Information

We hope everyone is having a safe and cool summer. The start of the school year is about a month away, but we want to take a moment to send some information about the upcoming school year.

Summer Happenings

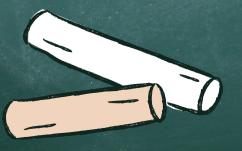
Office staff and custodians have been hard at work to prepare for the new school year.

As is typical during the summer, we have experienced a few staffing changes.

Please help us welcome the following staff:
Ms. Rutter - Special Education Teacher
Ms. Curtin - Physical Education Teacher
Ms. Barnes - Speech & Language Pathologist
Ms. Sweatt - Custodial Building Supervisor

We are in the process of hiring to fill a small number of vacancies amongst our staff. A few members have departed Piney Ridge and we wish them the best in their future endeavors:

Ms. Jones
Ms. Dougherty
Mr. Lane
Ms. McCraw
Ms. Precht
Ms. McDanel
Ms. Villamor



Preparing for the New School Year

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Kindergarten - 5th

Grade School Supply

List -- If you find
these items difficult to
purchase these items
due to financial
hardship, please
contact the office at

410-751-3535

TIPS AND TRICKS

- As the school year approaches, it is recommended that parents help children establish consistent wake up and bedtime routines in the days and weeks leading up to the first day.
- Encourage children to read daily and take advantage of learning opportunities that occur at home and in the community.
- It is helpful to review behavior expectations for the school setting. Piney Ridge Elementary
 School's school-wide behaviors are Preform Respectfully, Act Responsibly and Work Resiliently.

TRANSPORTATION

Preliminary bus routes are now available for viewing by clicking on the link below.

<u>Infofinder i</u>

Bus routes will be updated daily on infofinder i. You are encouraged to view your child's bus route information several times leading up to the start of school on Tuesday, September 3rd. Preliminary bus routes are also currently posted on the CCPS website in pdf format with weekly updates (click here). However, parents are encouraged to use the Infofinder i link for the most up-to-date bus route information. Questions regarding your child's bus route information should be directed to your child's school. Thank you for your cooperation.

We recommend parents visit the bus stop prior to the first morning of school to help develop familiarity and discuss bus stop safety. Please know that some of our bus numbers and stops have changed.



Upcoming Important Dates

2024-2025 School Calendar



August 2 - Bus Routes available on <u>Infofinder</u> i On/About August 15 - Student class assignments available in <u>Home Access Center</u>

- August 30 -
 - Pre-K Orientation times TBD
 - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30-11:00 AM
 - New Student Orientation (grades 1-5 only) 2:15 3:00 PM
 - Open House (all students) 3:00-3:30 PM
- September 2 Labor Day Schools and Offices Closed
- September 3 First Day of School for Students
- September 5 Back to School Night
 - Grade 3, 4, and 5 Information Sessions 4:30 PM
 - Instrumental Music Presentation 5:10 PM
 - Grade 1 and 2 Information Sessions 5:30 PM

Cafeteria News and Notes 2024-2025

Please be sure to join us every day for a delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch.

Interactive menus and nutritional information are available online!

Visit https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

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.
- O How do I put money on the account?
 - Visit <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u> and set up a free account that allows you to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card. (There is a service provider fee for each transaction).
 - Send in cash or a check to your school's cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account.
 Checks made payable to your child's school.
 - o The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.
- Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Visit <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u> 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.
 - o If your child graduates or no longer attends a CCPS school use this link to let us know if you would like the account balance transferred to a sibling, donated, or refunded. https://forms.office.com/r/ieipsp12AQ

| Sending cash or check to school and want to designate fund use? You can use this 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 l | I want to specify: |
| e for Broakfast and Lunch e f | For Milk or Spacks |

Cafeteria News and Notes 2024-2025

Breakfast and Lunch Service

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online at: www.myschoolapps.com

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. For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

Wellness Policy

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

Smart Snacks in Schools

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 <u>www.carrollk12.org</u> 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.

Meal benefits from last school year (2023-2024) will expire on October 14, 2024.

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

<u>Breakfast</u>

Elementary: \$1.50 Secondary: \$1.75

<u>Lunch</u>

Elementary: \$2.50 Middle: \$2.75 High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information available online!

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Employment

Interested in joining our food services team? Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3040 for more information.

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