

September 2023

# CEPTSA Newsletter



## Presidents' Message:

On behalf of PTSA leadership, we want to welcome all students, returning and new, back to school! The PTSA has been planning a year full of fun and support for our kids and staff, and we have a ton of opportunities to get involved (Art Docent! Room Parent! Event Volunteer!).

Several of our priorities this year include:

- Focusing on meaningful ways to include ALL children at events, specifically our ISET students and/or those who have sensory needs
- Providing robust financial support for classrooms (this year look for changes in the library, too!)
- Improving our communications and connections so the PTSA mission resonates with our Carnation families

We also chose this year's theme: **"Growing Together,"** to represent all the ways in which our children will learn and grow over the coming year. And together, as anyone who loves a Carnation Tiger, we really can create a year of meaning and joy for our community! Thank you for your support of the PTSA. Your co-presidents, Kyla and Bailey

## Fundraising Update:

**Spirit wear** is coming soon! Shop apparel for the whole family and show off your Tiger pride. Proceeds from sales support Carnation Elementary teachers and students. And the annual **Tiger Walk** is moving to October this year. Fundraising packets will come home at the end of the month!

## Reflections Update:

This year's Reflections Contest theme is **"I am hopeful because..."** and we cannot wait to see, hear and watch what is keeping our students hopeful. This competition is open to all students PreK-5th grade. Entries will be due Oct. 18th and all participants will be celebrated at our gala in November. We are also excited to be holding **after-school workshops** again this year! Keep an eye out for our flyer coming home in backpacks this month, with entry forms and all the details. Or check out our website at [carnationptsa.org/reflections/](http://carnationptsa.org/reflections/) Questions? Interested in volunteering with Reflections?

Contact Elizabeth and Rachel at [ceptsareflections@gmail.com](mailto:ceptsareflections@gmail.com)

## Art Docent Program Update:

Introducing our new **Head Art Docent, Kelly Clifford!** We are so lucky to have Kelly. She is an incredible mom of three, an experienced educator, a master gardener, caretaker to countless animals and a wonderful artist in her own right. She is graciously giving her time to our students at Carnation Elementary and we cannot wait to see the creativity coming home this year!

## FACE Update:

This year's FACE (Family And Community Engagement) chairs are Laura Ancich and Keri Phillips. They are excited to bring you our first PTSA event...

**The Ice Cream Social!** Our goal is for every child and family in our school community to feel heard, seen and welcome. FACE coordinates events and activities to increase engagement with a focus on equity, inclusion and diversity. Be on the lookout for information about their next event...

Movie Night

## Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9/8: Full Day Friday
- 9/14: Ice Cream Social
- 9/15, 9/22, 9/29: Early release- dismissal at 2:15



### We need YOU!

CEPTSA cannot do what we do without MEMBERS! . We are aiming for **180 members** this school year! JOIN today at [www.carnationptsa.org](http://www.carnationptsa.org).

Become a member!



Already a member? Consider a **volunteer** opportunity!

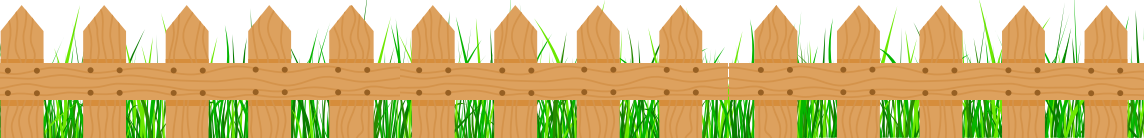
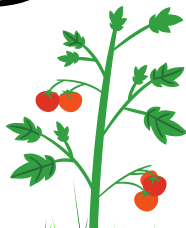


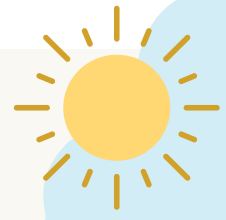
Turn in your **IGA receipts** at the front office! Their donation program gives us a small percentage of each purchase!



### Did you know?

CEPTSA earned the **Bronze Growth Award and 100% Staff Membership Award** last year!





