



# Play Centers at Carney Elementary School

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## March 2021 Newsletter



### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello and welcome, Carney families! We are so excited to be a part of Carney Elementary! Go Cougars!

### PARENT CORNER

#### 5 Reasons to Keep Reading Books With a School-Age Child

By Katherine Lee

One of the biggest milestones kids experience during the school-age years is learning how to read. Once they unlock those magical words on the page, the whole wide world opens up for them. Whether it's a lovely story for beginning readers like *Frog and Toad* or a can't-put-it-down chapter book series like *Harry Potter*, both younger and older school-age children have plenty of options when choosing a great children's book.

But while it's important for kids to learn to read on their own and to continue to read books by themselves to strengthen their reading skills, it's also a good idea for parents to keep reading with them, even when kids become strong readers. Here are some reasons why parents and kids should keep reading together.

#### It Encourages a Love of Books

When reading is a regular part of your family routine, it becomes a normal thing like eating dinner together or bath time. And the more your child reads with you and sees you reading your own books, the more he's likely to love diving into a good story, too. When you cultivate a love of books with young children by reading with them, you're instilling a great habit that'll last your child a lifetime.

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/reasons-to-read-books-with-a-school-age-child-4106092>

### MONTHLY CURRICULUM THEMES

- Dr. Seuss
- Environmental Week
- Sham-Rock-It
- Feel The Beat

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Play Centers, Inc would like to wish a very happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating in March!

### FROM THE PLAY CENTERS, INC. AR DEPARTMENT:

Questions about your account? Please contact our AR Coordinator, at 410.296.4880, ext. 110.

Questions about Subsidy? Please contact our Subsidy Specialist, at 410.296.4880, ext. 111.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER!

If you haven't done so already, please visit our webpage at [www.playcenters.org](http://www.playcenters.org) to register for both email and text alerts.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 29 - April 5**  
**BCPS Spring Break**

Due to the BCPS school closure, Play Centers, Inc. will be **CLOSED**.