

PTA Presidents' Message

Welcome to the 2018/19 Carson Elementary school year! We'd like to offer a special welcome to all new students and families. We're happy you're here. We hope you'll love Carson as much as we do.

We have a lot of fun events planned for this year, so please see the key dates section below and mark your calendars. Also, we need your help to make it all happen, so please consider getting involved. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities to accommodate most schedules.

Carson's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes the collaboration and engagement of the Carson community. Carson PTA raises funds for the school for such things such as Chrome Books for students, classroom upgrades, and staff appreciation gifts. Most recently, our membership approved the use of PTA funds to pay for a half-time teacher and full-time paraprofessional for the 2018/19 school year. This year, we would also like to focus on advocacy efforts to improve educational funding across the state. Please consider becoming a member of Carson PTA and help shape the direction of our work.

Please don't hesitate to contact us or any PTA Board Member with any questions or comments. Contact information below.

Go Cougars!

Jessica and Jonathan Kosares, Co-Presidents of Carson Elementary PTA



2018/19 KEY DATES

- **Aug 22, 1:00 p.m. – Kinder Playdate**
Meet fellow kinders and parents @ Robinson Park
- **Aug 23, 5:30 p.m. – New Parent Orientation**
New parents gather in auditorium to learn all about Carson
- **Aug 29, 5:30 p.m. – Back to School Night**
Parent-only event for 1st – 5th grades
- **Aug 31, 9:15 a.m. – All School Char. Ed Assembly & Popsicle Social**
Help welcome the kindergartners and all new students to Carson
- **Sept 7, 8:30 a.m. – Donuts for Dads**
Meet and socialize with other Carson Dads over donuts on the playground
- **Sept 24, 9:00 a.m. – New Parent Brunch**
Welcoming all new parents for a brunch at Mara Baer's house
- **Nov 9, 6:30 p.m. – Carson Auction**
Parents' social and fundraising event of the year
- **Nov 12 – 16 – Book Fair**
Buy books and raise money for our library
- **Feb 7 & 8 – Book Exchange** Kids trade used books
- **Mar 7, 5:00 p.m. – Carson Disco**
Parents and kids dance the evening away
- **May 10, 4:00 p.m. – MAD Dash**
Help raise money for gym, art, and music at Carson
- **May 17 – Field Day**
- **May 31, 9:15 a.m. – Fun Run**
Celebrate the last day of school with a run around the hood

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

✓ Become a PTA Member

Please join us! You can sign up to become a Carson PTA member at the carson.ptapal.com website or at the PTA table at the back to school events. The membership fee is \$15 and allows two adult members of your family to vote at PTA meetings. Membership fees go toward PTA's general budget.

✓ Attend PTA Meetings

Held on the 2nd Thursday every month at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All welcome (regardless of PTA membership)! Childcare and pizza are provided on site.

✓ Volunteer to Help

Whether you can commit a few hours a week, or a few hours a year we can find the perfect opportunity for you. Sign up at <http://carson.dpsk12.org/call-for-volunteers/>.

3 EASY WAYS TO RAISE \$

1. Reloadable Grocery Cards

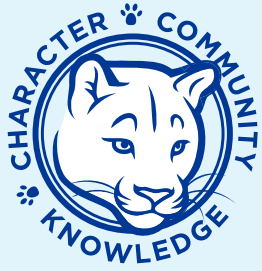
Buy your groceries on your Carson King Soopers card and 5% comes back to Carson. Easiest way to fundraise.

2. Amazon Smile

Amazon donates .5% of what you buy online. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Carson Elementary PTA.

3. Box Tops

A fun way to get the whole family involved! Cut box tops off and bring them into Carson's front office.



CARSON ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA Communications: Stay Connected

PTA Events | Volunteer | Fundraising | Education Advocacy

PTA WEEKLY UPDATE

- Weekly email communication
- Key dates for school & PTA events
- PTA Event details
- Volunteer & fundraising opportunities

CLASS UPDATE

- Bi-weekly email from the class liaison
- Class specific dates and events
- Key school & PTA dates

COUGAR TRACKS

- Newly revamped publication
- Periodic communication
- PTA Updates
- Event highlights
- Education policy & advocacy opportunities

NEXT STEPS

- Check out and bookmark Carson's website at <http://carson.dpsk12.org>. Find archived weekly updates and Cougar Tracks here.
- Sign up for the PTA at <https://carson.ptapal.com> and update directory information
- Download Carson's School App and set your notifications. Search for Carson Elementary in the App Store to download today.

CARSON PTA COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- Carson Meet & Eats - Join other Carson families monthly for dinner out at local restaurants and help raise funds for the PTA. Look for information on when and where in weekly e-blasts.
- Come to one or all of the PTA sponsored events like the annual Auction, meet and eats, and more!
- Volunteer at one or more event.
- Connect with families on the playground during drop off and pick up.

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