



**CAP Focus Group: PCMS  
2/12/2018 5:00 pm- 5:45 pm  
Total in Attendance: 22**

**Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders: 13**

**Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> graders: 5**

**Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders: 2**

**Parent of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grader: 1**

**Parent of 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader: 1**

We began with welcoming the parents and handing them a sheet with the questions we were going to ask so that they could have some time to think about their answers. The questions and responses were the following:

**1) Why did you choose to enroll your child in CAP? Answered included:**

- The Top answer to which all the parents agreed was Homework Help
- Interaction with other students
- CAP provides an opportunity for students to do different activities that they do not get to do in school such as swimming and kitchen activities (4)
- Keeps the child learning, active, and busy after school. This ensures a safe place with healthy activities that prevents child from being exposed to unhealthy habits. (3)
- CAP provides outstanding service at a great price and is affordable to all.
- Overall, the teachers show kindness and patience and the children come home with their homework completed and ready for the next day.

Ex. A student wanted to make cake for her brother's birthday and a teacher bought all the supplies the student needed since the students mother was unable to afford it at the time.

**2) How is CAP helping to support your child and your family? Answers included:**

- Keeps their child social, busy, and educated.
- It is a guaranteed safe place for their child.
- There is open communication about their child and about events and programs happening at the schools. Even parents with busy lives are kept informed. (2)
- Shows the parents how to communicate with teachers when picking up their children early so that they know the procedures that need to be followed to keep their child safe.
- Parent workshops provide good topics of discussions parents should have their children.

**3) Does your child appear happy at the end of a day in CAP? Answers Included:**

- Yes, they are Happy after a day in CAP. (3)
- At times when they are being picked up early or have to go on vacation the students often do not want to leave or miss any days in CAP. (3)

- Even if they stayed for the full duration students ask their parents if they can stay later.
- Especially after activities like swimming or field trips they come home very excited and happy about the day they had.

**4) Do you find events like Exhibition helpful/enjoyable? Answers Included:**

- Yes, it shows what the kids do in CAP and kids are proud to show their parents (2)
- With children in middle school who are getting into a stage where they do not communicate with their parents so much, it gave parents insight about their children and allowed a setting where the parents could ask their children questions. (2)
- Parents were able to see a sense of responsibility in their children that they never saw before and an excitement to finish what they were working on to show their parents (5)
- Parents who knew their children to be shy or reserved saw their children step out of their shell and really get into what they were presenting or selling. It gave children confidence. (2)
- Parents were happy that it exposed their children to different subjects like baking, selling, and demonstrating.
- They enjoyed seeing the skills their children developed and were impressed by their salesmanship/communication skills. (8)
- Parents were able to get an idea about the organization and see what else the Carver Center offers.

**5) What can we do to improve the CAP program for your child and your family?**

- Provide more opportunities for more social events for parents
- Add dance classes
- Offer more projects for kids to learn and socialize that focus around math, science, and literature. This allows students to work with students they normally wouldn't and allow them to really get to know one another.
- Swim classes (2/20 start)
- Increase restrictions on cell phone usage.
- Provide more time and supervision during HW time to make sure each child is getting their homework done. Show children how to prioritize. (unanimous)

**6) Would you recommend the CAP program to another family? Why? Why not?**

- Everyone unanimously answered, yes.
- Excellent program
- Helps children keep busy with healthy topics and away from bad influences. (2)
- Allows parents to work.
- Safe environment.
- Offers care for children with special needs that is very difficult to find.
- Wonderful/kind/patient staff.

- Affordable and offers payment schedules.

Summary: Overall the parents in the work shop had very positive things to say about the CAP program and are very thankful that the Carver Center and the Learning Team provide such a program to the community.