

BACK TO SCHOOL

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

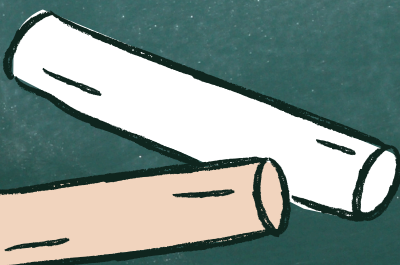
Mr. Lane

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 *Perform Respectfully, Act Responsibly and Work Resiliently.*

TRANSPORTATION

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

Infofinder i

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.

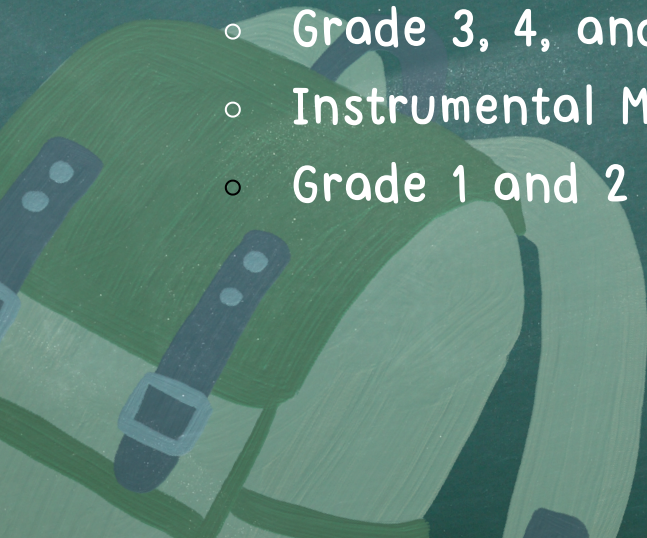
We recommend parents visit the bus stop prior to the first morning of school to help develop familiarity and discuss bus stop safety. Please know that some of our bus numbers and stops have changed.

Upcoming Important Dates

2024-2025 School Calendar



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

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 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.

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

Breakfast

Elementary: \$1.50

Secondary: \$1.75

Lunch

Elementary: \$2.50

Middle: \$2.75

High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information available online!

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

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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