

Carrolltowne News

The Newsletter of Carrolltowne Elementary School



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HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK!

DECEMBER 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3	PTA Holiday Shoppe 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Carrolltowne Cafeteria Children have the fun-filled time of shopping secretly for family and friends. Gifts range from .50 - \$15.00. See page 3 for details.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8	Art Show & Winter Music Concert 4th & 5th Grade Cafeteria Concert starts at 7:00 Attendees will enter through the exterior cafeteria doors. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Families are invited but please be mindful this is an indoor event with limited seating. Art Show for FIFTH GRADERS only starts at 6:00, enter through the front door. See page 4 for details.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12	Picture Retake & Make-Up Day See Page 5 for details.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES Two Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal. Dismissal starts at 1:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 2, 2023	SCHOOLS CLOSED - ENJOY THE WINTER HOLIDAYS!

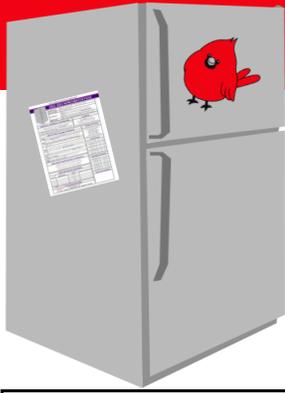
JANUARY 2023

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3	SCHOOLS OPEN! <u>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</u>
MONDAY, JANUARY 16	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED / MLK, Jr. HOLIDAY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
MONDAY JANUARY 30	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS



*** REMINDER ***

It might be cold outside, but if weather allows, recess is outside!



2022-2023 REFRIGERATOR PAGE

School Phone	Phone: 410-751-3530 Fax: 410-751-3534
School Website	ces.carrollk12.org
School Hours	8:45 a.m. First bell rings; doors open for students 9:15 a.m. Second bell rings and <u>instruction begins</u> 3:45 p.m. Instruction ends; dismissal begins at 3:50 p.m.
Office Hours	The office is staffed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Absence / Tardiness / Leaving Early	Contacts
If your child is ABSENT, GOING TO BE LATE, or GOING TO BE PICKED UP EARLY - please <u>send an email</u> to CESattendance@carrollk12.org with your child's first and last name, grade, teacher, with the reason for the above.	Mrs. DuPree, <i>Principal</i> Mrs. Becker, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Ms. Stacey, <i>School Counselor</i> Mrs. Sacket, "Nurse Lisa", <i>School Nurse</i>

END OF DAY Change of Dismissal	
One	Submit the change of dismissal on the day you wish the change to occur.
Step Two	Send only ONE group email for change of dismissal that will include an email to your child's teacher and to the following front office contacts: jdhoran@carrollk12.org javrata@carrollk12.org djglass@carrollk12.org (If you don't have you're child's teacher's email it can be found in Carrolltowne's directory.)
Step Three	Put your child's first and last name, grade and teacher in the body of the email along with the change of dismissal instructions (include bus number and stop when applicable). <u>One email is preferable</u> for multiple children - just be sure to include each child's name and each child's teacher in step two.
Step Four	Change of dismissal requests MUST be submitted before 1:30 p.m. All dismissal changes submitted before 1:30 p.m. will receive a confirmation/reply by 2:30 p.m.
Step Five	If you wish, call 410-751-3530 after 2:30 p.m. if you have not received a reply from the office.

Cafeteria Pricing	
Breakfast \$1.50 (Reduced price \$0.30) Hot Lunch \$2.50 (Reduced price \$0.40) Milk \$.60 Ice Cream \$.75 and \$1.00	
Lunch Times	
Kindergarten	11:50 - 12:20
1st grade	11:20 - 11:50
2nd grade	11:00 - 11:30
3rd grade	12:10 - 12:40
4th Grade	12:30 - 1:00
5th grade	12:50 - 1:20

2022-2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Thursday, October 6, 2022 (Teacher requested) COMPLETED Wednesday, November 30, 2022 (Parent requested) COMPLETED Thursday, February 2, 2023 (Parent requested) Tuesday, March 28, 2023 (Teacher requested)	

Specials Schedule	
Kindergarten	10:15-11:15
1st grade	1:45-2:45
2nd grade	12:45-1:45
3rd grade	2:45-3:45
4th Grade	9:15-10:15
5th grade	11:15-12:15

2022-2023 Report Card Dates			
Quarter	Interim Report (Special Ed & K-2 only)	End of Marking Period	Report Cards Sent Home
1	10/07/22	November 11	11/18/22
2	12/16/22	January 26	02/03/23
3	03/03/23	April 5	04/18/23
4	05/12/23	June 15	06/15/23

REMEMBER!
PICTURE DAY MAKE-UP & RETAKE December 12, 2022 See Page 5 for details!

