

The Carden Chronicle



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From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie



It has been an incredible, wonderful and unique school year at Carden Conservatory! We persevered through all of the changes and I am so proud of everything we were able to accomplish. I am always amazed at all that the children are able to achieve when they are encouraged. From our youngest preschoolers to our junior high students, I have enjoyed watching our students reach new levels of learning they did not think were possible. I love watching all of our students get along and opening themselves up to the joy of learning. I want to thank all of our teachers and staff for all of their hard work, and our amazing parents for their continued support and help in making this another successful school year.

Our dedicated teachers are already beginning to plan for this next academic year, and we are grateful that we will be able to have all of our wonderful Carden activities and events back on campus!

Don't forget to sign up for our amazing Summer Camp program and Summer School classes. Remember, the Carden Summer Camp is a wonderful opportunity for your child to participate in a wide variety of recreational and educational activities! There is no need to try and balance education and fun this summer-experienced teachers and staff work to provide an environment that is safe, fun, healthy, and academically enriching. The best part is that all of our wonderful sports and programs are included in one price. We have a wonderful variety of individual Summer School classes available as well, including music and private tutoring. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and wish you a safe and relaxing summer!

Upcoming EVENTS

Thursday, June 10 th Kindergarten Graduation 9:00am	Thursday, June 10 th Junior Kindergarten Graduation 11:00am	Thursday, June 10 th 8th Grade Graduation 6:00pm	Friday, June 11 th All-School Spring Assembly (P/S-8th Grade combined) 9:00am
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HAPPY birthday

April

- 11 Dean Smith
- 18 Ms. Bon
- 19 Brycen Byrne
- 20 Indah Pa
- 26 Charlotte Divis

May

- 4 Vihaan Jacob
- 6 Ms. Shaw
- 7 Jordin Silva
- 9 Cassandra Terriquez
- 12 Kevin Gerwig & Adrian Bukrinsky
- 15 Holden Domush
- 17 Chase Fisher
- 18 Finley Terry
- 24 Angela Bacon
- 27 Michael Rudolph
- 28 Roxanne Weisser
- 29 Jacob Matsumoto
- 30 Rahul Patel

June

- 3 Soren Smalley
- 8 Aiden Aoki
- 10 Jameson Gasca
- 11 Hikari Ferri
- 12 Annabelle Bacon
- 13 Benjamin Thatcher
- 17 Dariush Davis
- 18 Donica Wilson
& Royce Chung
- 28 Brianna Mann
- 30 Jaxon Escobar-Chua
& Ms. Ghonouie



Preschool

What a fun and busy month of April and May we all had, where we learned all about springtime and also reviewed some of the things we learned throughout the year. It is hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of this school year. We all had a fantastic year of learning, fun, and growth. The Junior Kindergartners are ready for their next adventure and we wish them all the very best for their future! The 2 and 3 year old students have gained so many important self-help skills and have developed their stamina and are ready for their next steps. We are all looking forward to a fantastic summer of fun activities.



Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The months of April and May have been busy for the Kindergarten class. Every day we practice reading, along with writing short stories and illustrating them. Our class has a lot of imagination and loves to draw and be very creative. The class is learning about landforms and animal habitats. In our ladybug house, we watched larvae turn into pink spotted ladybugs. The ladybugs were released into our Carden garden. Now in our butterfly house, the caterpillars that turned into pupas inside their chrysalises, have now emerged as painted lady butterflies. We have also been learning about maps. The students drew maps of their own bedrooms. The Kindergarten class can count from 0 to 100, by fives and tens. They have been learning to add and subtract, along with learning the names of shapes, like a pentagon, and fractions, such as halves, fourths, and thirds. They have enjoyed using tally marks as a different way to count. This has been a different kind of school year, with some of our students virtual and others in the class, but they have all learned a lot getting ready for first grade. Our Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be on Thursday, June 10th, and the K students will wear caps and gowns for this special event. I think everyone is ready for summer to begin. I wish all our Carden families a safe and enjoyable summer.

1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

I would like to thank everyone for all the delightful gifts for Teacher Appreciation week. They were all so very thoughtful, and I was moved by your kindness. With the end of the year upon us I would like to take a moment to tell you what a joy it has been to spend each day with your child. Your child has grown, making major leaps in the development of language, reasoning, and deduction. Learning an emotional response to a higher-order thinking. Your child now uses the skills of observation, comparison, and evaluation. And has the ability to articulate and share their passionate opinions. Thank you for giving me the pleasure to teach each one throughout the year. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.



2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over! I feel blessed to have been able to spend time with and teach your children. Although this year was very different, there are many things I have enjoyed; our morning dances, singing songs about our country, getting a daily weather report from Royce in Texas, watching the students perform their Spanish songs, and of course all of the holiday parties! I will truly miss being a part of their daily lives next year as they move on to 3rd grade.

3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

Third Grade had an amazing school year! We just wrapped up our final project of the year. The planet project was an amazing learning experience. The kids enjoyed learning more about the universe. Academically we'll end the year strong, as we continue to sharpen our math, spelling, reading and grammar skills. Third Grade has truly grown this year, both socially and academically. The work ethic and attention to detail the children had made a huge difference in their learning. The experience this year will have them ready to meet next year's challenges in fourth grade :-)

Mrs. Hashin

April and May have flown by! The students have grown so much this year, and I am very proud of all of them. Only two more weeks of school, with history finals for 6th-8th grade will be in the first week of June. I am happy to report that Junior High will have two field trips prior to school ending. The students are very excited to be able to get out and have some hands-on experiences. I shall miss the graduating 8th graders and look forward to seeing the returning students in the fall. I hope everyone has a great summer!

