year, visit www.carmelpta.org.

Senate Bill 88 Passing Means Great News for Georgia's Kids!

Great News! Senate Bill 88, which will require all children under the age of 8 to ride in an appropriate child restraint based on their height and weight, recently passed the House! The bill now moves on to Governor Deal for his signature. Most likely, the new law will be effective on July 1, 2011.

Please also be informed that we have noted some misinformation in the press regarding this bill. Some media have reported that, "kids could be exempted from riding in the boosters if they weigh at least 40 pounds or are 4 feet 9 inches tall." While the 4'9" exemption is correct, the 40 lb exemption is misleading. The 40 lb exemption is not new (it is in the current law). This exemption allows a child weighing at least 40 lbs to be secured in a lap belt only in very limited circumstances where the vehicle is not equipped with both lap and shoulder belts or all other lap and shoulder belt seating positions are already being used to properly restrain other children. To view the current version of the bill, please visit <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/History.aspx?Legislation=32744>.

Thanks to all of you who helped support this effort. We also thank Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Jamila Pope for her commitment to this legislation and all her hard work at the capitol. This is a great day for Georgia's children!

Captain Chad Arp
Cherokee County Senior Fire Safety Educator

To download additional and easy to follow information regarding this subject, please visit www.carmelpta.org.



Thanks to all who donated blood to our Red Cross Blood Drives this year!
We were able to help lots of people in need due to your support.
Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible!
-Your Carmel PTA Health & Safety Team-