

MUSTANG MESSENGER

February 2020

Robert Moton Elementary
1413 Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157
Phone: 410-751-3610
Fax: 410-751-3927
International Line: 410-386-1699



Darryl Robbins, Principal
Lauren Murray, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Shipley, Assistant Principal

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

All changes to dismissal for your student(s) are due in the office by **1:00 PM**.

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

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Greetings from the Ranch

Dear Robert Moton Families,

It seems incredible that half of our school year is over already. Time has surely flown by as we enjoyed a great first-half start to the school year. We are all looking forward to our students learning more and growing in knowledge in the next four and one-half months.

The following dates are of note in February:

The second marking period reports will go home on **February 1, 2022**. This is an opportunity for you as parents/guardians to celebrate the learning gains your child has made. It is also a great time to help your child set goals for the rest of the year, perhaps with grades, organization, homework completion, or any other area that needs improvement. Overall, we are pleased with the progress our students are making and we hope you are as well.

Schools and Offices are closed on **February 21** for Presidents' Day.

Vision and Hearing Screening will be held for students on **February 22-23**.

Yearbook candid photos and group photos will be taken on **February 25**.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we partner together to provide the best educational experiences for our Mustangs!

Parent Conferences

March 10th from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Please call 410-751-3610 in March for an appointment.

(March 31st is the snow date)



Calendar Information

February

- 1 Report Cards Distributed
- 4 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 - 8:45 a.m.
- 7-11 National School Counseling Week
- 21 Schools/Offices Closed: Presidents' Day**
- 22-24 Vision and Hearing Screening for Students
- 23 The Judy Center's Process Art Night 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 25 Yearbook's Clubs & Candid Pictures Day

March

- 1 Interim Reports
- 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 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 7** for a list of required items)
- 12 The Judy Center's Parent Leadership Learning Party 9:00 AM – 12:00 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

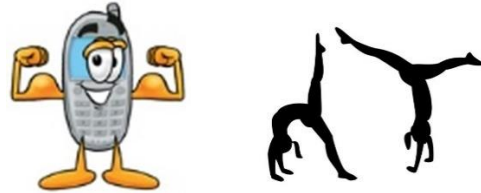
April

- 1 The Judy Center's Breakfast with your Pre-K Child: 8:05 - 8:45 AM
- 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**
- 18 School/Offices Closed for Easter Monday**
- 26 Band Field Trip to WMHS 8:45 AM
- 26 Regional Side-by-Side Band Concert at Winter Mills High School 7:00 PM

Physical Education News Flash

Upcoming PE Activities

- Muscle Madness
- American Ninja Warrior! (Whittle Equipment)
- Gymnastics



Birth to 5 Family Support

CCPS Family Support is offering 2 workshops in February for families with children birth to 5 years old. Effective Behavior Strategies (targeted for any family who is interested in guidance with effective behavior management) and Purely Purposeful Play (targeted for families of children ages Birth thru K). Please see the attached flyers (in English and Spanish) for more information.

[2022 Upcoming Events.pdf](#)

[Family Support February.pdf](#)

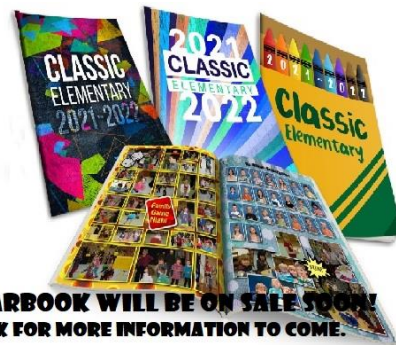
[Colorful Chemistry - combined.pdf](#)

[Pantry Flyer - combined.pdf](#)

Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee Update

The next Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arc of Carroll County with a presentation on the TIES program. For more information, contact the Robert Moton SECAC parent representative Jill Wagoner (jill@wtechgroup.com).

Yearbook Sale Soon



**YEARBOOK WILL BE ON SALE SOON!
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**

If you haven't received your yearbook from last year, email Jamie Tsakanikas at jmtsaka@carrollk12.org to set up a meeting time/date.

Integrity

Integrity: noun – the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.

Responsibility is one of the county wide character traits. Under the umbrella of responsibility is Integrity. A person who is responsible has integrity. This means they are honest and hold themselves accountable for their actions. They always tell the truth, even when it is embarrassing or hard to admit. They do what is right because it is the right thing to do – EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING!

Children are still maturing and developing and need opportunities to learn and grow. They are learning right from wrong and often make mistakes along the way. Through our Triple R Ranch program we use intermittent rewards. Children are sometimes praised and receive recognition for appropriate actions, but sometimes they do not. We reward children for doing the right thing in hopes that they will make the connection between doing what is right and feeling good about themselves. We want them to make this connection and eventually do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do. Recognizing positive choices and behavior through positive feedback helps children learn right from wrong. Helping them to reflect on their actions and determine how to make better choices helps to build integrity.

Suzanne Peters
School Counselor

Here is What's New at the Triple R Ranch PBIS Update

It is hard to believe that the year is already half over. We have completed 90+ days of school and are looking forward to spring and the many activities that go along with warmer weather. The PBIS team looks at discipline referrals each month to note any areas of concern and determine what positive interventions we can put in place to improve behavior in that area. We have had a large number of referrals for physical contact and unsafe behavior. We also have a large number of bus referrals each month and most are due to unsafe and disrespectful behavior on the bus. These are areas of concern for staff and administration. Many students are struggling to follow our Triple Rs, especially Respect. There are many substitutes and regular staff members who have concerns about student disrespect. We are also concerned about the use of unkind words and physical contact to resolve conflict. We are doing a school wide review of

expectations and are talking with individual students about appropriate ways to speak to adults and handle conflict. You can help at home by talking with your students about the importance of showing respect to others, even when they are upset. Praising positive behavior and having consequences for Referrals and Stop and Thinks can also help reinforce the importance of respect. We are recognizing students who show excellent Respect and Responsibility with a hole punch on their Badge of Honor. Once a student gets 5 hole punches they have their name announced on the morning announcements and they get to come to Mrs. Peters' office for a special prize. We are really hoping to encourage and highlight positive behavior. We appreciate your support and help at home!

CCPS Family Support Network



The FSN is for families of children with special needs and meets monthly at Carroll Springs School, providing a program, dinner, and childcare. For more information visit the CCPS website or contact tlchish@carrollk12.org.

HELP WANTED! Are you aware that our school has employment opportunities currently available? Please consider contacting either Lauren Murray by email lfmurray@carrollk12.org or Jennifer Shipley by email jship1@carrollk12.org or phone 410-751-3610 for more details on available position(s).

Interested applicants are asked to also visit the [Employment Opportunities section of the CCPS website](#), as they must complete a CCPS employment application to be fully considered for positions. The CCPS Department of Human Resources manages this process and *is the only office authorized to make official employment offers* once the school completes interviews and all required documentation is finalized.

Please also share this information with family and friends who may be interested in employment.

Please see attached flyers for additional information.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

[U:\CCPS-Recruitment-flyer 12-21 Build-the-Future \(1\).pdf](#)

[U:\CCPS-Recruitment-flyer 12-21 Make-a-Difference \(1\).pdf](#)

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 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 Supervisor of Community & Media Relations 125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157 410-751-3177	Carey Gaddis 125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157 410-751-3020
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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
Director of Research and Accountability
Carroll County Public Schools
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157
410-751-3068

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.





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 – 11th** from **9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, March 9th** 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.