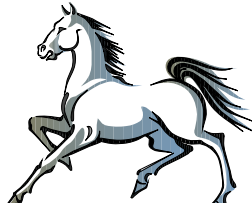


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Phone: 410-751-3610
Fax: 410-751-3927



Darryl Robbins, Principal
Lauren Murray, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Shipley, Assistant Principal
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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APRIL 2022



Dear Families,

The school year is quickly passing by; and it will not be long until summer will be here. Our third marking period has now ended. As we begin our final marking period of this school year, please continue to offer your support to your student(s) with organization, homework completion, attendance, and any other area that may need improvement. We very much appreciate your continued partnership with Robert Moton as we work to ensure success for all our students.

Just a reminder, students will be participating in the following testing events in April and May:

- April 5-6, Fourth Grade Math testing
- April 7, Fifth Grade CBA testing
- April 11-14, Fourth Grade ELA testing
- April 21, Third Grade CBA testing
- April 21, Fourth 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

In the coming weeks, there are a variety of events scheduled. Please review this newsletter, check the calendared dates, and look for notices to come home with more information on our various end of the school year activities. We would love for you to take part in celebrating your student's success this year!

A translation of the newsletter is available through the Office of Interpretation. Please call Patricia Burns at 410-751-3020.

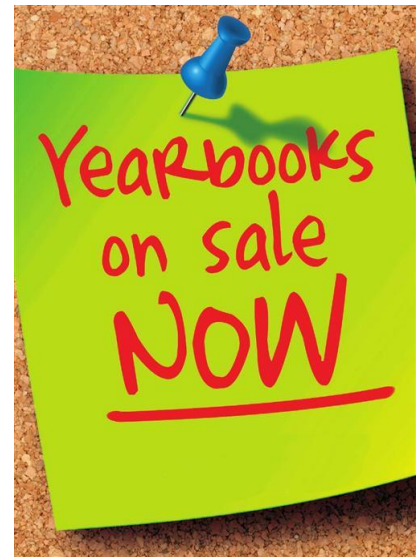
ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE

When: From now until April 15th.

Cost: \$20.00

Payment: Online to: **Classic
Photography**

Please follow the specific online directions using your student(s) name and their teacher's last name.



Important April Dates

- 1 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child 8:05-8:45 AM
- 1 One School One Book Movie Night 6:00 PM (*Doors Open at 5:30 PM*)
- 4 PBIS Assembly 8:30 AM
- 4 **Two Hour & Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal:** 3rd Marking Period Ends
Robert Moton Dismisses at 12:15 PM
School Closed for Pre-Kindergarten
- 5 Fourth Marking Period Begins
- 5-6 4th Grade Math Testing
- 6 The Judy Center's Kids in the Kitchen 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- 7 5th Grade CBA Testing
- 8 Vision and Hearing Re-Screens
- 11 Report Cards Distributed
- 11-14 4th Grade ELA Testing
- 12 Spring Individuals and Class Group Photos
- 15 **Schools/Offices Closed for Good Friday/Spring Break**
- 18 **Schools/Offices Closed for Easter Monday/Spring Break**
- 21 3rd and 4th Grades CBA Testing
- 25-28 3rd Grade ELA Testing
- 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 – 5:30 -7:00 PM
- 29 Pre-K Field Trip to Bear Branch – 9:40 AM – 12:30 PM
- 29 RME Talent Show – 7:00 – 8:30 PM



April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

Mustang Market Food Pantry

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 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 4:30 PM.

If you would like to visit the pantry and are unable to visit during those times, please contact Mrs. Custance at mjcusta@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3610 to make alternate arrangements.

It Makes Our Day

When We Hear from You!

Please let us know when your student is absent or has an early dismissal at

RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3610.

Please be sure to report dismissal changes by 1:00 PM!

