

# Falcon Flyer - September 8, 2019

## Your weekly news & updates

What a great first FULL week of school we had! We hope you were able to make it to curriculum night and learn about all of the exciting things our staff and PTSA have in store for this school year. If you are looking for ways to become more involved in the Carson community consider volunteering for the PTSA or at the school. We are still looking for help with the Fun Run and many other opportunities throughout the school year. It's A Great Year to be a Falcon!

### FORCE OF THE FALCONS FUN RUN 2019 - BE THE HERO

#### Falcon Fun Run Fundraising Update!

As of Wednesday 9/11/19, we have raised **\$6080** toward our goal of **\$55,000!** There are currently 8 students at superstar level. All students will participate in our annual Fun Run on Friday, September 27th. *Less than 15% of our school's students have started fundraising, we need to get those numbers up!* Please get your child excited about the event and help them set up their online fundraising **page** today!

In addition to raffle prizes along the way, we have the following events planned for our students as we reach our goal!

Thank you Carson Families for your participation and generosity



#### Spirit Week Celebration (October 7th-11th)

##### If we raise:

\$10,000  
\$20,000  
\$30,000  
\$40,000  
\$50,000  
\$55,000

##### We get:

Crazy Hair Day  
Mr. Power serves Lunch  
Pod Color War  
Crazy Sock Day  
Mr. Power colors his hair **Green!**  
In Door Bouncy House

### AVAILABLE POSITIONS on the PTSA Board for 2019-2020



There is still time to join our board for the upcoming school year! Please consider the following positions

and if you would like more information, please contact Lisa Pisheyar at [president@carsonptsa.org](mailto:president@carsonptsa.org).

- **Executive Vice President- OPEN:** Assist the President with meetings and committees
- **Co-VP of Fundraising- OPEN:** Oversee and organize the Fun Run
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- **VP of Social Events- OPEN:** Oversee the 4-5 social events at Carson



## **PTSA General Membership Meeting**

Carson parents, please join us for our first evening General Membership meeting on **September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Library.**

Our General Membership meetings are an opportunity for Carson PTSA members to be involved in discussions and decisions with our board members.

## **New: Math Challenge**

### **New Math Enrichment Program for Rachel Carson Elementary!**

Math Challenge is designed to give elementary students opportunities to sharpen their mathematical problem-solving skills. There will be 15 sets of challenges every other week starting in late September and ending at the end of May.

Throughout the challenges, the program covers problem solving strategies such as draw a picture or model, make an organized list, look for a pattern, working backward, and guess and check. Here is how to participate:

1. Go to our school Math Challenge page at <https://www.mathinaction.org/rachel-carson.html>. Print out the current Math Challenge. Please write your name, grade, and your teacher's name neatly.
2. Solve as many problems as you can. There is a minimum number of questions required for each grade. Completing the minimum number of questions is deemed as a qualified submission. We encourage you to discuss strategies and solutions with your parents and siblings.
3. Submit your solutions by the due date. Bring your solution to the office or to your teacher by the due date. (Wednesday 1:50 PM).
4. Check online to see solutions when they are available.
5. Check if you win a prize. Prize winners are randomly selected from bi-weekly qualified submissions. Announcements will be made the following week via Falcon Flyer.

We will keep track of your submissions. June 2020, we will give recognition to students who at least complete 10 sets of challenges.

The program is completely free and no sign-up is necessary. This is a great opportunity for families to be involved and enjoy math through fun and engaging math problems. We encourage parents and siblings to get involved in discussing and solving them. Schedules and problem-solving strategies are available at [www.mathinaction.org](http://www.mathinaction.org).

The first math challenge will be available online on September 27th. You have only a few days to complete the first math challenge. Due date is October 3rd (no later than 3:20 p.m.). Have fun doing math!

Carson Math Challenge Team,  
Fang Li, Ya-chi Chen



### SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Don't forget to get your Carson Elementary Spirit Wear!

All new logo and some exciting new products.

Sales start for *2 weeks only starting 9/9/2019!* Visit <https://rachel-carson-elementary.myshopify.com> for prices and to place your orders!