Remaining Early Dismissal Days
Dismissal Begins at 1:00 12/23/22 03/17/23 04/05/23 06/15/23

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

CARROLLTOWNE ELEMENTARY PTA

Holiday Shop

DECEMBER 3, 2022

8AM-12PM

CARROLLTOWNE CAFETERIA

THE HOLIDAY SHOP GIVES YOUR CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FUN-FILLED TIME OF SHOPPING SECRETLY FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

THE HOLIDAY SHOP IS SET UP AND SUPERVISED BY PARENTS. YOUR YOUNG SHOPPERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GIFTS CONVENIENTLY AND INEXPENSIVELY WHILE STILL LEARNING TO BUDGET THEIR MONEY.

ALL HOLIDAY SHOP ITEMS WILL RANGE FROM \$0.50 TO \$15.00. CASH ONLY.

DOUGHNUTS, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE ARE IN NEED OF PARENT AND MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT! SIGN UP HERE:

<https://signup.com/go/jmHqPWH>



Join us for a night of the Visual and Performing Arts featuring:



The 5th grade

Art Show

&

The Annual



Holiday Concert



Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Time: ~~The Art Show~~ is 6:00-6:30 pm
and showcases the art of our 5th graders (only)

The **Holiday Concert** begins at 7:00 pm and showcases our 4th and 5th grade Band and String Students and all of our 5th grade Chorus members

Where: Carrolltowne Elementary Cafeteria (Concert)
Hallway outside of Cafeteria (Art Show)

Entrance: Attendees for the art show will enter through the front doors (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) Art show attendees attending the winter concert will line up outside the interior cafeteria doors for entry at 6:40 pm. For all other attendees of the Holiday Concert, the exterior cafeteria doors will open at 6:40 p.m.

Notes: Families are invited but please be mindful this is an indoor event with limited seating. Handicap seating is available. Please email jdhoran@carrollk12.org with name of individual requiring the seating.

→ 4th and 5th grade students involved in the music programs are to report to their designated music rooms by 6:30 p.m., *entering through the school's front doors.* Students should wear solid white top and black slacks, skirt, or dress.

PICTURE MAKE-UP AND RETAKE DAY

PLEASE NOTE:

- **MAKE-UP PHOTOS.** New students or students who were absent on the original picture day on 10/26/22 will have their picture taken.
- **RETAKE PHOTOS.** Students who would like a *retake* **must** bring their original portrait packet in to school on December 12. Please advise your child that they should hold on to their packet until a parent volunteer comes to their classroom to escort them to the LifeTouch photographer. (We will also remind teachers to prompt students to look in their backpacks for the packets!)
- **PAID?** If you've paid for a package but your child was absent, that paid package will apply.
- **DIGITAL ONLY?** Please send in a note with your child on December 12 requesting a retake.



NURSE'S CORNER

WEAR, CARRY, WASH

CHANGE OF CLOTHING

Students in ECSN, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 should have a change of clothing, including underwear and socks, labeled in a Ziploc bag. Spills and accidents happen frequently and we want our students to be comfortable when this happens. Donations of new underwear and gently used shorts/pants/socks are always a need and are greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS MAY SELF-CARRY . . .

- Lip balm
- Individual sized hand sanitizer or lotion
- Sunscreen
- Plain saline solution
- Non-medicated cough drops



HANDWASHING and ILLNESS PREVENTION

- Frequent and proper handwashing is the best way to prevent germs from spreading.
- Faculty, staff and students will be educated on proper handwashing to prevent the spread of germs as well as protect those with food allergies.
- The school will promote handwashing before and after eating meals, before and after recess and before and after using shared equipment at school.

