



# Carriage House Courier

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## MEET THE STAFF

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## Operation Gratitude Coming To CHDC

With the seasons of thankfulness and giving upon us, Carriage House will be participating in a **Holiday Drive for Operation Gratitude.**

Operation Gratitude annually sends 100,000 care packages to U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions and to their children who anxiously await their return.

There are a few ways you and your family can help contribute to this Holiday Drive:

1. Donate your excess Halloween candies, which will be added to care packages.
2. Donate a new 15" stuffed animal or 6" Beanie Baby or WebKinz. The large animals will become part of the Battalion Buddies and be sent to military kids when their parent has been deployed. Service members give the small ones to kids in war zones.
3. Write letters or have children draw pictures that can be included in the packages. Guidelines/Ideas for these letters are posted on the CHDC website.
4. Make a hand knit or crocheted hat or scarf.

Collection boxes will be available in the sign in area until Wednesday, November 23rd.



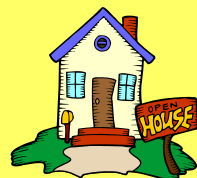
## Parent Night

### Tuesday, Nov. 15th

### 6:00pm—7:00pm

Carriage House is hosting a Fall Parent's Only Night on November 15th. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom.

Come meet with the classroom teachers and learn about the routine, curriculum and activities that your child's class enjoys every day.



## Scholastic Book Fair

### *Reading Is Out Of This World!*

### November 14—18

We are very excited to announce the coming of another book fair! This is a great opportunity to share the love of literature with your family. In addition, based on purchases, Carriage House will earn Scholastic Dollars. These dollars will be used to purchase more books and educational resource material for your child's classroom.



The book fair will be open during Parent Night! A great time to shop without the children!

[www.carriagehousedaycare.com](http://www.carriagehousedaycare.com)

## Happy Birthday Wishes

### November Birthdays

Tony M.	SA	11-10-06
Ashton A.	I	11-11-10
Alex. C.	T	11-18-09
Amelia P.	T	11-18-09
Madison H.	P	11-28-08

### December Birthdays

Thomas H.	I	12-01-10
Jack L.	SA	12-04-04
Owen B.	T	12-05-09
Alex. L.	Pre-K	12-06-06
Gavin L.	Pre-K	12-11-07
Julia G.	I	12-15-10
Noah D.	SA	12-18-06
Sienna G.	Pre-K	12-19-07
Cody P.	I	12-28-10

### Staff Birthdays

Miss Dignita	T	12-12-??
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## Enrollment Anniversaries

### 4 Years

Dominick G.

### 1 Year

Olivia A.  
Evan A.  
Gavin L.



## Employment Anniversaries

### 17 Years

Miss Anne SA

## New Friends & Staff Around the Center

### Children

Evan M. Infant

### Staff

Welcome Back  
Miss Connie Toddler

## Winter Weather Closings

Televised Announcements  
Web Announcements

Early Warning Network on Channel 3 WFSB  
[www.wfsb.com](http://www.wfsb.com)

[www.carriagehousedaycare.com](http://www.carriagehousedaycare.com)  
(will attempt to post closing on home page)



*If the center is going to close early we will also (if able) attempt to contact via email notification and/or phone communication. Please be sure we have up to date email addresses and phone*



# PINNACLE CURRICULUM

## Curriculum Announcement

Creating a warm and friendly environment where children love to learn is what Pinnacle Curriculum is all about. Since the environment and learning experiences your child is exposed to are so important, our teachers will be providing theme-based activities that are developmentally appropriate and fun for your child. Pinnacle Curriculum is based on the works of Piaget, Gardner, and Erikson, providing hand-on center-based activities that promote the development of emerging skills.

Written by early childhood experts with years of child care experiences, Pinnacle Curriculum provides a research-based educational foundation for your child. It is our hope that your child will enjoy the fun, interactive activities that are available to them and they will develop a love for learning while they are growing, playing, and having fun!