Looking Ahead to May

- 2-3 3rd Grade Math Testing
- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 Fifth Grade Field Trip to Carroll Community College 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- 5-6 Fifth Grade Math Testing
- 6 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your RME Pre-K Child: 8:05 - 8:45 AM
- 9-12 5th Grade ELA Testing
- 9 Interim Reports
- 10 Forces and Motion Assemblies 8:45 AM
- 11 STEAM Night 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- 17 PTO Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Night
- 19 Fifth Grade Panoramic Picture Day
- 19 Kindergarten Readiness Night 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 21 Hershey Park Band Music Festival
- 24 PTO General Membership Meeting & Election of Officers 7:00 PM
- 26 Spring Vocal and Band Concert 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 27 Play Day 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM (*Rain Date: May 31*)
- 30 **Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day**
- 31 RME Pirate Musical Matinee Performance

Upcoming June Dates to Remember

- 1 Applicable Fifth Grade Students to East Middle for Transition/Orientation
- 1 Pirate Spring Musical 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 2 Pirate Spring Musical 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 3 The Judy Center's Pre-K Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45 AM
- 9 Prep Play Day – AM Class 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- 9 Prep Play Day – PM Class 1:30 – 3:00 PM
- 9 **Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students**
- 10 **Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal at 12:15 PM**



The following Robert Moton staff members were nominated for an Outstanding Teacher Award. We, at RME, celebrate their excellence in teaching and are grateful to have them as part of the RME family.

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| • Brittany Collett | Second Grade | Nicole Mort | First Grade |
| • Lisa Dorsey | Art | Kelley Smith | Advanced Academics |
| • Amy Durdon | Second Grade | Tanya Stephenson | Kindergarten |
| • Asa Evans | First Grade | Amanda Stevens | Fifth Grade |
| • Michelle Fitzgerald | Math | Christina Storie | ELA |
| • Robin Hoff | The Judy Center | Mark Topper | Music |
| • Abigail Miller | Fifth Grade | Margaret Wade | Second Grade |

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:



Mark Your Calendars!
April 29th for Shining Stars! Of Robert Moton.

This event is a fundraiser for the Robert Moton Instrumental Music Program. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Children under age 3 are free.



*** Singing must be Karaoke, acapella or with accompaniment. You will not be allowed to sing along with a recorded singer/vocalist.



RME Pirate Musical

Thursday, May 31

2:00 PM performance for our school friends

Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2

7:00 PM performance for RME families and friends.

ARRR! Please mark your calendars and set your sails for our Spring Pirate Musical. For the first time in the history of our school, our 4th and 5th grade students will be performing two shows here at RME, one on Wednesday, June 1 at 7 PM and one on Thursday, June 2 at 7 PM. Tickets for the musical will cost \$2 (a requested donation) and children under 3 are free! Our wonderful PTO is planning a bake sale during the performances, if you would like to get something before the show or during intermission. Please come and enjoy the show or ye be shark bait for sure 😁!

Media Center News

April is School Library Month!



To celebrate, our Media Center will be hosting several events throughout the month. First, we are holding a bookmark contest. Students can design their own bookmark, then students will vote for their favorite bookmark designs. The winning bookmark designs will be made into bookmarks which will be available when students check out books. We will have special displays and "Mystery Book Bags" for students to borrow. Students who are "Caught Reading" during the month of April will earn a ticket to enter a drawing for special prizes. Finally, we will host a "Poem in Your Pocket" week where students will bring in poems to recite for their classmates. We are excited to celebrate reading and RME's Media Center throughout the month!



Celebrate Art in the Schools!

Each year we participate in a Youth Art Month exhibit at the Carroll County Arts Council located on Main Street in Westminster. The exhibit dates this year are April 25th through May 7th, 2022. You may view the exhibit during the Arts Council hours of operation. Those participating from our school will receive a letter letting them know they were selected shortly before the art show. If you have a chance, please visit - it is a great way to see all the wonderful artwork taking place in elementary schools across the county and celebrate the arts!



Nurses Notes for April:

- The Dental Clinic will be held May 16, and 17, so please get your **permission slips returned to the nurse by April 11th.**
- Please place an extra set of pants and under garments in your students backpack as the nursing office is getting low on clothing. If your student comes home in clothing from the nursing office, please launder and return.
- With the ever-changing weather please dress your child in weather appropriate clothing and shoes. No flip flops or backless shoes.
- If you have received a letter from the vision and hearing clinic stating that your student failed their vision or hearing screen, please take the time to schedule your student and appointment with the appropriate health care provider to follow up. Any changes to a student's vision or hearing can be detrimental to their ability to learn.

One School One Book



Thanks to everyone who participated in our One School One Book program. We hope you enjoyed this family reading opportunity! If you have not done so already, please complete the [survey linked here](#) to help us as we plan for future programs. Thank you!

