

# The Chronicle

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## From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a relaxing summer and started the new school year refreshed and energized. Here at Carden Conservatory, we are excited to commence the 2018-2019 school year!

We are thrilled to welcome our new students to the Carden family, and with another year of excellent staff, I am confident that we will not only provide a vigorous academic program of Carden curriculum, but also foster a safe and nurturing environment for your children to learn and grow.

In addition to our enhanced academic curriculum, I am happy to announce that paddle boarding/kayaking, bowling and golf are back as electives for our students, starting in the 5th grade. We are also very excited for our cooking class that is being offered for our junior high students, along with yoga for our K-JH, by our wonderful volunteers! Lastly, we are thrilled to have Academic Chess back as one of our after-school options, and we look forward to finalizing our new Coding program, with more details to follow shortly!

All this makes for a fantastic and promising start to a new year! I thank our Carden community of families and teachers for your continued support and encourage you to get involved and continue to foster a love of learning in our amazing children!

## STUDENT *of the* MONTH

Carden recognizes these students for exhibiting fine citizenship!

### SEPTEMBER

JK	Monica Wang
K	Olivia Escobar-Chua
1st	Belen Bui
2nd	Samuel Valdes-Chamorro
3rd	Maya Saade
4th	Olivia Wills
5th	Sean Van Herle
6th	Jonah Kim
7th	Shelby Young



## Upcoming EVENTS

October 5  
2nd Grade's  
Columbus Day  
Assembly

October 8  
Columbus Day  
Observed  
(All-School)

October 26  
Monster  
Mash  
(All-School)

November 5  
Make-Up  
Picture  
Day

## Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The Kindergarten classroom has been a busy place during the month of September. The students are practicing the names and sounds of the consonant letters and the long sounds of the vowels. The two-vowel rule (when two vowels are in a word, usually the first vowel in the word, will say its name and the second vowel will be silent) is used to sound out three and four letter words. The K students are learning to print the lowercase letters of the alphabet. In math, they are learning to count from 0 to 100. The K class enjoys the afternoon classes of computer and art with Ms. Ghonouie, music with Ms. Murga, Spanish with Ms. Drummond, yoga with Ms. Aileen and P.E. with Ms. Vardeman's first grade class. In science, the students are learning about the four seasons, how apples grow and about animals. Our literature unit featured classic children's books, such as, "Jack and the Beanstalk", "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The Little Engine That Could". Character development and having good manners are encouraged inside and outside the K classroom. Our class enjoyed their first field trip of the year to Central Library. The class is looking forward to our field trip in October, to the Tanaka Farms in Irvine, to pick pumpkins right out the field.



## Preschool

Young children are in a constant period of learning about themselves and their environment and it will be our privilege to guide them in this process! We have been very busy this past month and all the children have been adjusting very well to their new classrooms and routines. We started to learn new shapes, letters, numbers, and we are also introducing new vocabulary. The two year olds are learning shapes, colors, and important self-help skills. Our pre-primary class is enjoying the "I am a mouse" lessons and the junior kindergarten class is working on the "Keep running, Allen" lesson and will start working in their letter workbook. Everyone is also enjoying their daily music lesson and weekly Spanish lessons. We are looking forward to getting to know your child throughout the school year and seeing them grow and mature!

## 1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 academic year, and I look forward to a productive partnership to ensure our children will achieve their highest potential. First grade has been very busy learning about rules and laws in Social Studies, while applying them in their daily routine on campus and in the classroom. In Science, students learn about what it is to be a scientist. Our upcoming lessons will be focused on animals, garden planting and growing. Carden's Reading Program covers phonemic awareness, word attack skills, mental imagery for comprehension, and vocabulary development, with rhythm and expression. Your students actively participate in daily oral reading instruction. Carden Math is designed to build a strong foundation and deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Children acquire mathematical abilities manipulatively, visually, conceptually, and sequentially. The goal is to develop, practice, assess and master concepts incrementally. Daily small group instruction addresses the uniqueness of each child and ensures mathematical success on an individual level. We are at the beginning of a GREAT year!!



## 2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

Welcome back 2nd grade families! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children this first month of school. There are so many wonderful and unique personalities in this class. I look forward to building upon their strengths as the year progresses. We have been very busy learning our multiplication facts and cursive letters. The students have really enjoyed the Wednesday Yoga class and practicing for the October performance. I am very excited about all the new and fun activities that have been planned for this school year. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum in November and the Nature Center in March. Be ready for an exciting year of learning!

