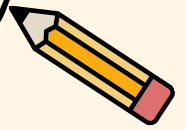


Piney Ridge Elementary School



Dear Piney Ridge Elementary School Families,
We have just passed the halfway point of the school year. Quarter 2 report cards were sent home on January 31st. This is a good time for students and parents to review progress from the first two quarters and set goals for the second half of the school year.

In January, our students worked hard while taking mid-year assessments for ELA and Math. Early this month, staff will compile and analyze the results of those assessments. This information will help us to fine-tune instruction and continue our work toward meeting the school's goals to increase achievement.

We would like to remind families that students are not permitted to bring candy or other food items to school for the purpose of sharing with others. Occasionally at a teacher's discretion, a class may have activities to recognize a holiday such as Valentine's Day. In these instances, teachers may permit students to bring cards or non-edible items to share. There are many students in the school who have food allergies, food sensitivities, or medical conditions which prohibit them from eating certain foods or treats.

Lastly, we encourage families to monitor information from CCPS regarding implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Information is updated regularly on the CCPS website. The Superintendent will host two community Town Hall meetings to discuss the topic this Spring. The first Town Hall will be at nearby Century High School on March 5th at 6:00 PM.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy month of February!

John Code, Principal

Morgan Pratt, Asst. Principal and 504/ADA Bld. Coordinator

Keep in Touch!

6315 Freedom Ave Sykesville, MD 21784

(410)751-3535 (410)751-3539 Fax

School Hours: 9:15 - 3:45

preattendance@carrollk12.org

Need to contact an
administrator? A teacher?
Check the Staff Directory!

Upcoming Important Dates

Gifted and Talented Education Month | National
Black History Month
February 3-7 National School Counseling Week

2/6 Parent/Teacher Conferences, Parent
Information Night: Science of Reading 6pm
2/11 PTA Meeting, Yearbook Group Photos
2/14 Valentine's Day
2/15 School Resource Officer Day
2/17 Schools Closed for President's Day
2/21- PTA- Daughter Dance
2/26 Instructional Assistant Day
2/28 First Day of Ramadan



A Note from the Nurse

Smile! February is National Dental Health Month

Our Teeth are important for chewing, speaking, and our appearance.



One part of our teeth is the protective hard covering called Enamel. It is important to keep the enamel strong by brushing our teeth.

If we don't brush our teeth, then the enamel begins to break down from a bacteria germ call Plague. Plague likes to attach to our teeth after eating sugary foods.

Eventually if the plague is not removed by brushing or by the Dentist cleaning our teeth, a Cavity will form. Plague also causes bad breath

You can prevent cavities, plague and bad breathe by:

Brushing your teeth twice a day, after breakfast and before bed is perfect!
Flossing at least once a day
Eating Healthy foods and limiting sugary snack, sodas and sports drinks
See your dentist twice a year.

You have your adult teeth for the rest of your life. Take good care of them and have a smile to be proud of!



Kindergarten Registration

March 24-28, 2025

Kindergarten is mandatory in the State of Maryland. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2025. If your child is in Pre-K at PRE this year, documentation will roll over. No further action necessary at this time.

Parents are required to provide:

- Photo ID of parent
- Proof of birth—birth certificate, hospital certificate, baptismal certificate, birth registration, or passport/visa
- Verification of residence such as a current utility bill (ex: gas, electric, water, cable all of which must include the service address) a current lease agreement or settlement document.
- Current Immunization Record- Immunizations are also required at the time registration. Please contact your pediatrician for a copy or print from your healthcare portal. State vaccination records can also be retrieved from <https://md.myir.com/> and create an account. You will also receive a health inventory, dental and lead form during registration.

Please contact Mrs. Hagg at 410-751-3535 or pjhagg@carrollk12.org to schedule an appointment.

Inclusivity at Piney Ridge

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT **SCIENCE OF READING**

Join Katie Ries on February 6,
2025 from 6-6:45pm

Understanding the Role of Oral
Language Development in
Reading Comprehension

An Invitation for All Piney Ridge
Parents

Have you heard about the
Science of Reading?
Would you like to learn more
about what reading research
tells us about comprehension
skills? Join us for an information
night to learn about how parents
can support oral language
development and reading
comprehension.