Monthly themes that are relevant and meaningful are organized into smaller weekly themes that help foster a child's natural curiosity about the world around them. Each month these themes will be included in the newsletter.



## Monthly Themes

### November

#### *We Are Thankful*

- Pilgrims and the Mayflower
- Native Americans
- First Thanksgiving
- Healthy Foods
- Character Education: thankfulness
- Color: brown & black
- Shape: triangle
- Number: 3
- Letters: P, B, and G



*Numbers and Letters listed here are for Preschool children only.*

*Pre-K children follow Get Ready For School curriculum for number and letter introductions.*

### December

#### *Deck The Halls*

- Holidays Around the World
- The Sights of the Holidays
- The Sounds of the Holidays
- The Tastes and Smells of the Holidays
- The Feelings of the Holidays
- Character Education: giving
- Color: red
- Shape: rectangles
- Number: 4
- Letters: S, E and review



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## November and December No Lunch Days

For those who are not familiar with no lunch days, these are special days during the month that you may choose for your child to participate in a lunch prepared at the center.

### Meatball Grinder Lunch

**Wednesday, November 9th**

This lunch will include:  
~ meatball grinder  
~ mixed vegetable ~ chips  
~ dessert

**Cost: \$3.50 per child**

**Deadline: Wednesday, November 2nd**

### Thanksgiving Luncheon

**Thursday, November 17th**

Our annual luncheon with The Bradley Home residents will include a traditional menu:

~ turkey ~ stuffing ~ potatoes  
~ vegetables ~ dessert

**Cost: \$4.00 per child**

**Deadline: Thursday, November 10th**

### Fish & Chips Lunch

**Tuesday, December 13th**

This lunch will include:  
~ fish sticks ~ fries  
~ vegetable ~ dessert

**Cost: \$3.50 per child**

**Deadline: Tuesday, December 6th**

### Pizza Lunch

**Wednesday, December 21st**

This lunch will include:  
~ pizza ~ salad  
~ dessert

**Cost: \$3.50 per child**

**Deadline: Wednesday, December 14th**

### Note About Breakfast

*Just a note of thanks to everyone, especially in the Toddler area, who have worked to adjust their breakfast routine! Breakfast items brought from home can be eaten in each classroom, between 7:00 and 7:30.*

### Note From The Kitchen

We recently implemented a new system for storing lunch items that need to be refrigerated and/or warmed. Each area now has a bin dedicated for refrigeration only items and one for items to warmed. For those who have been able to adjust to this system, we thank you.

All items not requiring refrigeration should remain in your child's lunch box/bag which should be brought directly to your child's classroom. Lunch boxes/bags can not be left in the kitchen.

All items, whether placed in bins or left in lunch box/bag, MUST be labeled with first and last name.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Bookmobile Visits

The Meriden Public Library Bookmobile will be visiting the center for preschool classrooms on November 17th and December 8th or 22nd.

Not only do the children get to choose a book to borrow for their classroom but the librarian also shares a special storytime during this visit.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### For Drop Off and Pick Up

As stated in the Handbook, all children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) to the their classroom.

Please make sure when dropping off or picking up your child that the classroom teacher is aware of his or her arrival or departure.



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.



## NOTICE

The center will be closed on

Thursday & Friday,  
November 24 & 25  
For Thanksgiving

Friday, December 23 &  
Monday, December 26  
For Christmas

Monday, January 2  
For New Years

## Cubby Check

With the season changing again, please be sure your child has a minimum of two (2) appropriate changes of clothing in his/her cubby, each day.

Suggestions for items include: long pants, shirts, underpants, socks and sweatshirt



It is also important to note that all classrooms spend time outdoors on a daily basis (infants—school age)

Please help your child be prepared for this opportunity by providing a heavier weight jacket, hat and mittens/gloves.



“May peace be your present at Christmas and your gift throughout the year.”

