

# PTO Newsletter



## \* Extended sign-up CRAFT NIGHT \*

\* Thurs., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm \*

\* Craft Night is right around the corner! Join us for a fun night of crafting. Create unique gifts in time for the holidays or keep the treasures for yourself! Each child will be able to create two crafts and enjoy a small treat for \$6. Registration has been extended. Please contact Laura Hoeferkamp 636-394-2426 or Archana Patton 636-861-0821 if you would like to sign up. We hope to see you there!



### PTO Executive Board

- Sharon Gray, Co-President
- Archana Patton, Co-President
- Lori Ditto, Co-Vice President
- Amy Nolte, Co-Vice President
- Lesley Hoffman, Secretary
- Tammy Quinn, Treasurer

### BUZZ BOOK NEWS

The 2008/2009 Carman Trails directory, the Buzz Book, is coming home in your child's backpack soon. Each family gets one complimentary copy. Additional copies are available in the office for \$3 per copy. Please contact Beth Speckman at [speckman\\_sbcglobal.net](mailto:speckman_sbcglobal.net) or 636 230-0936 with questions.

### Prop S Passes!!!

Many thanks to those who voted to keep Parkway schools excellent. We are looking forward to many improvements at Carman Trails in the next several years. A huge **thank you** to Chris and Karyn Koury for organizing the campaign efforts for prop S.



✔ **Congratulations to Karen Rosewell for winning the "Silent Auction" parking spot from November 2008– November 2009! Please do not use that spot unless you get permission from Karen.**



### Carman Quick Calendar

- November
- 20– Craft Night, 6:30 p.m.
  - 26– NO SCHOOL
  - 27– NO SCHOOL
  - 28– NO SCHOOL
- December
- 12– Dress Up Day
  - 23– Winter Party 10 a.m.
  - 23– HALF DAY of SCHOOL
  - 24– NO SCHOOL 'til Jan. 5th

## PTO Ways & Means Grants

Wow! Look how your PTO Ways & Means funds will be benefiting Carman Trails!

\$50	Nurture the Nature books -K-5
\$200	2 flip cameras - 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
\$90	Learning games - 2-5 ESOL
\$400	Literacy Conference K-5
\$110	Take-home bags - 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
\$150	Zoo outreach - 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
\$50	Boom box - 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
\$130	Alphabet case & Planet Earth DVD's - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
\$200	Steel drum - music K-5
\$66	Student selector & timer software - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
\$85	Flash drive- Art K-5
\$200	Color printer & ink - Art K-5

Parents, thank you for your support of Ways & Means through PTO fundraisers. Also, thank you committee members and teachers for your continued commitment to Carman Trails!

Regards,  
Kristin Jackson & Patty Millikin-Allen

## KIDS VOTING 2008

**Kids Vote results are in. Parkway students voted 35% for McCain/ Palin and 61% for Obama/Biden. 80% of Parkway kids voted in favor of Prop. S. Most importantly, the penguins beat the lions in the Carman Trails school wide election!**

## Pictures Please!

If you have any candid pictures of Carman Trails kids that you would like to be considered for the 2008/2009 yearbook please e-mail them to Amy Nolte at [anolte@myself.com](mailto:anolte@myself.com). Please send them in a jpeg format. Include the names of the kids photographed along with your e-mail.

## Questions for Mrs. Joy Berry (Mosaics)

By Luke and Natalie Hoeferkamp

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

**A: Currently I don't have a pet. However, I love animals and even grew up on a farm. My family has always raised horses. When I visit my dad, I love to saddle a horse and go for a ride.**

**Q: What is your favorite color?**

**A: mint green**

**Q: Who is your favorite singer?**

**A: Martina McBride**

**Q: What is your favorite song?**

**A: I like so many songs, but two of my current favorites are "Somebody's Hero" by Jamie O'Neal and "Time of My Life" by David Cook.**

**Q: What is your favorite board game that you want to own?**

**A: Sequence is one of my favorite games.**

**Q: Who is your favorite person to visit?**

**A: Since my kids all live out-of-town, I love to visit them.**

**Q: How much kids do you have?**

**A: I have 3 kids. My oldest son, Gary, is married and lives in Indiana. My daughter, Sherri, is an art director and lives in Dallas, Texas. She is getting married next summer. A.J., my youngest son, is a sophomore at Missouri State University.**

## FAMILY FUN!!!

A big THANK YOU to Ann Mohler and Karyn Koury for organizing this fun event. We appreciate all of the teacher and staff donations that were raffled at Family Fun Night. The children can't wait to cash in their prizes! The games were a blast and the raffle drawing was exciting! Family Fun Night was a great community event for Carman Families thanks to those who participated! We raised around \$900.

Manners/ Dress Up Day has been changed to Dec. 12th.



**Thank you for supporting the TJs fundraiser. We raised nearly \$2,000.**

General Meetings (held at Carman Trails)		Board Meetings (held at Carman Trails)	
January 8, 2009 Soup & CERT	11:30 a.m.	December 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
February 3, 2009 Healthy Food & samples	7:00p.m. Babysitting available	January 27, 2009	10:00 a.m.
April 17, 2009 Green Earth Kids Presentation	9:30 a.m.	March 30, 2009	10:00 a.m.
May 5, 2009 PTO Voting	7:00 p.m. Babysitting available	April 27, 2009	10:00 a.m.

### Scouting for Food

Carman Trails Cub Scouts will be collecting Canned food on Saturday, November 22! Also, leave out your old, used shoes to fund clean water in Kenya.

Start saving your Campbell's soup labels, as well as UPC codes from any products listed on the back of this page. Our Labels for Education contest will be announced soon!



## “Carman Connections”

*A Carman Trails Support Group for Parents' of Children with Special Needs*

The goal of this new parent-run group is to offer support to parents who experience unique challenges associated with children with special needs; physical, educational, as well as behavioral. We hope to accomplish this goal through shared experiences and information, along with guest speakers in areas which we feel we need to be better informed.

If you feel that this group could be of help to you, we hope you will join us. Our current meeting time is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in the Strings Room beginning at 2:15 p.m. If this time does not work in your schedule, but you would like to participate in this group, please contact Melinda Davis at [melindadavis37@hotmail.com](mailto:melindadavis37@hotmail.com) or 636-256-3058.