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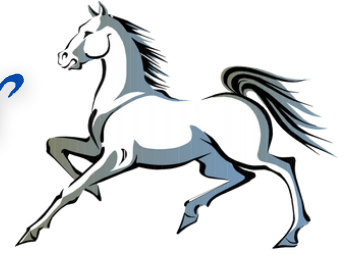
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September 12th, 2025



School starts at 8:30, doors open at 8, Dismissal is at 3pm

If your student is absent or has a dismissal change, please email us at
rmeattendance@carrollk12.org

Important Links and Info



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- **Please DO NOT park in the bus loop (along the front sidewalk),** we have buses throughout the day that need access to that area.
- You will need a photo ID to pick up your child from school **at any time**
- **Only live in guardians can pick up students without prior authorization** - this includes emergency contacts unless contacted by the nurse
- **Dismissal changes must be made by 1pm,** if not they will require administrator approval and may not be honored



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

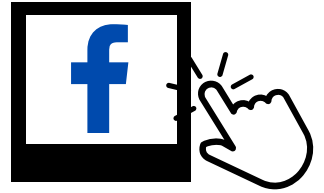
September 16- PTO Meeting

September 19 - Pre-K Breakfast

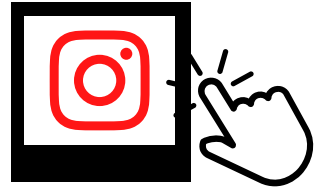
September 26- 2hr 45-minute **EARLY DISMISSAL** (we will dismiss at 12:15)

October 14th- Fall Picture Day

Follow Us on Social Media



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Join us for our first
PTO MEETING
of the year!

Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00pm
in the RME Media Center

We'll be discussing exciting topics like upcoming fundraisers, the Fun Run, and other fun activities planned for the year. It's a great chance to get involved and stay informed — we hope to see you there!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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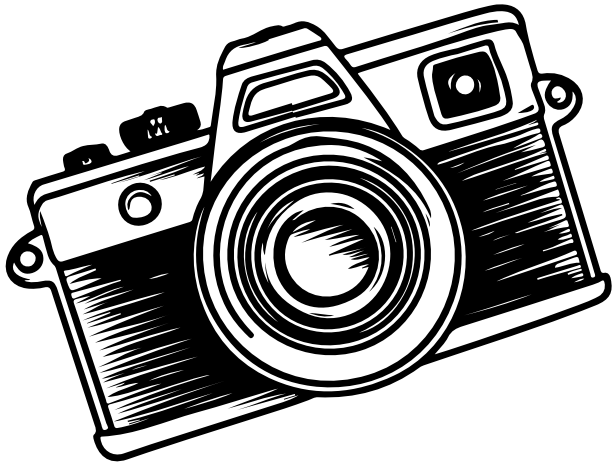
Important Transportation Notes/



Reminders:



- Parent Drop-Off is from 8:00 - 8:24 each morning. If it is **closed when you arrive**, please **park in the lot and walk your student to front doors** for entry. Thank you!
- If your child is a car rider at dismissal the default of who can get them is **ONLY** the live-in guardian(s), if you want someone else to be authorized to get them you **MUST** notify the office, and clarify if it is for all the time or a one-time change.
- All dismissal changes **MUST** be made **before 1pm**. Otherwise they will require Admin approval and may not be honored.
- When picking up your child you will **NEED** a photo ID, even if the office staff is familiar with you. This is early or at dismissal.
- If someone is getting your child early that is not the live in guardian, the office must have **Prior Authorization** to allow pick up. This includes Emergency Contacts unless they are contacted by the nurse directly.
- **At no point should any one park on the curb in the bus loop** (along the front sidewalk) for ANY reason. We have buses throughout the day that need access to that area.



Save the date!
Fall Picture Day will
be October 14th!

This week in the library, we started book checkout for all grades. Please note the day your child has media (2nd day for Kindergarten), and be sure that they bring their library book to school that day for returns and to check out another book!

Pre-K - 2nd graders check out 1 book at a time, and 3rd - 5th graders checkout 2 books at a time. - Mrs. Whaley



Nikki Rhodes-Whaley
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Counselor's Corner

I had a parent tell me that the “new car smell” had definitely worn off in her house much earlier than usual and it made me smile (how clever!) and then I shook my head in agreement. Your household may be feeling similarly; that reality has set in, and we are missing our more relaxed summer days. Just know, you are not alone! It is totally normal to feel tired and overwhelmed. There is nothing wrong if your children are more hesitant to wake up and get their day started, especially with school looming in the very near future.

