

Good evening.

My name is Karen Steele, principal of Carver Center. I'd like to begin by welcoming you to our Back to School Night for the 2019-2020 school year. Back to School Night is an exciting evening for all of us because we get to talk about what happens here each and every day for and with the students, by and with the faculty. We have a short agenda planned for you this evening so that you can get to your students' classes and hear from the people you came here to hear - their teachers, talking about their programs and their expectations for your student's success.

Every year brings with it renewed excitement about the work of our

students. What will they do that is remarkable this year? What vision will they bring to a new creation in their prime? How will they inspire us? When you consider what they have accomplished in the past 27 years you begin to understand how incredible and talented these young people are. All of the primes are hard at work on their first events and performances of the academic year. And I have made my first congratulatory morning announcement recognizing 36 AP Scholars, 19 AP Scholar with Honors, 50 AP Scholar with Distinction, and 8 National AP Scholar. It is exciting to imagine what the future holds for our current Carver Center students.

All of this happens because of the people

you are here to hear this evening – the faculty and staff. Though I won't introduce them individually, standing around are the people you've really come to meet, our faculty. Faculty, raise your hands.

These are the people who tonight will explain to you their goals, their programs, their high expectations for your student's success. This is not a conference night, but rather a night for program overviews. These are the people who truly believe it is their responsibility to support your students in making their dreams come true; and, they will tell you about that tonight.

There are a few other people whom I'd like to introduce, the first of those are the

administrative team at Carver Center. Allow me to introduce our assistant principal in charge of grades 10 and 12, Ms. Alison Becker. Responsible for grades 09 and 11 is Mr. Timothy Arrington.

Every high school has a full-time BCPO or SRO. Joining us for his third year at Carver Center is Officer Lee Brown. Officer Brown will be here every day, all day; his car will be on the lot, so don't be alarmed if you see a police vehicle on our lot. We are very proud of Officer Brown being recognized as the 2018 BCPS School Resource Officer of the Year.

Another important member of the Carver Center community is the Volunteer

Coordinator, Korin Chase. Ms. Chase will help you work through the volunteer process so that you can go on a field trip, work at Carver Celebration, assist with art shows, or one of the other volunteer opportunities. You can complete the forms online and send them in with your student or email Ms. Korin Chase. More information is on the Carver Center website.

I'm going to excuse the faculty and staff at this point so that they can be ready to greet you at 6:35.

There are a few public service items I'd like to share:

First, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in the carpool line this year.

To all of you who have reviewed the drop off and pick up information and to all who have been working with us since the beginning of the academic year to ensure that drop-off and pick-up proceeds smoothly and safely, thank you. Everyone has the same very important need to drop-off and pick-up and we appreciate you partnering with us to ensure the safety of each member of our Carver Center community. Our procedures and our traffic monitors are there to ensure that each day all 1000+ students, staff, faculty, and visitors can enter and exit campus safely. We do ask that you pull all the way up to the gymnasium doors and do keep the line moving. At 7:30 am those gym doors are open for students to enter and on a rainy day that is the shortest distance into the

building.

Carver Center Information

- **Website**
 - carverhs.bcps.org
- **Twitter**
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 - Twitter.com
 - Our profile is @GWCCAT
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 - Our profile is @gwccat
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Please continue to follow Carver Center on Twitter – our profile is @GWCCAT. We use this as a platform to let our community know about upcoming events.

Follow us on Instagram to get a view into life at Carver Center.

Please be sure to sign-up for *The Mosaic*, our monthly e-newsletter. The sign-up is under in the middle of the frontpage of the website.

ALICE:

Last year the Baltimore County Police Department staff and BCPS rolled out a new protocol for an active assailant situation. School resource officers were trained. Faculty and staff participated in face-to-face training and online training prior to the start of school.

Giving individuals options is recommended by the Department of

Homeland Security, Maryland State Police, Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Baltimore County Police Department. An enhanced protocol means that students will no longer sit in a group passively. They learned to barricade entrances to their environment. Instead of evacuating on school grounds as they do for a fire drill, students moved to a greater distance from the building.

As we continue to implement the ALICE protocol, notification will be sent through School Messenger that students will be doing a drill and a brief summary of the drill.

At this time, I'll turn the meeting over to our Carver Center Foundation.

The Carver Center Foundation discussed the history and mission of the Carver Center Foundation and the ways that the Carver Center Foundation has supported the students, primes, academics, athletics, faculty, and staff. Included was a video that answers, “What is CCF?”
Video link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5o7l39w>

I want to thank you all for being here this evening. To all of you I want to wish a productive and successful school year. Now it's time to get ready for period 1 A- day. We will follow the A-day schedule, periods 1, 2, 3, and 4, followed by B-day's schedule in the same order. Periods will be announced over our intercom. If you need a schedule, it will be available in the main office.

And now it's time to go back to school.
Enjoy!