## 3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

Welcome to the start of another amazing school year! We are off to a flying start in third grade. The students have been learning at a fast pace, as the workload increases at this grade level. We've established our rules and the students are comfortable with their routines. The students have been learning about the relationships between numbers and mastering multiplication facts. We've been sharpening our spelling skills, increasing our vocabulary, and studying grammar mechanics. Third grade is looking forward to an amazing year!



## English & Literature: Ms. DeLoa

Welcome back to school everyone! It's great to be back and see your familiar faces. It's nice to see new faces too! The 5th grade class had an exciting first month of school as they began Jr. High. They've all adjusted well to their new schedules, new teachers, and especially to their classwork and homework load. I'm very proud of all of them. Jr. High is very different from elementary school, but they're all handling these new challenges with ease. I am certain they'll all be very successful in their Jr. High careers. 6th and 7th grades are doing an amazing job getting back into the swing of things. The entire Jr. High student body is an amazing group of very capable and very talented children. I know it is going to be an amazing year and I am excited to see what the year has in store for us.

## Math & Science: Mrs. Sowards

Happy Fall Carden Families! It has been a great first month of school. Students are finding their routines again and are settling into the school year nicely. As the year has kicked off, we jumped into our academics. Fifth grade learned about the structure of living things, from the microscopic cell to the grouping/classifying of organisms. They also focused on some data analysis and statistics. Sixth grade began digging into Earth Science to see how Earth got its landforms and the rocks and minerals under our feet. They also reviewed decimals to lead us into statistics and data analysis. Seventh grade learned how cells create their energy in order to provide life. In Math they started some equation structure work and solving for the variable to ease into Algebra. Student Council is starting for Fourth through Seventh grade! We will be meeting once every few weeks on a Wednesday, from 12-12:30 pm, in my classroom. We are excited to get events planned for the year! Please don't hesitate to contact me for any reason!



## Music: Ms. Murga

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! It is time again to make beautiful music. The Second Grade are working very hard practicing the songs, as well as the choreography, for the Columbus Assembly! The Columbus Assembly will be held on Friday, October 5th at 8:45 A.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. The other grades are also learning the songs for the Columbus Assembly. This month, we are reviewing the things we have learned in Music Theory. We are also reviewing the Elements of Music, particularly the Rhythm and Melody. The Third and Fourth grades will start having twice a week recorder class this month. We are looking forward to learn more about Music Theory and the other Elements of Music. I will end by sharing Cheryl Lavender's quote: The fact that children can make **beautiful music** is less significant that music can make **beautiful children**."

## 4th Grade: Mrs. Hashin

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and have come back excited to learn. I know I am excited about the upcoming year. Fourth grade is great! I have a fantastic year planned. The students will be delving into different types of literature and reading books. The class just finished reading *The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and wrote a summary about the book. They also watched a made-for-TV. movie loosely based on the book. They loved the book and the movie! Students will explore long division, decimals, money, fractions, and percentages in math. They will review the fact families, multiplying three and four-digit numbers, and math terms. The focus in social studies is California history. The students will be experts on California when we travel on our field and experience that which we have been learning. Science is very hands-on. The class is learning about producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, food chains and food webs this trimester. We shall be doing some experiments with plants and make our own food chains and webs. The students are also learning how to outline, diagram sentences, the perfect verb tenses and how to write a narrative. This is going to be a fun year!

## Spanish: Ms. Drummond

Welcome to our Spanish class, where we travel the world, open our minds, and challenge our children. Learning a new language is not just learning grammar and vocabulary, but broadening young children to new sounds and experiences. But that's just the start. Learning to think in another language has been proven to impact academic achievements in children across the board, by improving skills in reading, writing and arithmetic. Our goal this year is not only to expand the vocabulary and experiences of the new and returning students. We want to impact their daily lives, by helping them to effectively express their feelings and experiences with their peers.

WISHING  
— YOU —  
*the Happiest*  
— OF —  
BIRTHDAYS

**AUGUST**

- 19 Tyler Sandusky
- 26 Sebastian Galdamez
- 26 Robert Metz
- 27 Mrs. Metz
- 29 Adeline Taylor

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4 Jonah Kim
- 7 Carlos Miranda
- 11 Joely Vahdat
- 11 Kamryn Hustler
- 13 Zoey Egan
- 15 Heart Perez
- 20 Jacqueline Perdomo

**OCTOBER**

- 9 Audrey Chau
- 11 Maya Hopkins
- 19 Shirin Morakkabi
- 22 Mrs. Lambert
- 24 Avery Ross-Ryan
- 28 Sebastian Fatemian
- 29 Mrs. Flores
- 30 Ayden Bernal
- 31 Sophia Cayco
- 31 Ms. DeLoa



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