

MUSTANG MESSENGER

December 2021

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School Hours:

8:00 a.m. - School doors open
8:25 a.m. - Parent Drop-off doors close
8:30 - Instructional day begins
3:00 p.m. - Dismissal

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

Internet Address:

www.carrollk12.org/rme

Absence and Dismissal email:

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 or call 410-751-3610. **Please be sure to report dismissal changes in writing or email by 1:00!**

International Line: (410)386-1699



For English press #1

Para Español presione #2

普通话请按 #3

Para Português pressione #4

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पंजाबी लड़ी #6 रघारि

यहाँ दबाये #7

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Greetings from the Ranch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for a great start to the school year here at Robert Moton. We appreciate the way you encourage your child to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn each day (RME Triple R's!!!). We are so appreciative of our caring community, dedicated staff, and great students.

As 2021 draws to a close, our hope is that each of our RME families has a very special Holiday season and can connect with family members and friends. We wish for you a very safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season. Let us look forward to 2022 with hope, excitement, and renewed energy as we return to school and continue our educational journey.

In January, we will be administering Reading Inventory assessments and Curriculum Based Assessments with our students in grades 2-5.

Reading Inventory is a research-based, adaptive student assessment program designed to evaluate students' reading abilities, monitor student reading progress, set goals for reading growth, and match students to books at appropriate reading levels.

Curriculum Based Assessments are a form of standardized assessment of academic achievement. It is an evaluation process that makes use of academic content selected directly from the material being taught to the student. It connects evaluation with instructional programs by informing teachers of both student progress and learning challenges.

The valuable information we gain from the assessments will help guide our instructions so we can better meet students' needs.



December

Calendar Information

December

- 1 - 3 RME Fall Scholastic Book Fair
3 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 – 8:45 AM
8 The Judy Center's Gingerbread Night for RME families with children birth up to Pre-K age: 4:45 – 6:15 PM
14 Paper Interims for Grades K-2
14 Online Interims for Grades 3-5
15 Snow Date -- The Judy Center's Gingerbread Night for RME families with children birth up to Pre-K age: 4:45–6:15 PM
22 Winter Band and Vocal Concert: 1:50 PM for RME Students and Staff; and 6:30 PM for RME family and friends
23 School Closes Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early; Dismissal at 12:15 PM
23 School Closed for Pre-K Students
23 School Office Closes at 1:30 PM
24 School Closed – Christmas/Winter Holiday
27 - 31 School/Office Closed – Christmas /Winter Holiday

January

- 3 School/Office Reopens
7 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 – 8:45 AM
12 Parent-Teacher Conference Night: 3:30-7:00 PM
17 School/Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
19 Snow Date for Parent-Teacher Conferences
26 End of the Second Marking Period
26 School Closed for Students
27 Third Marking Period Begins

February

- 4 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 – 8:45 AM
21 School/Office Closed: Presidents' Day
22-23 Vision and Hearing Screening for Students
25 Yearbook Groups and Candid's – Classic Photography
26 Instructional Assistants Day



As the weather turns cold, please note the CCPS Inclement Weather Policy on page 5.

Winter Band and Vocal Concert

Thursday, December 22nd

1:50 p.m. for our students & staff
6:30 p.m. for families and friends



Robert Moton's Mustang Food Pantry

Open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Anyone is welcome to visit.

If you are interested in more information about our food pantry, please contact Mrs. Custance at 410-751-3610 or email mjcusta@carrollk12.org. We are happy to be of service.

Supplies are need for your students' classrooms: Please send pencils, Kleenex, and scissors into school with your student(s). Thank you.



Counselor's Corner

Service

Well time is flying by and winter is upon us. As winter approaches, we think of those who are in need warm clothes and other necessities to see them through. In December there will be a **Mitten Tree** in the front lobby, and we will be collecting **new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves** to give to children in need. This is a great way to help children learn about **Service** to others, our character trait for the month of December. Reaching out to others comes in many forms. We can donate clothing, food and other items, we can donate money, and for those who are unable to donate and give to others in material ways, the donation of time is often the most rewarding and requires just desire and effort. We will be talking about the benefits of Service in our counseling lessons this month. It is always powerful when adults set the example of **Service** along with facilitating opportunities for children.



The Carson Scholarship Application has arrived. The Carson Scholars Fund aims to recognize and reward students in grades 4-11 who earn the highest level of academic achievement and display strong humanitarian qualities. Winners are designated as "Carson Scholars" and receive \$1000 scholarship awards that are invested for college. Our 4th and 5th Grade teachers have nominated students who meet the 3.75 GPA criteria. Nominees have been asked to write an essay and then the committee will choose three students to represent Robert Moton in the application process. One of these students will be chosen by the Carson Foundation as our 2022 Carson Scholarship. We are very fortunate that a donation has been made in the name of Carroll County Public Schools that allows each one of our elementary, middle, and high schools to have a scholarship winner.

*Suzanne Peters
School Counselor*



Triple R Tidbits

It is hard to believe the 1st Quarter is already over and we are headed into the holiday season. The PBIS committee meets each month to look over discipline data and talk about the school wide Triple R program and how we can improve things. The data so far this year is indicating many students are struggling to show kindness and get along with others. Recess incidents are on the rise and we are surprised by the lack of patience and tolerance that some students are demonstrating. Coming off a school year when social interaction was at a minimum is certainly playing a part in the behaviors we are seeing. Teachers and staff are working hard to remind students to show kindness, and to problem solve concerns in a peaceful way. Parents can help by asking about social concerns your child may be experiencing and talking to them about appropriate ways to share their feelings and concerns with peers. It is also important to help them understand when to get adult help. We recognize that the partnership between home and school is the most effective way to address these concerns. Thank you for all you do to reinforce expectations and kindness.



