

Polar Bear Post September 23, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

10/2: Mid-term for Marking Period 1 Interims go home.

10/3: PTO Paint Night (you must register [Paint Night Registration](#))

10/9: Fall picture day

10/17: Fun Run

10/18 School closed for students

IMPORTANT LINKS

- parattendance@carrollk12.org
- [School Lunch Menu](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Online Volunteer Training](#)
- [Parr's Ridge website](#)



[24-25 CCPS Bus Routes](#)



Get involved in the wonderful things happening at Parr's Ridge by joining the PTO

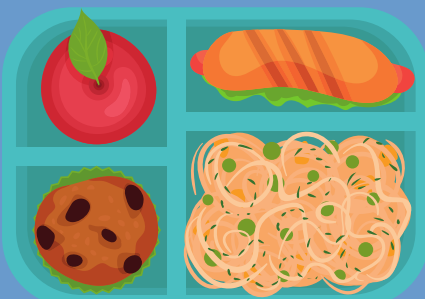
parrsmaespto@gmail.com

If your child is absent or has a dismissal change **you must email**

parattendance@carrollk12.org

AND cc YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. If you are changing your child's dismissal after 12 pm. You must

CALL the office at
410-751-3559



Checkout this month's breakfast and lunch menu .

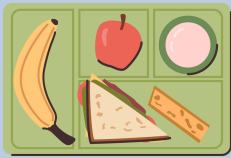
You can check your child's balance and add money to their account by creating a My School Bucks account.

News from the Cafeteria

Eligible households should apply for meal benefits at www.myschoolapps.com One application can be completed for the whole household. Eligibility for meal benefits can help families receive

- free internet service
- field trip fee waivers
- and P-EBT benefits.

Meal benefits from the 2023-2024 school year will expire on October 14, 2024. It is important to reapply if you believe you qualify.



field trip

Polar Bear Principal News and Notes

We have been busy learning about ways to show our Polar Bear PRIDE at school. You can practice at home too! By having a **Positive Attitude**, being **Respectful and Resilient**, using **Independent Thinking**, **Doing Your Best** and being **Eager to Engage** no matter where you are the skills you learn at school can help you be successful anywhere.

Our school has been practicing our safety drills. So far, we have completed Hold, Fire and Lockdown drills, as well as bus evacuation. The Polar Bears are showing great listening skills during these important practices.

If you have not had a chance to join the PTO please consider joining this week. They help our school, staff and students so much and we'd love to have record membership this year!

Join today!



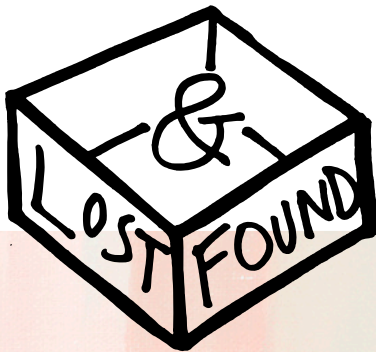


Register for Home Access Center
<https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/>

Home Access Center houses important information such as your child's CCPS username and password, as well as their 5 digit cafeteria pin, and Schoology access code. Once you have created an account, login, and select the registration tab.

Lost and Found

Please label your child's lunchbox, water bottle, backpack, sweatshirts, and jackets. When the weather changes our lost and found gets filled with layers of clothes. Unclaimed clothes are donated. Please label your belongings and encourage your child to visit the lost and found.



*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

As the school year progresses there will be opportunities to volunteer at school and chaperone field trips. Everyone who would like to volunteer must complete the CCPS volunteer training, available online, [here](#)

Notes from the School Nurse



Accidents happen. Please send in a change of clothes for your child to keep in their cubby or locker. Remember to switch out the bag when the seasons change.



Illness and Sick Day Guidelines

Please keep your child home if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100.0 or higher
- Has been vomiting or episodes of diarrhea.
- Eyes that are red with drainage, itching
- Has symptoms that prevent them from participating in school, such as excessive tiredness or lack of appetite.
- Headache, body aches, earache that continues with pain reliever.

Keep your child home until his or her fever has gone down for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Diarrhea needs to have ended for 24 hours before returning per the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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.



Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools

TO: Local Education Agency Superintendents
FROM: Mohammed Choudhury, State Superintendent of Schools
DATE: July 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Fast Track Child Care Scholarship Application Process and Family Portal

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) recently launched a new fast track Child Care Scholarship (CCS) application process and Child Care Family Portal to expedite the application process for eligible families and make it easier for families to receive financial assistance with child care expenses.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the Division of Early Childhood's Child Care Scholarship program grants temporary eligibility determination to applicants within three business days. Eligible families will receive 60 days of temporary child care assistance under the CCS program and will be provided with a pathway to a full, 52-week Child Care Scholarship. Prior to the fast track process, families would have to wait up to 35 days for their application to be fully processed to receive assistance.

We are reaching out to ask for your partnership in sharing this opportunity with as many Maryland families as possible. To make this seamless, we are providing email and newsletter templates, flyers, sample social media posts, and graphics for you to share with your networks and beyond! We encourage you to use these resources to help Marylanders learn about the availability, application process, eligibility requirements, and benefits of the Child Care Scholarship program. This program not only supports families with infants and toddlers, but also serves families with children up to 13 years old who may need support with paying for child care and children up to age 19 with a medically documented disability that does not enable them to provide self-care.

There are a number of ways that you can help share the Scholarship program with your communities:

- **Promote on social media.** Write a social media post that excites and links to the website, money4childcare.com. Use the #money4childcare hashtag to promote it and don't forget to tag us @MdPublicSchools. Graphics and sample language in English and Spanish are included in the attached toolkit.
- **Send an email and/or include messaging in a newsletter.** Include a message that informs your network about the fast track application process and Family Portal in an email or newsletter. Provide them with the links to the website and let them know they can get more program information and instructions on how to apply on the website. See the attached toolkit for examples in English and Spanish.
- **Join the conversation.** Engage in Twitter chats and share positive social media messages that others are posting about the CCS program.

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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.