

# Sonny Carter Elementary

January 11, 2017

The  
**Leader in Me™**

great happens here

Our mission at Sonny Carter is to create a culture in which students are empowered to become confident leaders of themselves who will have a positive impact on their community.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. It's time to buckle down and end the school year with a bang! We do have a holiday coming up. **REMEMBER; Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. School will be closed.**

## Second 9 Weeks Celebration Ceremony

The second 9 weeks Celebration Ceremony will be held January 24<sup>th</sup>. Fourth & fifth grade will begin at 1:30, with 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade beginning at 2:15.

## DONATE PAPER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A "COOL" PRIZE!

We have made it half way through the year! Our teachers need your help to roll into 2017 with some packs of copy paper. Students who bring in a pack of white copy paper will be entered in a contest to win a month of free ice cream! Bring in 2 reams and your name will be entered 2 times! Three reams = 3 entries, etc... The winner will receive 4 free ice cream coupons. Every pack you bring in will give you a better chance to win.



## Needs Assessment Surveys for Parents and Community Partners

The Bibb County School District requests your input into the needs of the school in order to improve practices that are related to student achievement. We ask that you take a few minutes to answer the questions on the survey link. Your input is very important and will remain anonymous. Please complete the survey no later than Friday, January 27. Thank you for your time!

Use this link to locate the survey: [www.bcsdk12.net/carter](http://www.bcsdk12.net/carter)

## Volunteer of the Month

Our Volunteer for the month of December was Mrs. Valerig Faulks! Mrs. Faulks wins a gift certificate for lunch at a local restaurant. Thank you Mrs. Faulks for all your hard work. We appreciate you!

**Important**

## Parents of 3th, 4th and 5th grade students:

Join us for an important Georgia Milestone / Promotion and Retention Parent Meeting; Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria **OR** Tuesday, January 24th 8:30 am in the school Media Center.

Please make time to attend one of the above sessions.

## Upcoming Events

**Jan 11** Chess Club will meet

**Jan 16** Martin Luther King Day ~ No School

**Jan 19** Literacy Night

**Jan 21** Bibb County Spelling Bee

**Jan 24** Second 9 Weeks Celebration Ceremony

**Jan 25** Chess Club will meet

**Jan 26** Marcos Pizza Spirit Day 11a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Feb 20-24** Winter Break

## REMINDERS:

*Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. No School!*

*The front doors will be locked and there will be no student pickup after 2:30 p.m. If there is an emergency you must call the office in advance. This is for the safety of our students and staff.*

## School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school Spelling Bee champion, Elena Fremont in Mrs. Evans class. Elena will represent Carter in the Bibb County Spelling Bee on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Our alternate is Janiya Chappell in Ms. Taylor's class. Congrats to all of our contestants; Justin Keith, Jaliyah Sears, Norman Williamson (3<sup>rd</sup> place), and Trenton Harris.



## All Star Readers Literacy Night



Join us Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for our All Star Readers Literacy Night! Wear your favorite sport related shirts or jersey. We'll kick off the evening at 6 with an important meeting for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the cafeteria. Our fun activities begin in the gym at 6:30. We'll have games with prizes including Hole-in-One and A Basket for Books. Informative sessions on how to find a book in your child's Lexile range and signing up for parent access to Accelerated Reader will be held in the computer lab. Don't miss the fun!



### What can you do to help your student approach The Georgia Milestones testing?

1. Encourage your student to employ good study and testing skills.
2. Encourage them to following directions carefully and review their work.
3. Explain that the purpose of the test is to give them an opportunity to show what they know.
4. Be certain your student gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast.
5. Make sure they are at school each day of the test and ON TIME.
6. Remember to ask your student about testing at the end of each day.
7. Be encouraging!
8. MOST IMPORTANTLY have your child practice online testing at <http://gaexperienceonline.com>

### GIFTED SCREENING NOTICE

The Bibb County Gifted Screening process is scheduled for January 9-23, 2017. At the end of this 2 week period students demonstrating exceptional achievement and performance will be referred to the School Gifted Education Eligibility Team for further consideration. Parents, guardians, or other concerned individuals may refer students. Students may also refer themselves. All referrals must be written and sent to the child's homeroom teacher no later than January 23, 2017. Please see the letter in today's folder for further information.

#### Business Partner Shout Out

Thank you to State Bank for donating a wonderful large coffee urn to the school. We were able to spoil our staff with coffee, hot chocolate, and apple cider during the holidays and look forward to using it all year long in our break room. Your thoughtfulness and commitment to appreciating our teachers is greatly appreciated. Okinawan Karate School also spoiled our staff with a donation of donuts. Thank you!



We are looking for a volunteer to serve as Yearbook Coordinator to help organize our yearbook for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Walker at [lisa.walker@bcsdk12.net](mailto:lisa.walker@bcsdk12.net)

#### PTO ROUNDUP

If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns please email our PTO Vice President, Glenda Earwood-Smith at [glenda50@cox.net](mailto:glenda50@cox.net)

#### PARENTS - WE NEED YOU!

The Parent Teacher Organization at Carter is there to make education better for all!  
Parents....we need you to....

- \*Read with your children every day
- \*Sign up to be a volunteer at Carter.
- \*Become a PTO member - \$10 per family - annual membership

A strong PTO makes for a strong school. It takes a village to educate a child!

#### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

- Thurs** – Fish & Grits or Hamburger
- Fri** – Super Beef Nachos or Sunbutter Sandwich
- Mon** – Holiday – No School
- Tues** – Meatloaf w/salsa or California Dreamin' Burger
- Wed** – Chicken Chunks or Fish Portion



**Reminder** – You may not bring any Fast Food into the lunch room unless it has been placed in a plain, unmarked bag. This includes drinks. This is a state regulation.

#### SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC CARTER CONNECTION!

Would you like an easy way to keep up with school happenings and news? Click this [link](#) to automatically receive the Carter Connection by email. There is also a link on the Carter web page under Site Shortcuts. Of course you may always access the newsletter on our school web site.



#### CARTER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Carter now offers an afterschool program. It runs Monday-Friday from 3:45-6:00pm. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25. The cost is \$50 per week. One/two day options are available. Homework help and snacks are included. See the front office for details and applications.