

# MUSTANG MESSENGER

March 2022

Robert Moton Elementary  
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## School Hours:

8:00 AM - School Doors Open  
8:25 AM - Parent Drop-Off Doors Close  
8:30 AM - Instructional Day Begins  
3:00 PM - Dismissal

**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Internet Address:

[www.carrollk12.org/rme](http://www.carrollk12.org/rme)

## Absence and Dismissal email:

[RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org](mailto:RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org)

## It Makes Our Day

When We Hear From You!

Let us know when your student is absent or has an early dismissal at [RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org](mailto:RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org) or call 410-751-3610. **Please be sure to report dismissal changes in writing or email by 1:00!**

**International Line: (410)386-1699**

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Building the Future

## Greetings from the Ranch

Dear Families,

During the next three months, students will be participating in several testing events.

- March 7-9, Second Grade CogAT testing.
- March 9-10, Fifth Grade CBA testing.
- March 14-15, Third Grade CBA testing.
- March 17-18, Fifth Grade MISA testing.
- March 23-24, Fourth Grade CBA testing.
- April 5-6, Fourth Grade Math testing.
- April 7, Fifth Grade CBA testing.
- April 11-14, Fourth Grade ELA testing.
- April 21, Fourth Grade CBA testing.
- April 21, Third Grade CBA testing.
- April 25-28, Third Grade ELA testing.
- May 2-3, Third Grade Math testing.
- May 5-6, Fifth Grade Math testing.
- May 9-12, Fifth Grade ELA testing.

The best preparation for testing takes place throughout the school year; however, there are many additional special ways to encourage your child to do their best over the next few months.

- Talk with your child's teachers regularly about your child's progress and what you can do to help him or her to continue to grow.
- Dedicate at least 15 minutes each day to talk with your child about school and read with them.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to study.
- Help your child with homework.
- Continue to show interest in what your child is doing in school.
- Encourage your child to eat a balanced and nutritious breakfast.

We know that all our Mustangs will do their best. Thank you for your continued partnership with Robert Moton as we work to ensure success for all children.



## Calendar Information

### March

- 1 Interim Reports
- 1-4 Read Across America Week
- 4 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 – 8:45 AM
- 4 The Judy Center's Mother Goose on the Loose 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- 8 The Judy Center's Mother Goose on the Loose 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- 10 Parent Conference Night: 3:30 - 7:00 PM (snow date: 3/31/22)
- 11 One School One Book Kick-Off
- 11 **Two Hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissal: Professional Development Day Robert Moton Dismisses at 12:15 PM School Closed for Pre-Kindergarten**
- 7 - 11 **Kindergarten Registration** at RME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM each day and 4:00 - 6:00 PM on March 9, only (see **page 6** for a list of required items)
- 12 The Judy Center's Parent Leadership Learning Party 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 18 Eisteddfod Concert, Westminster High School, 7:30 PM
- 25 The Judy Center's Mother Goose on the Loose 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- 26 The Judy Center's Parent Leadership Learning Party 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### April

- 1 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 - 8:45 AM
- 1 One School One Book Movie Night
- 4 PBIS Assembly
- 4 **Two Hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissal: End of Marking Period Robert Moton Dismisses at 12:15 PM School Closed for Pre-Kindergarten**
- 4 Third Marking Period Ends
- 5 Fourth Marking Period Begins
- 6 The Judy Center's Kids in the Kitchen 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- 8 Vision and Hearing Re-Screens
- 8 Music Department Talent Show: 7:00 PM
- 11 Report Cards Distributed
- 12 Spring Individuals and Class Group Photos
- 15 **Schools/Offices Closed for Good Friday/Spring Break**
- 18 **School/Offices Closed for Easter Monday/Spring Break**
- 26 Band Field Trip to WMHS 8:45 AM
- 26 Regional Side-by-Side Band Concert at Winter Mills High School 7:00 PM
- 28 Family Literacy Game Night
- 29 RME Talent Show

### May

- 6 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 – 8:45 AM
- 9 Interim Reports
- 10 Forces and Motion Assemblies
- 11 STEAM Night
- 19 Fifth Grade Panoramic Picture
- 19 Kindergarten Readiness Night
- 21 Hershey Park Music Festival
- 27 Play Day
- 30 **School Closed – Memorial Day**
- 31 School Musical Matinee Only

### **Parent Conferences**

March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:00 PM

Please call 410-751-3610 for an appointment.

*(March 31<sup>st</sup> is the snow date)*

**We encourage all families to attend at least one conference per year and this is a great time to meet with your student's teachers for continued success this school year!** If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the school at 410-751-3610 or email Mrs. Custance at [mjcusta@carrollk12.org](mailto:mjcusta@carrollk12.org)



### **Robert Moton's Mustang Market** **Food Pantry**

Open to the public on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Our food pantry is well stocked with a large variety of non-perishable and household items.