A promotional graphic for Box Tops for Education. It features a dark blue background. At the top is a white circle containing the 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION' logo, which consists of a red and white box with the text 'BOX TOPS' in large white letters and 'FOR EDUCATION' in smaller white letters below it. Below the circle, the text 'NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.' is written in large, light blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two black buttons: one with the Apple logo and the text 'Download on the App Store', and another with the Google Play logo and the text 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

### BOX TOPS Is Changing

Help us earn money for our school by downloading the new app to your phone and start scanning those receipts! The old box tops clipping is going away but if you have any at home, please turn them in to the container in the front office.

## Community Events

### Sammamish Public Library Events

- **9/16** Mindfulness for Families Series: Back to School Anxiety
- **9/18** New Neighbor Night, part of National Welcoming Week; huge event, meet neighbors, learn about the community and local organizations; activities, social games, giveaways, prizes.
- **9/28** Saturday! A Celebration of Cats 11am-2pm; cat songs and games, Seattle Humane

Society cat adoption van, crafts, videos, meet a local veterinarian (ages 9+: learn about a vet career and 4H programs for kids working with animals)

- **10/12-13** Book Sale, proceeds benefit library programming; Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5

### YMCA Events:

Check out their blog: <http://blog.sammamishymca.org/>

- Outdoor/family programming includes free classes from REI instructors including backpacking and survival skills. Look for carving instruction and Cooking over a Fire, plus family outings: hiking, canoe/kayak, outdoor restoration.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders get free access to national public lands for an entire year through Every Kid in a Park program. See link for details: <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/parents.htm>

### Sammamish Arts Commission Events: (see website for details)

- **9/14-15** art scavenger hunt: 50 paint cans with prize certificates will be hidden in Ebright Creek Park, Beaver Lake Park, East Sammamish Park, and Pine Lake Park
- **9/21-22** Sammamish Arts Showcase 10-5pm at CWU featuring the author of Amulet graphic novel series

### Other events:

- **9/15** Moms Demand Action Rally for Hope 5-6pm Issaquah City Hall front steps, gun violence awareness
- **9/21** New Families Event hosted by Lake Washington PTSA, 9:30-12pm, LWRC, parent-focused event, more info at <http://www.lwptsa.net/2019/new-and-international-families-welcome-event/>
- **10/5** Cultural Festival of India 12-6pm Sammamish Commons
- **11/7** Screenagers documentary presented at Blackwell Elementary
- **11/7** Tom Kersting, psychotherapist and author of "Disconnected" will discuss device-dependency and how it impacts students mental and emotional well-being, 6:30-7:30pm at Eastside Catholic

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## After School Programs

After School Programs will begin the week of September 23!

Registration is open now.

\*You must be a current member of the PTSA to register for ASP\*

Please check [carsonptsa.org](http://carsonptsa.org) for complete class descriptions.

### MONDAY

- ~~Parkour with MoveFree Academy~~ K-5 **FULL**
- Robotics: Learn to Code with Robots Grades 3-5.
- Art Naturally: Creative Art & Science: The theme for fall is Birds and Beasts! Grades 1-5

### TUESDAY

- Sports with Mr. Sparkuhl Grades 1-5
- Snapology: Planes, Trains and Automobiles Grades K-2

### WEDNESDAY

- Parkour with MoveFree Academy K-5 **FULL**
- Cartooniversity Grades 2-5

### **THURSDAY**

- Chess Grades 1-5
- Snapology: Super Structures Grades 3-5
- Choir Grades 3-5



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**19 September:** Art Lead & Helper Meeting, 9am Library  
**19 September:** PTSA General Membership Meeting 6-7 p.m, Library  
**23 September:** After School Programs Begin  
**26 September:** Ice Cream Social 6pm  
**27 September:** Falcon Fun Run

*Carson PTSA electronically distributes the Falcon Flyer to all Carson families each Sunday of the school year. This newsletter links you to the Carson PTSA Website - your source for Carson PTSA news and information. Submit any article requests to [communications@carsonptsa.org](mailto:communications@carsonptsa.org) before Wednesdays at noon.*

*Our mission is to support and serve the Rachel Carson Elementary School and Community, and promote the wellness, safety, education and enrichment of all children. Thank you for supporting Carson PTSA!*



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