Anonymous

## Holiday Outreach Project

We have been asked once again to participate in the "Holiday Project" campaign sponsored by

Child Guidance Clinic, Meriden.

We will receive ornaments with expressed wishes of area children. These ornaments are available in the sign in area. If you are able to fulfill one or more of these wishes, please take an ornament, fill the request and return the unwrapped gifts to CHDC with the ornament attached. Gifts must be returned by the morning of **Friday, December 9th.**

Thank you for your participation and generosity.



## Holiday Traditions

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we have already begun to prepare a variety of experiences for the children. If you have any cultural or family traditions that you would like to share, please be sure to let the staff in your child's classroom know.

In addition, we are all always looking for some fun and creative ideas to share with the children, especially around the holidays. Please keep the center in mind. We'd be happy to pass ideas onto the staff.



## Happy Winter Classroom Parties

The classrooms will be hosting their parties on **Thursday, December 22nd.**

Each room will be organizing their own party and will notify you of their plans.

Goodie sign up sheets will be posted shortly.



## Public Schools Closed

On Nov. 8 & 11, Nov. 24 & 25  
Dec. 26—Jan 2

See School Age room for details.



## Holiday Show

### Encore Performance

Wednesday, December 21st

3:00pm

The children will present an encore performance of the holiday show they have prepared for The Bradley Home residents.

Families are welcome.





# Holiday Family Night

## Thursday, December 8th



5:30pm to 7:00pm

Events for the evening will include:

- ~ Dinner (includes pizza and dessert) ~
- ~ Holiday Craft ~
- ~ Holiday Sing A Long ~
- ~ A Visit from our favorite North Pole resident! ~

Parents are reminded to bring a camera if they'd like to take pictures with our visitor from the North Pole.



All CHDC families are invited to attend this night of holiday fun.  
Registrations are due no later than December 1st.

Hope to see you there.

*A registration form will be available on the website shortly.*

## Holiday Closings For 2011 & 2012

The Board of Directors would like to announce the holiday closing schedule for 2011 & 2012. Please make note of the following closings.

### 2011

November 24 & 25	Closed	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 23	Closed	Floating Holiday—Christmas
December 26	Closed	Christmas Day Observed

### 2012

January 2	Closed	New Years Day Observed
April 6	Closed	Floating Holiday—Good Friday
May 28	Closed	Memorial Day
July 4	Closed	Independence Day
September 3	Closed	Labor Day
November 22 & 23	Closed	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 23	Closed	Floating Holiday—Christmas
December 25	Closed	Christmas Day
January 1, 2013	Closed	New Years Day

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**Happy 20th  
Anniversary  
Carriage House!**  
Established:  
January 7, 1991

*Caring and Sharing Together*



*Don't forget to register for  
Holiday Family Night by  
Thursday, December 1st*

## White Way Delivers Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Service FREE Pickup and Delivery

Did you know that dry cleaning services are available to you at Carriage House? Save yourself a trip to the cleaners and sign up today!

Every Tuesday and Friday morning a representative from White Way Cleaners, of Wallingford, stops at the center to pick up or drop off items. To participate in this service, pick up an instruction packet in the sign in area or stop by the office to inquire.

It is cost saving and convenient!



## Author Birthdays & Other Special Days In November & December

### November

- 9 Lois Ehlert's Birthday
- 10 Sesame Street Premiered in 1969
- 11 Peg Kehret's Birthday
- 18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday
- 22 Jamie Lee Curtis' Birthday
- 24 Marc Brown's Birthday
- 26 Charles Schulz's Birthday
- 27 Kevin Henkes' Birthday
- 29 C.S. Lewis' Birthday

### December

- 10 Cornelia Funke's Birthday
- 17 Wright Brothers Day
- 19 Eve Bunting's Birthday
- 23 Avi's Birthday
- 30 Mercer Mayer's Birthday



*"Remember this December that love weighs more than gold."*