The pantry is open to the public on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 4:30pm. If you would like to visit the pantry and are unable to visit during those hours, please contact Mrs. Custance at [mjcusta@carrollk12.org](mailto:mjcusta@carrollk12.org) or 410-751-3610 to make alternate arrangements.

### All-County Eisteddfod

Eight RME students have been selected to represent our school in the annual singing festival called Eisteddfod. Congratulations to RME Singers!

Zoe Bailey	Andrea Davenport
Jocelyn Desper	Rayven Dicus
Angelique Escobar Sosa	Abigail Hurff
Andrea Lemus-Dominguez	Celia Robles-Turner

There are three more practices for Eisteddfod; one this Wednesday, March 2 from 6:30-8 PM at Linton Springs Elementary; another on Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30-8 PM at Linton Springs; and one at Westminster High School on Wednesday, March 16 – time to be determined.

The concert is Friday, March 18 at 7:30 PM at Westminster High.



### Upcoming PE Activities

Gymnastics



Basketball



Fitness Testing



**Please continue to wear proper PE shoes!!!**

### Hop 'til You Drop Winners

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lindsay Gonzales Rivera  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Kylah Williams  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Dominic Nappier



### Robotics Club News

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in the Robotics Club. Students in the club stay after school and learn how to program a LEGO robot in order to complete challenges on a large game board. This year's theme was "Cargo Connect" and students were tasked with delivering goods from place to place. Students also work on solving some real-life challenges within the transportation industry.

All students were successful at their competition in February. Team RME=MC2 created a model of a special train car that would deliver packages safely and efficiently. The team won first place for their Innovation Project out of all 35 teams!

Congratulations to the students in our First Lego League Robotics Club for their amazing work this year!

Kaden Campbell  
Hunter Valenti  
Aiden Keeney  
Angel Lim  
Evie Dautermann

Jocelyn Desper  
Brayden Harmon  
Annabelle Baier  
Charlie Meteer  
Lexi Ellis



### Pre-Kindergarten Interest

If you have a child who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2022, they are eligible to apply for the Carroll County Public School Pre-Kindergarten program. See the attached PRE-K interest flyer for more information or [CLICK HERE](#) to submit our interest form.

[Pre-K Interest 2022-23.pdf](#)



**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**  
**February 28 – March 4**

We hope your family will join us in celebrating as we read and dress-up each day. Please note the flyer below for details. Mrs. Meagher and Ms. Fish have put together a collection of books to match our theme so students may check them out in the media center!



## One School One Book

We are so excited to kick off our annual One School One Book program this month! One of our Title I Family Engagement programs, this school-wide reading event is a month-long opportunity for families to engage in a school community project! We will be revealing our book on Friday, March 11 and each family will receive the book and program activities that day. We encourage EVERY FAMILY to participate in reading nightly (a calendar is provided). More information will be coming home on March 11.



## Navigating Difficult Waters

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Navigating Difficult Waters event will be held at Winters Mill High School on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm. A variety of topics for adults and students will be covered including, self-care/wellness, mindfulness and technology/social media. Presentations will feature community partners, local government officials and students from the Student Government Association (SGA). Childcare is available for children ages 3 and up. [Register for this event here.](#)

## Counselor's Corner

## Resiliency

Resiliency is a term that is used frequently in the world of school counseling and education. This term refers to a person's ability to bounce back from challenges and adversity. It is that intangible quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever. Rather than letting failure overcome them and drain their resolve they find a way to bounce back. *Some researchers are now looking at Grit and Resiliency as greater indicators of success than intelligence and socioeconomic status.*

Although some people tend to be naturally resilient, it is also a skill that can be taught. Psychologists have identified some of the factors that make someone resilient, among them a positive attitude, optimism, the ability to regulate emotions, and the ability to see failure as a form of helpful feedback. Traits related to resilience include self-confidence, perseverance, self-discipline, flexibility, patience, and grit. Robert Moton will focus on **Flexibility** in March, **Patience** in April and **Grit** in May. Then we will culminate all nine monthly character traits with **Resiliency** in June.

We all face challenges in some aspect of life and for some kids the challenges of school or family circumstances can have a negative impact on their school success. It is important that we help st We all face challenges in some aspect of life and for some kids the challenges of school or family circumstances can have a negative impact on their school success. It is important that we help students understand that challenges and failure are a part of life. If we look at them as an opportunity to grow we can turn a failure into future success. When we recognize students for their resilience, perseverance, and grit we reinforce these characteristics and help them understand that **never giving up is more important than being number one.**

*Suzanne Peters*  
*School Counselor*



## PBIS Tidbits

Everyone is aware of the many adverse effects from the pandemic over the past 2 years. One area we continue to struggle with is getting students to school consistently. Attendance has always been a challenge due to illness, transportation concerns, school refusal and home situations, however, since March of 2020 the challenges have grown. We know that health guidelines around Covid-19 that require students to stay home even with no illness or with mild symptoms that in the past would not have caused a student to stay home, have added to the challenge of keeping kids in school. We still want to take a minute to remind everyone about the importance of school attendance when your child is healthy. Research shows that students with more than 10% absences (that is 18 days in the entire school year) struggle more in school. High absence rates affect reading and math skills because students miss out on important instruction and practice when they are not in school. We recognize the challenges of health protocols, but this makes it even more important to make sure students are here when they are well. Consistent school attendance helps establish routines, keep students from missing important instruction, and helps them feel connected to the school community. Please try to get your children to school all day, every day unless of course they are sick. From K – 5 learning takes place IN school!