Piney Ridge
Elementary
Media Center

Katie Ries, Piney
Ridge Reading
Specialist



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAMILY SUPPORT & SECONDARY TRANSITION
PRESENT



**Food
Trucks**



2025 RESOURCE & TRANSITION FAIR

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGE BIRTH THRU 21
**WITH SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CITIZEN'S
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SECAC)**



SOME PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE

Social/Emotional/Self Regulation
CTE and Apprenticeships
DORS Services for Transitioning Youth
Self-Directed vs. Traditional Services
Transitioning to DDA Services
Circle of Caring for Preschoolers

*** MANY MORE PRESENTATIONS**

SOME EXHIBITORS INCLUDE

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Parent's Place of Maryland
Behind Behaviors Consulting
Caring Communities
A Mother's Rest
Maryland ABLE Network
The Skill Tree

*** OVER 30 EXHIBITORS**



SIGN UP FOR FAIR AND PRESENTATIONS



**THURSDAY
27
MARCH**

**STARTS AT
5:00 PM**

WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster, MD 21157



More Info: BThru21FamilySupport@carrollk12.org

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Hungry for more information?

Check our WEBSITE regularly for news, resources and important topics.



Important Dates and Frequently Asked Questions Informational Calendar Student/Parent Handbook

Best for answering all of those random questions! Where to check for snow day info, contacts for resources, various regulations for reference and more!

Carroll County Public Schools 2024-2025 School Calendar

All the important dates! School closures, early dismissals and report card distribution

Visitors and Volunteers

- All visitors to the school must come to the main entrance and ring the doorbell.
- Upon entering, proceed to the office to sign in. Visitors must show a photo ID.
- Parents/Guardians may visit during lunch, after September 16.
- Any school volunteers must complete CCPS Volunteer Training at least 7 days prior to volunteering in the school.

CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION? NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE?

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE, REQUEST VACATION
PREAPPROVAL OR CHANGE IN TRANSPORTION
GO TO PREATTENDANCE@CARROLLK12.ORG

TEMPORARY
CHANGE OF
TRANSPORTATION



NOTICE OF
ABSENCE/VACATION
PREAPPROVAL REQUEST



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Permanent Transportation Changes

CCPS Transportation -
click here for current information
on bus routes and changes.

To report a permanent change in transportation, please contact the front office (410-751-3535) to complete a 2024-2025 Elementary Transportation Form.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

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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, MD 21157 (410) 751-3070.

February 2025

Piney Ridge Elementary
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	4 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	5 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	6 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	7 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit
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All menus are subject to change. We make it our priority to serve the menu as planned, but sometimes situations arise where we need to make changes. We will make every attempt to substitute similar products when they are available. We appreciate your understanding.

Milk Choices: Nonfat Milk , Low Fat Milk , Nonfat Chocolate Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Entree Choices • Homestyle Chicken Tender with Dinner Roll • Cheeseburger on a Roll • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Baked Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Walking Taco • Deep Dish Cheese Pizza • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll • Pretzel Bites & Cheese • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Savory French Fries • Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Macaroni and Cheese with Soft Pretzel Rod • Hot Dog • Corn Dog • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Coleslaw Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Cheese Pizza • Pepperoni Pizza • Chicken Patty on a Roll • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Steamed Carrot Coins Fruit and Vegetable Bar
10	11	12	13	14
Entree Choices • Orange Chicken over Rice • Mozzarella Cheese Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Baked Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Nachos Grande • Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Hamburger on a Roll • Cheeseburger on a Roll • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Crispy French Fries • Tomato Soup Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Pizza Crunchers • Sweet and Sour Chicken • Fried Rice • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Valentine's Day Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll • Cheese Pizza • Pepperoni Pizza • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar
17	18	19	20	21
President's Day	Entree Choices • French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty • Hot Ham and Cheese • Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Tater Tots • Corn • Smart Crackers Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Popcorn Chicken with Cornbread • Beef Chili with Beans with Cornbread • Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Lasagna with Garlic Knot • Chicken Nuggets with Garlic Knot • Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Cheese Pizza • Pepperoni Pizza • Corn Dog Nuggets • Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Mixed Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Bar
24	25	26	27	28
Entree Choices • Deep Dish Cheese Pizza • Popcorn Chicken with Buttermilk Biscuit • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Mashed Potatoes • Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Beef Tacos • Ranchero Pizza • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Chicken Patty on a Roll • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Tomato Soup Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Macaroni and Cheese with Soft Pretzel Rod • Hamburger on a Roll • Cheeseburger on a Roll • Crispy Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Crispy French Fries Fruit and Vegetable Bar	Entree Choices • Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza • Stuffed Crust Pepperoni • Pizza • Rib-a-Que Sandwich • Chicken Ceasar Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides • Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar

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