

# The Carden Chronicle



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

Although this year is definitely different than most, it is a pleasure to see our amazing group of Carden Conservatory staff and families supporting our hard working students to create amazing Red Ribbon week activities and fantastic Halloween parties for the students to enjoy it is always a thrill to see a community come together in support of the children and provide them a little bit of normalcy in a less than normal year!

Even greater are the joys of watching our students learn from this. On a daily basis, I have the pleasure of watching our students reach an educational level higher than most. I am proud to see our students demonstrating respect for the school, environment and each other. Your children are learning to be good workers, citizens and community partners and I commend our families or setting a valuable example that cannot be taught in the classroom. Thank you!

We look forward to having a modified, but respectful and moving outdoor Veterans' dedication this year on Tuesday, November 10th at 9am. We will be having some veterans from the local American Legion attend and are asking any parent or family members of our Carden community that are veterans to attend as well. Unfortunately, due to the restriction in sizes of gatherings, we cannot have any other parents or family attend. We will be filming the performance to email out to everyone. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to all the fun the next month will bring!

## Upcoming EVENTS

November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans' Day Dedication
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day Observed (All School)
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Break (Elementary/Junior High)

HAPPY  
birthday

## October

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- 12 Sienna Silverman & Kalia Luu
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- 22 Mrs. Lambert
- 24 Avery Ross-Ryan
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- 29 Mrs. Flores
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- 31 Ms. DeLoa & Sophia Cayco

## November

- 1 Mr. Wilkinson
- 2 Kirra Conway
- 3 Gavin & Olivia Wills
- 3 Sofia Stewart
- 6 Jeri Ruva-Sepulveda
- 7 Mrs. Hashin
- 9 Ms. Murga & Chloe Nguyen
- 13 Clara Davis
- 14 Xaydon Schock & Grayson Domush
- 19 Jiya Patel
- 23 Sophia Chalk & Alyssa Huynh
- 26 Priscilla Bishop



## Preschool

The preschool children had a fun filled month creating Halloween art to decorate our classrooms. The junior kindergarten class finished their first language book, "Keep Running, Allen" and learned the play names and sounds for the letters "B" through "L". The children in the preprimary class and in the 2 year old program learned important self-help skills, following verbal directions and practicing hand-eye coordination through fun Halloween projects. What a month of hard work and fun!



## Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The second month of school has been a busy one in the Kindergarten classroom. The Kindergarten families went to Tanaka Farms for a drive thru tour of the farm. Everyone had a good time with their families. The K students are telling time on the hour. They can count from 0 to 100 and by tens to 100. The students know the consonant letters and sounds and the two vowel rule (when two vowels are in a word, usually the first vowel says its name and the second vowel is silent). The class is learning blends, such as "tr" as in the word tree. I am pleased with the progress the students are making in their reading skills. In science, the students are learning about nocturnal animals, how plants grow like pumpkins and how we learn about the world around us, using our five senses. The students had fun with a day filled with Halloween activities, especially getting to wear Halloween costumes to school. I wish everyone a great fall season.



## 1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

What's in our day? First grade starts the day with greeting others, calendar, weather, singing, sharing stories and discussing group work, such as story writing, grammar, or a project. We continue with "Morning work" where the children select activities and participate in new lessons. This is their opportunity to develop as independent learners. Students then gather for brief discussion at the teaching table, read, learn grammar concepts and practice printing. Language of the Numbers is a new math concept for most students and has a consistent and strong emphasis on problem solving, and model drawing, with a focus on indepth understanding. The curriculum covers a relatively small number of topics indepth and carefully sequences. The concepts are explicitly taught from concrete through pictorial to abstract. Students are expected to master each concept before moving on. Subsequent lessons build on prior concepts. First grade science program is experiential. Students can experience, see, and touch what they learn in the classroom. To have the student observe science up close is an integral part of the science curriculum. Just as important is inside and outside the classroom, this allows the student the opportunity to enjoy a well-rounded learning approach. Tuesday is yoga which is always met with a very positive response from the children. Yoga for children helps develop their flexibility, focus, coordination and balance. It is uplifting, noncompetitive, and a fun way for children to build strength, spirit, and self esteem.

## 2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

October has been packed with fun and exciting activities including our leaf pictures, apple science, Red Ribbon Week, and our Halloween party! The students especially enjoyed Red Ribbon Week; super hero day seemed to be the favorite. It was fun to see everyone dressed up in their costumes and having a good time playing the games at our classroom Halloween party. Looking forward, our class will begin learning new phonic sounds, reading about turkeys, and exploring the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving. I am very impressed with how quickly the students have caught on to cursive writing. They are excited about each new letter we learn and always try their best. We continue to build a strong foundation with our basic math computation and problem solving skills, in addition to new multiplication facts, and equal equations. I look forward to seeing the students' growth throughout the next few months.

## 3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

We are already in October and third grade is accomplishing learning objectives step by step! The students have been mastering their multiplication facts, sharpening their subtraction regrouping skills, and covering multiple basic math operations. We've also continued our study of the parts of speech. So far we've covered sentence structure, nouns, and verbs. The other parts of speech will be covered in the upcoming months. We also completed our first book report of the year with amazing success (Matilda). On a weekly basis we will continue studying new spelling and vocabulary words. The more the better! Third grade is an amazing journey and we remain excited about the challenges ahead!