### **School Matters!**



### **I.D. Required**

**Please remember to **always** bring your photo identification when entering the school.**

We need to verify your identity before issuing a visitor pass or allowing a student to leave with you. Your photo identification is even needed in the Parent Pickup line. Even if your student is on the everyday pick up list, there may be a substitute at the Parent Pickup station who does not know you.

The safety of our students is a priority. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**The Early Childhood Advisory Council of Carroll County** in conjunction with our community partners is pleased to present **free** parent/ caregiver online sessions for any family in Carroll County with a child birth to 8 years old. Please see the attached flyer and scan the QR or click [here](#) to RSVP.

**Carroll County  
Early Childhood Advisory  
Council**



**Parent/ Caregiver Online Sessions  
Spring 2022**

Presented in conjunction with our community partners  
for ALL Carroll County families with children birth to age 8

The purpose of the Carroll County Early Childhood Advisory Council is to coordinate efforts among all child-serving agencies within our community. We will conduct ongoing needs assessments and utilize the results to develop an inclusive plan in order to support families with children Birth through 8 in Carroll County.

**March 2nd  
1-2 p.m.**

**MENTAL HEALTH  
MATTERS**

Join staff from Celebree School as they discuss the key elements in supporting children's mental health.







**March 23rd  
6-7 p.m.**

**FEEDING FOR  
HEALTHY EATING**

Do you struggle with what to feed? How much to feed? How often to feed and creative ways to add healthy meals and snacks to your family's diets? Join Maryland Extension for a fun, interactive discussion on how to best engage your picky eaters to eat more fruits, veggies and healthy choices! You may get lucky and win a door prize!!



**April 13  
10-11 a.m.**

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL  
STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES TO  
USE SO EVERYONE THRIVES!**

Families play an essential role in helping their child's social-emotional learning. This workshop will provide you with simple strategies to use to foster well-being for you and your children, increase self-awareness and help children manage big emotions.





**May 17th  
1-2 p.m.**

**HEALTHY FOOD  
AND YOU!**

Healthy eating can mean many things, to many people! The Partnership will discuss what healthy eating is and what it means to you! We will discuss how to involve children in the kitchen and how to navigate picky eaters.

**All sessions will be offered online.  
Please scan the QR to RSVP. A link  
will be sent to you by the presenters  
prior to the session.**



Questions? Contact Heather Carden, hcarden@carrollk12.org  
Programming Coordinator - Carroll County Early Childhood Advisory Council



## Robert Moton Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2022 – 2023 school year will be held **in our Media Center** the week of **March 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Kindergarten enrollment is mandatory for children turning 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2022.**

Please bring the following at the time of registration:

1. **Photo ID**
2. **Proof of Birth:** Examples include birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, Passport/Visa, or an official court document indicating the child's birth date
3. **Proof of residence:** Examples include a signed lease/rental agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent/legal guardian is currently living; a current rent receipt (date on document must be within 60 days of enrollment); a current bill with name and address for service delivered to the home. Bills may include electric, land-line phone, cable, oil, etc. (date on document must be within 60 days of enrollment); a mortgage statement/bill (date on document must be within 60 days of enrollment); a signed settlement document; property tax bill from current year indication "Primary Residence"; or a deed with house number, street address and name of parent/guardian
4. **To/From Transportation address:** Please provide a home address. In addition, if your child is using a different address to be transported to and from school due to child care, please provide the daycare address as well
5. **Immunization records** must be completed and submitted to RME **prior to the start of the school year.** Acceptable documents for proof of immunes are:
  - Current DHMH 896 (Immunization Record for the State of Maryland)
  - Current computer generated printout from the doctor's office with the student's name

All these records **MUST** be signed by an authorized person. Parent signatures are not acceptable.

Personal/Family "Baby Books" are not acceptable/official records. The school nurse will review the record to determine if your child's immunizations meet current requirements.

For more detailed information about registering your child for kindergarten and a list of acceptable documents for registration, please use the link to visit the site on the CCPS website.

<https://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/studentservices/Pages/EnrollingAStudentInSchool.aspx>

Feel free to call our school office with questions at 410-751-3610. Ask for our registrar, Ms. Lupita Ramirez.