

# MUSTANG MESSENGER

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## MAY 2022

Dear Robert Moton Families,

On Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, the Board of Education for CCPS announced some administrative changes for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. I am sad to say that this will be my last year at the Ranch as principal. My last official day will be June 30th, 2022. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our community these past 11 years. I am thankful for this time as it has helped me grow, not only as a principal, but as an educator. Moton, and the people that make up this vibrant learning community, are amazing!

In some ways, Moton has become not only my second home but my family's as well. I have seen your children and mine grow up during my time at Moton. The memories and experiences will be ones that I take with me and cherish for a lifetime.

Please welcome Mr. Justin Watts to the office of principal starting on July 1st. Mr. Watts is a wonderful leader and is also a member of the Moton family as he was our assistant principal six years ago. I know that you will be in great hands with Mr. Watts in this new role.

Again, I will miss you all. I look forward to applying what I've learned as I move to Sandymount Elementary next school year! As always, remember Mustangs that **RME=mc2....** Motivate, Communicate, and Collaborate.

#RMEwins

Sincerely,

Darryl Paul Robbins  
Principal  
Robert Moton Elementary School

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and we have a lot of activities planned as we close out the year. Please refer to the “**Important Dates**” and “**Upcoming Events**” sections of this page to be aware of all our planned events, and be sure to look for information as it comes home with your student.



Please note there are still a few testing dates scheduled for May:

- May 2-3, Third Grade Math testing
- May 5-6, Fifth Grade Math testing
- May 9-12, Fifth Grade ELA testing

Please make every effort to have your child come to school every day for the remainder of the school year. It is very important that our students remain focused on finishing out the last quarter with their best academic effort and Triple R behaviors.

As we continue to reflect on our procedures for maintaining appropriate and secure home/school communication, please note that teachers, administrators, and members of our office staff can only share information with adults who have been identified as the legal guardian of the student in question. We rely upon the information that is provided on the emergency cards. If a change in custody information is necessary, the appropriate court documents must be provided to the school so we can maintain the highest level of safety for our students.

Remember to watch for our June newsletter with information on all the end of the school year activities and events.

## Important May Dates

- 2-3** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Testing
- 9** Interim Reports
- 10** Forces and Motion Assembly 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** RME Play Day 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM (*Rain Date: May 31*)
- 30** Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day
- 31** Rain Date for RME Play Day



## Looking Ahead to June

- 1 Applicable Fifth Grade Students to East Middle for Transition/Orientation 9:10 - 11:00 AM
- 1 Applicable Fifth Grade Students to West Middle for Transition/Orientation 9:45 – 11:45 AM
- 1 Pirate Spring Musical – Matinee Performance for Students – 2:00 PM
- 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
- 8 Fifth Grade Farewell 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- 8 Fifth Grade Outdoor Events 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- 9 Prep Play Day – AM Class 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- 9 Prep Play Day – PM Class 1:30 – 3:00 PM
- 10 End of Year Assembly 9:00 AM
- 10 Rain Date for Prep Play Day – AM Class
- 10 Rain Date for Prep Play Day – PM Class
- 10 **Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students**
- 13 **Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal at 12:15 PM**



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:RMEAttendance@carrollk12.org) or call 410-751-3610.

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

### **Important Medication Information:**

All student medications and supplies must be picked up by a responsible adult on or before Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day of school. Any medications that are not picked up will be discarded at dismissal time.

Medication forms for the 2022-2023 school year can be downloaded from the CCPS website:

[www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org). Just go to: Instruction/Student Services/Health Services/Forms.



### **Spring Band & Vocal Music Concert**

Please join us for RME’S Spring Band and Vocal Music Concert on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM for all family and family and friends. *Admission is Free.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture Day



Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM

## JUST A REMINDER . . .

May 3 – Food Pantry open 3:30 – 4:30  
May 10 – Forces and Motion assemblies for students  
May 11 – STEAM Night  
May 17 – Food Pantry open 3:30 – 4:30  
May 24 – Title I Family Focus Group Meeting, 6:00pm  
May 26 – Title I Family Focus Group Meeting, 1:00pm  
June 7 – Food Pantry open 3:30 – 4:30

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **STEAM Night**

We hope your family will join us for our STEAM Night on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Title I Family Engagement has teamed up with the RME Judy Center and Knorr-Brake for a fun night of hands-on learning. Invitations were sent home with students last week and RSVPs are due on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. There is also a take-home option for those families unable to attend in-person. Check your email for more information and email Mrs. Custance at [mjcusta@carrollk12.org](mailto:mjcusta@carrollk12.org) if you have any questions.