PTO News

Our next general membership meeting will be towards the end of January - check our Facebook page (Robert Moton Elementary PTO) and website (robertmotonpto.com) for the exact date and time. Reminder that all parents, guardians, and teachers are automatically members of PTO and invited to attend. A parent has expressed interest in filling the vacant Vice President position, so we will hold elections for VP at our January meeting. We will also hold a gift card fundraiser for Texas Roadhouse in January with a restaurant night at the end of February. Looking ahead, we are looking for folks interested in helping with our Fun Run towards the end of the school year and Teacher Appreciation Week the first week of May. If you would like to be on either of these committees, please email us at rmes.pto@gmail.com.

December's Grade Level Spotlight

Second Grade:

ELA: We will look for the central theme and supporting details in the texts we read. We will work on spelling sight words correctly and adding more details to our writing pieces. We will discuss and write paragraphs about how and why a character's feelings change throughout a story.

Math: We will use ten frames, number lines and place value resources to add and subtract fluently within 100. We will look at number patterns. We will solve problems using information from bar graphs.

Social Studies: We will be exploring our community at work. We will learn about natural, capital and human resources. We will look at assembly lines and how they make production quicker.



**Early Dismissal
on December 23 at 12:15**

No Pre-K on December 23

**School Office will be closed
by 1:30 PM on December 23**



Physical Education News Flash

Upcoming Activities



- Cooperative Games
- Scooter Activities
- SCOOTER CITY!

Project ACES

Congratulations! RME achieved Gold status in the "Project ACES" Physical Activity Challenge. We had 91.60% of your students meet the 60 minutes per day challenge. Many students increased their activity level and are now more aware of healthy eating habits as well as physical fitness habits. As a result of meeting this status, our school will have access to \$200 to be used within our Physical Education/Health programs. In addition, Robert Moton placed 3rd overall in your division and earned another \$150.

ALSO...

Congratulations to Jensen Wagner for earning the grand prize! She was randomly selected to be rewarded for her participation in the 2021 "Project ACES" Physical Activity Challenge with an invitation to the Ravens Spring Rewards Luncheon to be held at the Ravens' practice facility in the spring of 2022. She will be rewarded with a ticket for herself and a chaperone to attend this event.

Scooter City

The PE teachers will be turning the gym into a city! With streets, street signs, activity stations, and rest stops for the students to use. They will travel around the city with their scooters following the rules of the road and enjoying the different parts of the city!

Sneakers



We would like to thank you for making a conscious effort to send your children with safe sneakers on days that they have PE. Keep up the good work!



CCPS Inclement Weather Policy

When inclement weather conditions occur, the decision may be made to delay the opening of school by one or two hours, to close school, or to dismiss school early. An announcement will be made for delayed openings or closing by 6:00 a.m. Every effort will be made to make the announcement as early as possible. The complete CCPS Inclement Weather Policy can be found [here](#).

There may be an announcement made to open schools 2 hours late with a "re-evaluation" period to possibly close schools. If no re-evaluation announcement is made by 7:00 a.m., schools will open 2 hours late as originally announced.

All weather-related announcements will be made through the CCPS's School Messenger system, the school website www.carrollk12.org, and CETV-Channel 21, as well as through local and regional media.

PLEASE NOTE: When schools are closed all day OR closed early, there will be no after school or evening events. This includes clubs, tutoring, meetings, planned special events, performances, and any Use of Facility arrangements.

Inclement Weather Schedule	1 hr. Late Opening	2 hr. Late Opening	1 hr. Early Dismissal	2 hr. Early Dismissal	3 hr. Early Dismissal
Prep AM	Cancelled	Cancelled	11:00 a.m. dismissal	11:00 a.m. dismissal	10:00 a.m. dismissal
Prep PM	On time	On time	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Grades K – 5	Open at 9:00 a.m. Late bell 9:30 a.m.	Open at 10:00 a.m. Late bell 10:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m. dismissal	1:00 p.m. dismissal	12:00 p.m. dismissal
Full Day Pre-K	Open at 9:00 a.m. Late bell 9:30 a.m.	Open at 10:00 a.m. Late bell 10:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m. dismissal	1:00 p.m. dismissal	12:00 p.m. dismissal



The Y's Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Policy

Emergency School Closing

If CCPS close early due to an emergency or inclement weather, **the Y's Before and After School Enrichment program will not provide programming.** The Y will attempt to alert families of the closing by automated phone messages and/or email using the contact number and email address on file.

Late School Opening

One (1) Hour Delay – The Y's Before and After School Enrichment programs will be delayed 1 hour.

Two (2) Hours Delay – The Y's Before and After School Enrichment programs will be delayed 2 hours.

Please visit the Y's Media Alerts page at <https://dashboard.alertmedia.com/public?customer=163> to sign up to receive updates on Inclement Weather and Emergency closing via text, email, phone, and social media. Please select the **Before & After School Enrichment: Carroll** group to receive alerts for your county.

The Boys and Girls Club of Westminster Inclement Weather Policy

If Carroll County Public Schools close for weather then the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster is closed. If CCPS dismisses early for weather then the Boys & Girls Club is closed.