

Falcon Flyer - September 27, 2020



Your weekly news & updates

Fall is here! We hope that you are staying healthy and have settled into a routine with remote learning. Even though things are looking different this year, we are still able to offer our Reflections Art program and Math Challenge. Hopefully these programs can offer your students a way to stay engaged while having fun, please see below for more information. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions you may have!

Math Challenge is BACK!

Math Challenge – A PTSA sponsored math enrichment program

This is the second year that we have this math program at Carson. For those who are new, Math Challenge is designed to give elementary students opportunities to sharpen their mathematical problem-solving skills. There will be 15 sets of challenges *every other week starting in late September* and ending at the end of May. It is completely free, and no sign-up is necessary.

Throughout the challenges, the program covers problem solving strategies such as drawing a picture or model, making an organized list, looking for a pattern, working backward, and guess and check.

Here is how to participate:

1. Go to our school Math Challenge page at <https://www.mathinaction.org/rachel-carson.html>. Print out the current Math Challenge. Write your name, grade, and your teacher's name neatly. You will also notice on that page, there is the schedule for the availability date and due date of each packet.
2. Solve as many problems as you can. There is a minimum number of questions required for each grade. Completing the minimum number of questions is deemed as a qualified submission. We encourage you to discuss strategies and solutions with your parents and siblings.
3. Submit your solutions to each packet on or before the due date, by emailing picture of your solution to mathchallenge@carsonpts.org
4. Check online to see solutions when they are available.

We keep track of your submissions. Mid-year and End-year certificates will be emailed to parents to recognize students who completed 2/3 of all packets (which is, for the first 7 packets who completed 5, for the total 15 packets who completed 10). Announcement of student recognition will be made via the Falcon Flyer in January 2021 and June 2021.

This is a great opportunity for families to be involved and enjoy math through fun and engaging math problems. We encourage parents and siblings to get involved in discussing and solving them. Schedules and problem-solving strategies are available at www.mathinaction.org.

The first math challenge will be available online on **September 25th**, *due date is October 8th*. Have fun doing math!

Carson Math Challenge Team,
Fang Li, Ya-chi Chen



WHY JOIN THE PTSA?

Becoming a member of the PTSA supports your child in countless ways! PTSA strives to promote the highest possible standard of well-being and education. Here are just a few of the programs that Carson PTSA supports:

- School Assemblies
- Academic Enrichment: Carson Art Program, Accelerated Reader, Reflections
- Scholarships
- Classroom Equipment and Supplies, including Library, PE and Music
- Choir
- Educational Enrichment Transportation
- Student Directory
- School Yearbook
- Emergency Preparedness
- Joining the PTSA DOES NOT commit you to volunteering!

By joining the PTSA you can:

- Vote at PTSA meetings on important issues dealing with your child's education
- Member benefits including several discounts on car rentals, printing needs, Great Wolf Lodge, Theme Parks, and more: <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

How to Join

- Online only: <http://carsonptsa.org/Home>
- \$25 for a family membership; \$15 for an individual membership

AVAILABLE POSITIONS on the PTSA Board for 2020-21



There is still time to join our board for the upcoming school year! Please consider the following positions and if you would like more information, please contact Ayesa Kaur at president@carsonptsa.org.

- **Executive Vice President- OPEN:** Assist the President with meetings and committees
- **Co-Treasurer - OPEN**
- **Member At Large - OPEN**

Reflections

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through

I Matter Because...

2020-2021



their own original works. Students can submit their entries in : Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. The 2020-2021 Reflections theme is "I Matter Because..." Deadline for submissions is October 28. Rules and guidelines for submission can be found [here](#).

Please contact [Dawn Abed](#) for more info.

Learn more and get involved! PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS

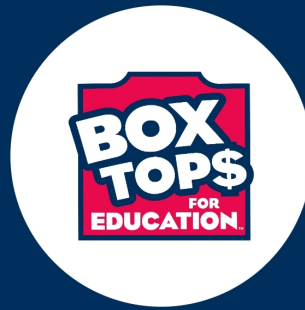


Pass The Hat Fundraiser



Hello Carson Families!

In this time of so much uncertainty, you can be certain that the Rachel Carson PTSA will continue to work to support our wonderful community! We will not be able to hold our traditional kick off assembly or Fun Run this year but we hope to reach our fundraising goals with our Pass the Hat campaign via our website at carsonptsa.org. Donations in any amount can be made at any time. Although the programs we support this year may be a little different, we do need your support to be able to operate and offer programs for our community. Your membership and donations (including corporate matching donations) are essential and greatly appreciated.



NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.



BOX TOPS

Help us earn money for our school by downloading the new app to your phone and start scanning those receipts!



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October 12,13,15: 1/2 Day Conferences
October 16: No School, LEAP Day

RACHEL CARSON ELEMENTARY

Carson PTSA electronically distributes the Falcon Flyer to all Carson families each Sunday of the school year. This newsletter links you to the Carson PTSA Website - your source for Carson PTSA news and information. Submit any article requests to communications@carsonptsa.org before Wednesdays at noon.

Our mission is to support and serve the Rachel Carson Elementary School and Community, and promote the wellness, safety, education and enrichment of all children. Thank you for supporting Carson PTSA!



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