### **Title I Family Focus Group Meetings**

We need your input as we plan for the 2022-23 school year! What would you like to see for family engagement events, after-school activities and more! Join us on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00pm or Thursday, May 26 at 1:00pm to share your thoughts and ideas and help us plan an amazing year for our students and families. Invitations will be sent home soon. Please email Mrs. Custance at [mjcusta@carrollk12.org](mailto:mjcusta@carrollk12.org) to RSVP or ask questions.

### **Camp Invention**

We are so excited to be hosting this National Inventors Hall of Fame camp at our school this summer from July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>. More information and a registration link will be available soon.

### **RME Website and Social Media**

Have you seen our updated website? We are excited to have a new website that is easier to navigate and provide useful information for our families. We encourage families to check here and our social media pages often to stay up to date on all of the great thing happening at our school! You can find our website [here](#). As well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



## RME Pirate Musical

Wednesday, June 1

2:00 PM performance for our school friends

Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2

7:00 PM performance for RME families and friends.

**From the Music Department:** Arrr! Hopefully, your sails are set for our Spring Pirate Musical. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3 and under 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 😊!

## PTO NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has participated in PTO meetings this year and contributed to our activities and fundraisers. We wouldn't be able to support our school without the help of RME families.

The Art to Remember fundraiser was a success! Remember that you can purchase projects from Art to Remember at any time - just check their website to see your child's artwork.

Mark your calendars for a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser night on Tuesday, May 17. Look for a flyer to come home with your child in the coming weeks.

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 7 PM at RME. We would love to see you there! Election of officers will be held at this meeting, if necessary.

PTO will serve concessions at the Pirate Musical June 1 and June 2. We are looking for helpers for this event; please email us [rmes.pto@gmail.com](mailto:rmes.pto@gmail.com) if you're available.



-Rebekah, Brooke, Beth, Lea, and Megan [rmes.pto@gmail.com](mailto:rmes.pto@gmail.com)

Facebook: Robert Moton Elementary PTO

[www.robertmotonpto.com](http://www.robertmotonpto.com)

# MEDIA CENTER



Students in grades 1-5 participated in the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award program as part of their Media class this year. Students read a selection of books. Each student voted for their favorite picture book during class. Students in grades 4 and 5 can also choose to participate in the Battle of the Books program, which includes ten of the Black-Eyed Susan chapter books and graphic novels.



This year's Battle of the Books was held on Friday, 4/22 at Westminster High School. RME was represented by four teams at the event. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated read 10 books as a team. The students met with their groups each week starting in December to study the books and prepare to answer trivia questions about each book. Thank you to the teachers who coached the teams for their hard work preparing the students. Congratulations to the students who represented RME at this exciting event!

**Ms. Howard's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "The Hornets"**

Evie Dauterman	Kenley Cagle
Jordyn Hereth	Camden Zepp
Adiva Jefferson	Shannae Pitterson
Peyton Whitworth	Elyza Cavanaugh
Gavin Smith	

**Ms. Wetzel's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "The Book Stormers"**

Liam Bailery	Nhi (Nguven) Van
Abby Bowers	Owen Sartori
Evan Ryan	Brinley Beurer

**Ms. Miller's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "The Smarties"**

Annabelle Baier	Jaila Carver
Brayden Harmon	Dylan Howard
Brianna Jordan	Angel Kellum Lim
Shawna Taylor	Lincoln Wright
Kierra Austin-Robertson	

**Mr. Cahill's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "The Pagemasters"**

Chloe Brown	Abby Hurff
Daniel Hurley	EJ Rhyne
Ayden Tolley	Jensen Wagner
Carlos Zavala	

Each year RME participates in a Youth Art Month exhibit at the Carroll County Arts Council located on Main Street in Westminster. The exhibit this year runs through May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

You may view the exhibit during the Arts Council hours of operation. Those participating from our school are listed below. Please visit, if you have a chance, it is a great way to see all the wonderful artwork taking place in elementary schools across the county and celebrate the arts!



