



April 3, 2019

Dear Carver Families,

We are excited to announce a partnership between Carver Elementary and the GO TEAM Therapy Dog organization. The GO TEAM is an active group of handler/therapy dog teams working in states across the United States. A therapy dog is a dog trained to provide affection and comfort to people in hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, assisted living homes, schools, hospices, disaster areas, or anywhere a therapy dog is requested and their presence appropriate. Handlers and dogs wanting to join GO TEAM go through a rigorous two-day, hands-on situational training program. Teams that pass are offered membership into the GO TEAM.

Starting this month, a GO TEAM therapy dog will be visiting our school on a weekly basis to help students deal with the stress that is often present near the end of the school year. We feel the therapy dogs will be beneficial for students who need a short break from their day to relieve stress. We know not all children will feel comfortable around the therapy dog, so we encourage you to contact our main office if you have concerns regarding this announcement.

Respectfully,

Michelle "Missy" D. Hollenbeck, Ed.D.  
Principal  
Carver Elementary School