## 4th Grade: Ms. Letcher

Wow, two months of school have flown by! This month, in the spirit of the Halloween season, Fourth Grade spent Friday mornings writing and sharing their own, often humorous, spooky stories; I have loved to see their creativity, personalities, and humor through their writing! In Math we learned to calculate elapsed time, interpret graphs and sequences, explored fact families, fractions, long division, and dipped our toes in algebra! Fourth Grade also dug deeper into California history, learning about the first Californians and how California's geography influenced its first inhabitants. In Science we explored ecosystems around the world from the largest organisms to the smallest microorganisms, then made our own rainforest food chain and ocean food webs. It was a monster mash jam-packed month with my Little Monsters! Witching you all had a Happy Halloween!



## Spanish: Ms. Garza

Happy fall "Carden Families"! October has been a very important month for the adaptation process in our new educational modality. In Spanish class we continue to learn about colors, animals and food. As well as basics, like greetings, the days of the week, the months and the seasons of the year. We also talk about values like respect and honesty. Junior high school students have created their own dialogues to carry out simple conversations such as: introduce yourself and find out about your birthday and the place where you were born, etc. Thank you so much for all the support you have given your children and the school. We are an excellent team!

## Ms. DeLoa

The first quarter of the new school year is nearly over and all my students have done an excellent job with their classes and homework. I am so proud of them for all the hard work they have accomplished during this first quarter. The Halloween parties were so much fun. Thank you to all the parents who bought all the yummy goodies to the class parties. I loved all of your children's costumes. Thank you for the birthday wishes and the birthday presents. You all are so kind. Usually at this time of year the junior high drama class is preparing for our Thanksgiving play during the Thanksgiving assembly. Since that is not an option this year, each class is writing, directing, and starring in their own Thanksgiving plays. Each class has already begun writing their scripts and in the following weeks they will begin rehearsing it and performing it for the children in their own grades. I can't wait to see what these amazing Thespians put together.



## Mrs. Hashin

Happy Fall! I hope you are enjoying cooler weather, when it's not 90°! It's great that some of the students have been able to return to class. We do have some new students in eighth grade, so welcome! Even though we were not able to do Monster Mash, the students still had a great time having a party in their classrooms. Everyone ate, played games, watched movies, and earned candy and prizes. Eighth grade has learned about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in history. It's been enlightening for many of them. The class is reading *Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper in literature. The descriptive words are a bit daunting, but we have made it to the chase parts, so the action has picked up. Seventh grade has learned about the Byzantium Empire, Islamic civilization, and the civilizations in Sub-Saharan Africa. They have had a lot of fun doing the art projects that go along with the units. Sixth grade has been educated on the beginnings of humankind and the ancient Middle East. They are all doing very well in history. Fifth grade is learning the states and capitals, along with learning about the native peoples of North America and the European exploration and colonization. In math, the students are exploring different kinds of graphs, mean, median, mode, and range. It's been a challenge. Debate is fun for all. The students enjoy "arguing" with each other. We're still working on facts, not opinions. This year keeps getting better as the students adjust to being back in school.



## Ms. Rohren

Happy October Carden families! We have had a busy month. In 7th grade literature, we finished *Huck Finn* and the class presented their incredible projects consisting of movie posters, handcrafted songs, and memory boxes. As we roll into November, we are starting to read *The Aeneid* and review Homer's *Odyssey* and Greek mythology. In Earth Science, the class has explored how earthquakes happen, why they are so prominent in California, and the theories of Alfred Wegener and Harry Hess. We have discussed the theories of seafloor spreading and continental drift, reviewed forms of energy that play a part in these processes, and geologic features that are created by earthquakes. In order to understand these concepts in a deeper manner, we completed a lab pertaining to continental drift. It has been a fun and busy month! As for PE, we have spent the past month learning about the rules and regulations of basketball. Although we struggled to figure out how to run the ball without traveling or double dribbling, the class did an awesome job once they had gotten the hang of it, and we had some great games played throughout the month!

**Music:  
Ms. Murga**

October is the month that we are busy preparing for our Veteran's Day Assembly. Our school traditionally honors and pays tribute to all of our Veterans. This is also the month that the Elementary and Junior High students are encouraged to write a letter to our brave and strong Veterans. The Kindergarten through Fourth grade are diligently rehearsing patriotic songs and are especially enjoying singing the "Armed Forces Medley" for our Veteran's Day Outdoor Assembly. We cordially invite all the Veterans in our community, as well as the Veterans members and relatives of our Carden families on Tuesday, November 10th at 9:00 A.M. Our school emphasizes all-school singing. It is through group singing that they can build their self esteem, develop socially, and bring joy to both themselves and their audience. The preschool students will continue to explore the unpitched rhythm instruments and develop their rhythmic skills through singing, as well as music and movement. Zoltan Kodaly's vision of music education adopts singing as the primary instrument through which children learn, both because it is free to everyone and because it is the best tool for developing the ear. Zoltan Kodaly, a Hungarian music educator stated: **"Singing, untrammelled by an instrument, is the real and profound schooling of musical abilities."**



**Mr. Wilkinson**

Congratulations! We have made it through the month of October. As we move into the Fall season, please continue keeping your child at home when they are sick and not feeling well. This will help minimize the spread of any viruses and help keep all of our students learning in person. Please remember you can check your child's grade in my class at any time by visiting their classroom page. All students know how to check their grade and thus should be available to all parents. 8th grade math has focused on factoring binomials and trinomials. This is to prepare students for the quadratic equation in the near future. In science, we are learning about buoyancy and displacement. Upcoming we will be learning about matter, atoms and the Periodic Table. 7th grade students are learning about geometry and genetics. 6th grade students have learned mean, median and mode, scientific notation GCF and LCM. 5th grade students are learning how to be middle school students and more about the life sciences. Be safe and well everyone.



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