## 2022 RME Youth Art Month Participants

Name	Grade/Homeroom/Art Teacher	Artwork
Madison Kauffman	Pre-K/Kreimer (Dorsey)	Snowman collage
Ismael Ambrosio Ramirez	Pre-K/Kreimer (Dorsey)	Snowman collage
Alizah Robinson	Pre-K/Kreimer (Dorsey)	Snowman collage
Erica Sacabon	Kindergarten/ (Dorsey)	Gingerbread man house collage
Noah Deshong	1 <sup>st</sup> /Evans (Dorsey)	Crayon and watercolor Quilt
Charlie Croddick	1 <sup>st</sup> /Evans (Dorsey)	Chicken and egg/crayon and watercolor
Brooklyn Poole	1 <sup>st</sup> /Evans (Dorsey)	Cat and egg/crayon and watercolor
Eva Baier	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Wade (Dorsey)	Landscape/color pencil
Brooks Hubbard	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Wade (Dorsey)	Farm landscape/color pencil
Annabelle Neddo	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Collett (Dorsey)	Butterfly/color pencil
Davis Vaughn	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Collett (Dorsey)	Insect picture/color pencil
Ayleen Macias Flores	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Black (Shifflett)	Night silhouette/tempera paint
Grace Hanson	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Havighurst (Dorsey)	Carp Kite/mixed media
Lily Nusbaum	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Black (Shifflett)	Night silhouette/tempera paint
Oliver Palsgrove	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Brewer (Dorsey)	Carp Kite/mixed media
Makenna Sartori	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Havighurst (Dorsey)	Coffee mug/mixed media
Summer Schmidt	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Howard (Dorsey)	Carp Kite/mixed media
Elyza Cavanaugh	4 <sup>th</sup> /Vangaasbeck (Shifflett)	Foil repousse castle
Shannae Pitterson	4 <sup>th</sup> /Vangaasbeck (Shifflett)	Foil repousse castle
Declan Newkirk	4 <sup>th</sup> / (Shifflett)	Foil repousse castle
Nicole Robertson	4 <sup>th</sup> /Groomes (Dorsey)	Foil Repousse castle
Maya Whorrie	4 <sup>th</sup> /Richardson (Dorsey)	Underwater sea picture/color pencil
Jaila Carver	5 <sup>th</sup> /Stevens (Dorsey)	Jungle scene/color pencils
Bailey Huff	5 <sup>th</sup> /Miller (Dorsey)	Outer space Yarn Painting
Giovanni Jimenez	5 <sup>th</sup> /Leckron (Dorsey)	Jungle picture/color pencils
Brayden Harmon	5 <sup>th</sup> /Stevens (Dorsey)	Shoe tempera paint
Faith Nelson	5 <sup>th</sup> /Miller (Dorsey)	Name Design
Aden Perrin	5 <sup>th</sup> /Leckron (Dorsey)	Jungle picture/color pencil
Dylan Shapard	5 <sup>th</sup> /Larrick (Dorsey)	Name Design

# Counselor's Corner

## Kindness

*"I pledge to myself on this day, to try to be **kind** in every way.  
To every person, big and small I will help them if they fall  
When I love myself and others too  
That is the best that I can do.*

When we toss a stone into the water, not only does it make a splash, but it sends rings of small waves or ripples out from the spot where the stone landed. Acts of kindness work the same way. One small act of kindness and thoughtfulness can send out a ripple that reaches far beyond what we see. In our digital world of constant communication, we often see many unkind and negative responses that send ripples of sadness and hate that are far reaching. As a school, we work hard every day to help children see the good in others and focus on being kind. Sometimes we feel like we are swimming against the current, as waves of unkind behavior try to become the focus. We hope that all students will turn the tide and create waves of kindness by trying to do small acts of kindness each day. If you would like to support our kindness efforts here are some tips to help you reinforce kindness at home.



1. Make helping a family affair. – When you are helping a friend or showing kindness include your children in the planning and follow through.
2. Assign chores – this teaches children the art of pitching in and helping out just because they are a member of the household. Be sure the chores are age appropriate and something they can do independently.
3. Lighten someone's load – teaching children to help a neighbor or the mail carrier, or to cheer up a friend can inspire them to look outside themselves to the needs of others.
4. Do something that is above and beyond – help your children look for ways to help others that goes beyond what is expected.

It is the little acts of kindness which happen each day that make a big difference in the world. Teaching children about teamwork, pitching in, and thinking about others needs will help them be successful in all they do. Let's send out ripples and waves of kindness.

**#choosekind**

*Suzanne Peters  
School Counselor*



## *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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.