Family Literacy Game Night

Our next family engagement event will be held on Thursday, April 28th. We hope your family can join us for our picnic style Family Literacy Game Night! More details and an invitation will be sent home with students soon.

Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee Update

The next Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee will be held on April 21, from 6-8. The meeting will be in person and will be recorded. Presentation will be by The Arc of Carroll County on "The Medical Needs of Learners."

CCPS Family Support Network

The FSN is for families of children with special needs and meets monthly at Carroll Springs School, providing dinner and childcare. Please visit the website for more information and any upcoming events <https://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/specialeducation/community>.

For more information on SECAC or FSN, contact the 18-19 SECAC Chair (and Mustang 3rd grader mom) Jill Wagoner at jill@wtechgroup.com.

PTO is excited to plan a few activities for the remainder of the school year, and we are already making big plans for next school year!

Huge thanks to Rachel Passerini for planning and organizing all four of our conference night dinners this year. Rachel did a great job making sure our teachers were well fed! Thank you also to our RME families for all of the donations of food and drinks for those dinners. These donations really help us to stretch the PTO budget and make each dinner possible.

Our Art to Remember fundraiser is wrapping up. Be sure to check out <https://arttoremember.com/artshow/wbqdgf> to see Robert Moton's student art gallery. Our students made some impressive art projects this year!

Next up is a Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser from April 11 - April 25. These gift cards make great gifts for spring holidays and are a hit for end-of-the-year teacher gifts. We are also hosting a fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse on May 17. Mark your calendar and bring your gift cards to enjoy a delicious meal!

May 2 - May 6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. PTO is currently forming a committee for this week of celebrations. If you are interested in serving on the TAW committee, please email us at RMES.PTO@gmail.com.

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 7 PM at RME. If needed, election of officers will be held at this meeting.

As always, thanks for your support!

-Rebekah, Brooke, Beth, Lea, and Megan



Counselor's Corner

Let's Talk About Sleep



Sleep: to rest your mind and body by closing your eyes and becoming semi-conscious

We live in a sleep deprived society: The CDC states insufficient sleep is a public health epidemic for both adults and children. Lack of restorative sleep can compromise the physical and emotional health of children and interfere with normal growth and development. The American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that almost 50% of school aged children do not get the 9-12 hours of recommended sleep each night and 10% of children in the United States have a sleep issue.

We notice sleepy children every day here at Robert Moton. During this past year many children have not had a consistent sleep schedule. We have had many changes to our school day schedule and the virtual environment seemed to encourage extra screen time in the form of late-night video game sessions. Children don't get enough sleep for many reasons. When they come to school tired, they are more irritable, have trouble regulating emotions and behaviors, and do not perform their best academically. There are many ways parents can help ensure a good night's sleep.

- Make sufficient sleep a family priority – set bedtimes and stick to them.
- Set a regular daily routine. – waking at the same time each day and keeping a consistent bedtime routine can provide comfort and help the body regulate.
- Be active during the day- mental and physical exercise are important
- Monitor Screen time – American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends all screens are turned off 1 hour before bed. Pick up a good book instead. Obviously virtual learning requires lots of screen time, so it even more important to switch to other activities once the school day ends.
- Avoid overscheduling – build in time to wind down at the end of the day.
- Learn to recognize sleep problems and discuss any concerns with your child's pediatrician.

What are the benefits of a good night's sleep? A study by the AAP found adequate sleep duration on a regular basis leads to improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, emotional regulation, quality of life, and mental and physical health. So let's get some sleep!

Suzanne Peters
School Counselor

1. CDC. Insufficient sleep is a public health epidemic. <http://cdc.gov/Features/dsSleep>.
2. American Academy of Pediatrics <http://healthychildren.org>
3. The Journal of Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Age	Recommended Sleep Hours per 24 Hour Period
Infants: 4 to 12 months	12 to 16 hours (including naps)
Toddlers: 1 to 2 years	11 to 14 hours (including naps)
Preschoolers: 3 to 5 years	10 to 13 hours (including naps)
Gradeschoolers: 6 to 12 years	9 to 12 hours
Teens: 13 to 18 years	8 to 10 hours

*The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has issued a Statement of Endorsement supporting these guidelines from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).
Source: Peruthi S, Brooks LJ, D'Ambrosio C, Hall W, Kotzeff S, Lloyd RM, Mellow B, Maski K, Nichols C, Quan SF, Rosen CL, Troester MM, Wise MS. Recommended Amount of Sleep for Pediatric Populations: A Statement of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. J Clin Sleep Med. 2016 May 25. pii: jc-00158-16. PubMed PMID: 27250809.