4th Grade: Ms. Letcher

These last few months of school have been exciting in Fourth Grade! We have been a blended class this year, with classmates in person and online, but in April we were able to be together as a whole class for the first time this year on our first field trip of the year! Fourth Grade went to the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education center where they experienced a mining immersion, where they learned hands-on about several concepts we have learned about this year, from the basics of geology, to mining and the history of the Gold Rush. Students were given mining helmets, shovels and pickaxes and mined for coal, then cracked and kept geodes after learning the unique way they are created. Students then got to try their hand at panning for (fool's) gold in real sluice boxes! It was an amazing experience that we will always treasure! In addition to the excitement of our field trip, we have also finished another book, are working on a book report, and are currently working on a biographical report on a famous Californian; from entertainers to athletes and military heroes, California has been home to many influential people in American history. As always, I am so proud of our class's continued hard work, resilience, and adaptability this year. We've been through a lot these past two school years and we are so grateful for all we have done in these last months of this school year!



Ms. Rohren

It is insane to think that this crazy school year is wrapping up! The growth each student has gone through and the challenges they have overcome due to unprecedented circumstances has been incredible to watch. We have all learned so much academically, socially, and emotionally. This school year gave us all the opportunity to become a close knit family. That being said, I am very sad to watch the eighth graders move on to greater things, but am excited to hear about their future journeys and accomplishments throughout high school and beyond. As for end of the year activities, we have had the opportunity to participate in many fun projects. To celebrate Earth Day and understand the importance of taking care of our planet, 6th grade had the chance to compete with one another to see which group could pick up the most trash around our campus. The class was shocked to discover the amount of waste they found in such a small area with only 30 minutes of time to do so! To celebrate the 2021 MLB kickoff, we have been studying and playing kickball and baseball to prepare us for our junior high baseball game at the end of the school year. As for 7th grade literature, we ended our final novel of the year, King Arthur, with an exciting Instagram project. The class had a great time creating pictures and relevant hashtags that tied along with the story. Although it has been a challenging year, we were able to accomplish incredible things and have fun while doing so. I cannot wait for next year when we will have the opportunity to resume our normal activities and have the ability to participate in activities with the entire Carden family together!



Ms. DeLoa

It is hard to believe the school year is nearly over. This school year was unlike any other year I've had during my teaching career. Even with all the changes that were implemented, and the uncertainty with what was happening in the world, I'm proud of everyone at Carden for being so resilient, understanding, and patient. I truly had such an amazing year teaching the junior high. The children are so much fun to work with and I always looked forward to coming to school each morning. There's definitely never a dull moment in junior high. I appreciate each of my students and I love them very much. I shall miss everyone over summer vacation, but I am already looking forward to and planning for the next year. Enjoy your summer vacation. Have fun and I'll see you in the fall.

Spanish: Ms. Garza

Hello Familia Carden!!! I hope you are very well and ready to enjoy your vacation. The month of April was very exciting as the students practiced the bilingual songs and traditional dance that they then performed at the festival on May 5th. The little ones sang about the body parts and K students showed us farm animals and their sounds. The days of the week and the months of the year, as well as emotions were themes of our repertoire. Fourth and fifth graders danced "Coco" and "La raspa". 5 de Mayo was very exciting, with singing, dancing, eating pan dulce and Mexican sweets, drinking horchata and doing fun activities, like coloring, finding words, etc. Thank you all for your support, and thank you to the staff, parents and the students of 6th, 7th and 8th grades who helped me with the organization of the festival and made the materials that the little ones needed to participate. During the month of May, we reviewed our vocabulary and gained new knowledge. Junior students took their final Spanish exam. The evaluation of the Spanish class is qualitative not quantitative. Which means that the oral participation and the quality of the projects are very important. The test is a complement for students to evaluate themselves and put more effort in the areas that need improvement. Again, thank you very much for your invaluable support, this year has been very exciting, with many challenges and lessons for everyone. Have a great summer.

Music: Ms. Murga

Time flies so fast! It is almost the end of the school year! First of all, I would like to thank the First grade class for performing amazingly in the Peter Rabbit Play, as well as some of the Second graders for singing beautifully for the play. This is also the time that all my private students in piano, voice and guitar diligently practiced their recital pieces and performed remarkably in their recital. One of the ways of developing the innate potential of the students is by taking private lessons and participating at our Annual Recital. It has been a great school year! The highlights of our lessons are the making of the musical instruments out of found materials, preparing enthusiastically for our end of the school year program, and most importantly the remarkable and amazing performance of my private students in piano, voice and guitar. My hats off to all of you! I am so proud of your accomplishments! I look forward to more amazing and remarkable performances next school year! Furthermore, our students are enjoying rehearsing the song for the Spring Program about "change". An unknown author once stated: "If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you." I look forward to more challenging lessons in music next school year. Music gives truth, beauty and goodness in a child's life. Cheryl Lavender, a music educator stated: "The fact that children can make beautiful music is less significant than the fact that music can make beautiful children." I wish each and every one a great and wonderful summer!

Mr. Wilkinson

Although this has been a challenging year, we have persevered through it all. I am confident that Carden students are more prepared for their next grade level than the vast majority of their peers across the state. Bearing witness to the academic and emotional growth throughout the year has kept me going. I am so thankful that our students had an in-person learning experience and that I was a part of it. We made it. A few bumps along the way, but we made it. Have a wonderful and restful summer.

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