Building a routine is tough, but it is the best thing we can do for our families. Children thrive in familiarity. It is where they feel safe and most able to be themselves. Sometimes re-establishing a schedule takes time so be sure to give yourself and your children a little grace.

Have a student who is demonstrating strong emotions about going to school? My heart is with you. It can feel devastating to put a crying child in another person's care. No matter what you do, stick with the routine. Your calm and comforting presence can set the tone for your child, and even if you are not feeling confident, try your best to put on a brave face!

Prepare for school the night before:

- Check the Take Home folder for papers then return it to the backpack
 - Put backpack near the door
- If packing lunch, prepare the lunchbox and a water bottle if your child takes one
 - Set out the clothes everyone will wear tomorrow
 - Ensure that shoes are near the door
- Set a bedtime early enough to give everyone adequate rest
 - Set an alarm to wake up in time the next morning

Prepare for school in the morning:

- Wake up with enough time to get dressed, brush teeth, and fix hair
- Make sure to have breakfast food options should your children eat breakfast before going to school.
 - Put packed lunch and water bottle in the backpack
- If there is time, talk about what everyone is excited about for the upcoming day
- Repeat affirmations like “I am smart” “I am brave” “I can do this” to pump your kids up for a good day
- Head to the bus stop 5 minutes early if you are riding a bus or leave for school with plenty of time to spare.

Remember, speak confidence into your children. Even if you are nervous for them or about how they will react, show them that you are going to do it together! Need some back-up? Please reach out! I am happy to collaborate with you and your student to ease the transition between home and school.

Take care,
Ms. Napor



The PAX Post

Happy Friday! This week, staff and students learned about what it means to be a PAX Leader. Now that we have a Vision of what we'd like our classrooms and school to look, sound, and feel like, we aspire for our students to LEAD the way to PAX!

If your student comes home with a PAX Leader certificate, please celebrate them!

Ask them what they did to earn the certificate and encourage them to show PAX Leader behavior.





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Good
Behavior
Game

PAX Leader

PAX Leader is used to guide students in making positive choices and avoiding problematic behaviors. PAX Leader promotes teamwork as well as setting and achieving high expectations. It also ensures that students take an active role in bettering the world around them.

Right away, **PAX Leader** will help students...

- Make more thoughtful, positive choices.
- Take pride in their achievements.
- Feel more belonging with their peers at school.

In the long run, **PAX Leader** helps students...

- See themselves as leaders in a variety of settings.
- Associate the positive things they do with who they are as a person.

**I BETTER MY WORLD, I BETTER MYSELF.
I AM A PAX LEADER.**



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **PAX Leader**:

1. How were you a PAX Leader today? How did that make you feel?
2. Who else did you notice being a PAX Leader today? What did they do?
3. What PAX Leaders do we know in our family and friends?



PAX Leader is not about perfection.

PAX Leaders do their best to bring Peace, Productivity, Health, and Happiness.

PAX Leader Story and Activity

“How was school today?”

“Great! Guess what? I was a PAX Leader today.”

“PAX Leader? How do you get to be a PAX Leader?”

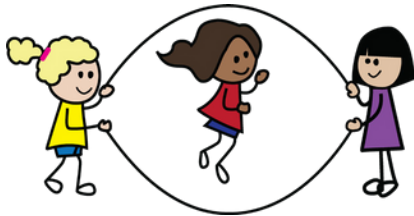
“Well, I’m always a PAX Leader! But my teacher really noticed my PAX when someone dropped their pencil box and I decided to help them pick it up.”

“That’s great! I’m proud of you! Are there other things that PAX Leaders do?”

“Yes! PAX Leaders take turns, say things like ‘thank you’ or ‘excuse me’, and raise our hands. And my friend (friend’s name) was a PAX Leader when they shared their art supplies with me.”

“I see! Wasn’t taking turns part of your PAX Vision? It sounds like you’re a PAX Leader when you make choices that are PAX! Who else did your teacher say is a PAX Leader?”

“My teachers said we are all PAX Leaders! Anyone can be a PAX Leader - even grown-ups!”



I was a PAX Leader when _____

(If you are having trouble thinking of a time you were a PAX Leader, use your PAX Vision to help you think of PAX behaviors you do!)