Please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently and sufficiently. Singing the ABC song is a great way to make sure they take the time to thoroughly clean their hands

COVID GUIDELINES

COVID Guidelines will remain the same for school year 2022-2023. If a student has a COVID-like symptom (**fever 100.4 or higher, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste/smell or onset of severe headache**), they will need a doctor's note stating illness/appropriate return to school date or a negative COVID test. **Home tests are now accepted.** Please take a photo and email results to Nurse Lisa. Reminder that students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. If they have been vomiting or have diarrhea, they must also be symptom free for 24 hours.

Nurse Joke of the Month

Knock Knock

Who's there?

HIPPA

Hippa who?

Sorry, I can't tell you that.

ABSENCE/ILLNESS

- Parents should report student absence by calling 410-751-3530 or by emailing CESattendance@carrollk12.org. Please include your child's first and last name, grade, teacher and reason for absence.
- Schools may request a physician's note outlining restrictions/accommodations if a student has been absent for an extended period of time, has been hospitalized, had surgery or suffered a significant injury.
- If your student has an injury that requires a cast, crutches, boot, sling or brace, a Physician's note is **REQUIRED** for recess and PE purposes.
- Students who have a temperature of 100.0 or greater, may NOT attend school and should remain home until fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication. Students who are vomiting or have diarrhea due to illness, should remain at home until symptom free for 24 hours.

CAFETERIA NEWS

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICE

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. **The USDA program that allowed schools to provide free meals to all students ended on June 30, 2022.** Please expect to pay for your child's school meals when school resumes in September. If your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online.

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

In the rare event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge up to two days of breakfasts and lunches. Beyond the two days, the student will be served a complimentary meal of a sandwich and side items until repayment is made. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged. Thanks to the generous donations of businesses and individuals in Carroll County all previous meal debt has been eliminated so no child in Carroll County will begin the school year with a negative balance. For more information visit www.carrollk12.org.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child. Please visit <https://www.carrollk12.org> for detailed information on the snacks available in our schools.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at

www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Benefit Applications may also be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

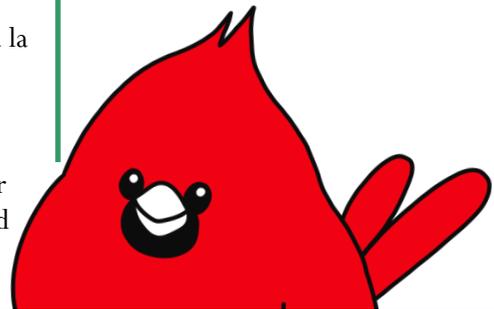
Meal Prices

Breakfast Elementary: \$1.50

Lunch Elementary: \$2.50

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information available online! Visit <https://>



Make a Donation to help Eliminate Meal Charges

Households who may be experiencing financial need are encouraged to apply for Meal Benefits (Free or Reduced Meals) at any time during the school year. Some households who do not meet the national guidelines for meal benefits, still struggle to pay for school meals. Each day students arrive at the cafeteria register without money. Carroll County Public Schools is committed to providing a meal to any child who does not have one. If you would like to help eliminate the unpaid meal debt these families incur, please consider making a donation:

At the School Level:

Those wishing to send funds to reduce unpaid meal debt at a particular school location can send cash or a check made out to the school with **School Meal Debt Donation** written on the memo line.

At the Central CCPS Level:

Those wishing to send funds to reduce unpaid meal debt across the county can send a check made out to Carroll County Public Schools with **School Meal Debt Donation** written on the memo line.

Checks should be mailed to: Food Services Office, Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157

CAFETERIA NEWS

MEAL ACCOUNT AND PIN INFORMATION

- Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique, Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access his or her account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.
- What is the PIN? Each student has been issued a unique, five digit PIN. **Parents can find their child's PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC).** Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.
- How do I put money on the account?
 - Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a free account that allows you to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card. (There is a small service provider fee for each transaction.)
 - You can still send in cash or a check to your school's cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account.
 - The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.
- Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a FREE account. Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria.
- What happens to my account at the end of the school year? Money that remains on your child's account will carry over from year to year. The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.

Sending cash or check to school for cafeteria money? Use the form below. (You can designate fund use with this form, too.)

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MONEY FORM

Student's Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please place **all of the money on my child's general account** for the purchase of either meals, milk or snacks

Please place the money on my child's account, **but I want to specify:**

\$ _____ for Breakfast and Lunch

\$ _____ for Milk or Snacks

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Carroll County Public Schools (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 Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 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 Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School 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 or 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 cover certain school events (such as when a government 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 Carroll County Public School 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.

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