The mission of Carnation Elementary PTSA is to positively impact the lives of all students by partnering with staff, families, and community to foster a culture that values learning, builds community and advocates for all students to excel personally, academically and socially.



## Membership Update:

Don't wait any longer! Get your membership today at [www.carnationptsa.org](http://www.carnationptsa.org).  
By being a CEPTSA member, you support enrichment for kids, grants, events and much more! New this year, every member gets a **membership card** with savings at local businesses and PTSA events. You don't want to miss out on these AWESOME discounts! Memberships are either \$15 or \$25 for the entire year!

## Volunteer Update:

Tiger Volunteers, thank you for your service over the last year! We have many exciting events planned for this school year. We'll be bringing back some favorites from last year and adding some new opportunities for families to connect with our amazing school community. Some upcoming **volunteer opportunities** are Tiger Walk and PTSA Classroom parent/liason. Be on the lookout for emails from our new volunteer email: [tigervolunteers@outlook.com](mailto:tigervolunteers@outlook.com)  
Volunteers are critical to the success of CEPTSA and none of this is possible without the help of our dedicated group. Reminder, volunteer approval through the district is required every two years. **Please complete your initial application or update your status if needed.**  
Application: <https://riverviewvolunteers.myschooldata.net>

## School/District News

On Sunday, August 27, 2023, the Riverview School District hosted its first-ever **Valley Serve Day**. In partnership with PTSAs, Valley Serve Day connected volunteers to schools to help spruce up the grounds and complete projects inside, so staff and students could be welcomed back with fresh schools! Valley Serve Day commenced with a picnic dinner at Cedarcrest High School.

Volunteers at Carnation Elementary helped our librarian, Mr. Heimfeld, with a book reorganization project, spread mulch around the grounds, power-washed the playground equipment, helped beautify bulletin boards, prepared school materials for teachers, repainted paws outside, and assembled a new Gaga Pit! Thank you to all who came out to show how important our schools are to our community!



## Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Please visit <https://www.rsd407.org/food> to access this month's lunch and breakfast menus!



## District Calendar

### Riverview School District 2023-2024 School Calendar

Significant Dates	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Sep. 4 Labor Day (No School)	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
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Oct. 5 TMS/RLC Training Conferences	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Oct. 6 TMS-RLC Conf. (No School)	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
Oct. 13 Professional Learning Day (No School)	27 28 29 30 31	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
Nov. 9 End of 1st Quarter (47)		27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31
Nov. 10 Veterans Day (Observed) (No School)												
Nov. 17 1/2 Day K-5 Conferences												
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Break												
Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Break												
Dec. 18 - 19 Winter Break												
Jan. 1 MLK Day (No School)												
Jan. 15 End of Semester (92)												
Feb. 3 Report Card Day												
Feb. 16-19 Presidents Day Weekend												
March 8 Professional Learning Day												
April 5 End of 3rd Quarter (42)												
April 8-12 Spring Break												
May 27 Memorial Day												
June 18 Last Day of School												
June 19 Juneteenth (No School)												
June 20 Check-Out Day												
June 20-21 Make-Up Days												

Final: 8/23/2022  
Updated: 9/15/2022

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No School
Teacher Day (No School)
ER—90 Min Early Release for K-12
No School for Grades 6-8 (TMS/RLC Conferences)
1/2 Day K-5 Conferences
1/2 Day K-12
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ER—90 Min. Early Release for K-5-9-12

## Contact CEPTSA:

**Website:** [www.carnationptsa.org](http://www.carnationptsa.org)

**Email:** [cepts@outlook.com](mailto:cepts@outlook.com)

**Facebook:** "Carnation Elementary PTSA"

## Contact Carnation Elementary:

**Website:** <https://www.ces.rsd407.org/>

**Address:** 4950 Tolt Ave. Carnation, WA 98014

**Phone:** 425-844-4550

### Executive Board:

**Co-Presidents:** Bailey Denman and Kyla Page

**Vice President of Art:** Rachel Malina

**Vice President of Events & Fundraising:** Lauren Colburn

**Vice President of Volunteers & Fundraising:** Emi Byrnes

**Secretary:** Brooke Santos

**Treasurer:** Lauren Hubler