PBIS Tidbits

Happy Spring to everyone! Spring Fever is in the air. The term Spring Fever has been around for a very long time and refers to a feeling of laziness or restlessness that is experienced coinciding with the arrival of Spring. Although it is not an actual disease, there has been much research done around the change of seasons and mood.

Spring Fever manifests itself in schools as a drop in focus and work completion as well as an increase in student conflict and referrals. We are beginning to feel the effects of Spring Fever here at Moton. This is a great time to remind students that they are nearing the end of the school year and it is important for them to stay focused and on track. It is also important to make sure everyone is getting proper sleep, so they come to school rested and ready to learn. With warmer weather and longer daylight, children want to stay up later. Sticking to routine is very important for keeping kids healthy, rested, and ready to learn. More time outside and away from video games is a great way to keep children active, motivated, and tire them out for a good night's sleep at the end of the day. Enjoy Spring but take steps to avoid Spring Fever.

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**Big Country Breakfast
With the Easter Bunny!**

**Saturday, April 9th, 2022
7:00-11:00 am**

Career & Tech Center
1229 Washington Road, Westminster, MD

Adults: \$12 Students: \$7
6-12 yrs.: \$5 5 & under: free

MENU:
Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuits, Eggs, Hash Browns,
Scrapple, Puddin' & Hominy, French Toast, Sausage,
Pancakes, Baked Apples, Coffee & Juice

Our famous Puddin' & Hominy!!

Carroll County Career and Technology Center's SkillsUSA Boosters
For more information, call CCCTC at 410-751-3669 or email tanorwo@carrollk12.org

Things you need to know . . .

Building Security and Safety

If you come into the building for a meeting, to go to the health room, or for an appointment **you will need to sign in AT THE OFFICE and get a visitor badge or a health room pass.** When you leave, please remember to stop in the office to sign out so we know who is still in the building. We teach our students to be independent, so please do not sign in to walk your child to the classroom. If your child needs help, or you have something that needs to go to the classroom, a staff member will help you or your child.

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 pick up station who does not know you. The safety of our students is a priority. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

School Access

Our building is used by Carroll County Public School groups and the local community throughout the school year. In order to ensure the security and safety of our building, **classrooms and suites will be locked after 3:25 p.m.** If your child forgets something that is needed, please contact the school office before 3:25 p.m. or write a note to give to the classroom teacher the next day.

Emergency Card

It is very important that you return a completed emergency card for your child. We need this information to properly care for your child and need to be able to contact someone that is able to pick up your child, if necessary. Please make sure to list contacts we can call in an emergency **and be sure to update this information** with the school office through the year, when necessary.

RME Communication

Please refer to the Robert Moton website at www.carrollk12.org/rme to find the county school calendar, RME Student Handbook, staff email addresses, blank parent pick up notes, blank absence excuse notes, and other information.

School Messenger Mass Notification Services

The Carroll County Public School System uses the School Messenger Mass Notification Service to provide parents with information from their child's school and the school system. School

Messenger is capable of delivering email AND phone alerts at no charge to the parents. You do not have to sign up; however, please make sure your contact information remains current with the school office, as all information is taken from the school **Emergency Card**.

Inclement Weather

When it comes to closed schools, delayed arrival times, and early dismissals due to bad weather we usually think of snow. However, the inclement weather policy applies to extreme heat, wind, hurricanes, tornadoes, ice, and even problems with our school building. In the Student Handbook is a copy of the inclement weather policy. It can also be found on the CCPS website www.carrollk12.org. Please read it so you are aware of how time changes may impact your child's school day and transportation.

Make emergency plans now with your spouse, relatives, neighbors, or friends to make sure someone is available to meet your child at home. **An Unplanned Early Dismissal Form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Please return the completed form to the school and be sure to provide notification of any changes throughout the school year.**

The CCPS Advanced Academics is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and maximize student achievement. Advanced Academics teachers, in collaboration with classroom instructors, will continue to provide a continuum of interventions designed to meet the needs of Advanced Academics Education Program participants. This may include in-class instruction, pullout groups, and/or resource development with classroom teachers. A Referral and Review Team will determine student eligibility for interventions. Indicators for participation include observational checklists, standardized test scores, work samples, and classroom performance. Although students are not formally identified until the beginning of third grade, Advanced Academics teachers will continue to provide a range of services for grades K-5.

Portable Electronic Devices (E.G., Cell Phones) – Policy and Regulations

- Students are not required or expected to bring a personally owned device to school, but if they do, they must abide by CCPS regulations. Misuse shall result in disciplinary action. Parents who need to make emergency contact with their child during the school day should contact the school's main office.
- *Devices must be silenced and stored (out of sight) upon entry to the school until exit from the school.*
It is highly recommended that elementary students do not bring their devices to school or on the school bus.
- No portable electronic device shall be used to record, store, or transmit any type of image, sound or video except for approved projects with the express permission of school staff.
- The audible notification sounds, and volume of portable electronic devices shall be silenced or directed through headphones at school and on buses.
- Disciplinary action, as outlined in the CCPS student services manual, shall be taken when a student fails to follow the directions of a staff member regarding portable electronic

devices or if reasonable belief exists that the student has violated the terms of the acceptable use procedures and guidelines or other school policy.

The complete policy and administrative regulations (JICJ) can be found at carrollk12.org.
Search terms: *board policies*

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the CCPS System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians' consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media covers certain school events (such as when a governmental leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the CCPS System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians' consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

Asbestos Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County to prepare, update, and make available all asbestos management plans. The building asbestos management plans are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Facilities Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Ave., Westminster, MD 21157.

Certification and Licensure Qualifications Statement

Federal legislation for education entitled, “Every Student Succeeds Act” of 2015 requires all school systems to notify parents of their right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child’s classroom teacher. If you would like information regarding the certification and/or licensure qualifications of your child’s teacher(s), please write to:

Kelly Keith
Department of Human Resources
Carroll County Public Schools
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

ADA Accessibility Statement

The CCPS does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs, or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.

Raymond Prokop
Director of Facilities
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157
410-751-3177

Carey Gaddis
Supervisor of Community & Media Relations
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157
410-751-3020

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or age. CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca 410-751-3068
Director of Research and Accountability
Carroll County Public Schools
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Prayer in School and Moments of Silence – Board Policy

Students may pray when not engaged in instruction, as long as they do not cause a “material disruption.” Students may pray, alone or together, during non-instructional time, to the same extent that they may engage in nonreligious activities. Students may organize *prayer* groups, religious clubs, and gatherings to the same extent they are allowed to organize other non-*curricular activities* (see Student Groups and Organization section of the Student/Parent Handbook).

School employees, in their official capacity, may not encourage or discourage *prayer* or actively participate in it with students. Teachers may participate in religious activities where the overall context makes clear they are not participating in their official capacity.

In accordance with Section 7-104 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, all students may be required to “...participate in opening exercises on each morning of a *school day* and to meditate silently for approximately 1 minute.” It is the policy of Board of Education of Carroll County that schools be required to have a moment of silent meditation for approximately one minute each school day. During this moment of silence, the Carroll County Public School System shall neither advance nor inhibit silent religious activity.

Integrated Pest Management Program

The Integrated Pest Management (PM) program employed by CCPS uses inspection, monitoring, employee education, and sanitation practices to minimize the use of pesticides in our schools.

Maryland law requires that parents of all elementary students be notified automatically prior to the application of any pesticide. Each parent or guardian of secondary students must request to be placed on a pesticide notification list.

CCPS notifies all students and staff 24 hours prior to scheduled applications of pesticides on school property. If an emergency pest control situation arises and a pesticide is used, notification will be made within 24 hours. Space spraying of a pesticide throughout an entire room or area by fogger or aerosol device requires one-week advance notice to all students and staff.

Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained in the Department of Plant Operations. Persons wishing to review this information should contact the Office of Plant Operations at 410-751-3470. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact the Director of School Support Services at 410-751-3179.