

PINEY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR. CODE AND MRS. PRATT

Dear Piney Ridge Families,

Our school year is off to a great start! The Back to School events were well-attended, the first day was as smooth as possible, and we have established our routines for teaching and learning. Thanks to all of our families, students, and staff for their contributions to the successful start to the school year.

We have a lot to look forward to in the month of October. The 1st of the month is the midway point of the first marking period. Parents of students in kindergarten through grade 2 should be on the lookout for an interim report to come home from the child's teacher. Parents of students in grades 3 through 5 should check Home Access Center to monitor their child(ren)'s grades. The following day, October 2nd, is Fall Picture Day. Students should come to school with their best smile that day. On October 14th, our PTA will organize our annual Dalmatian Dash, which takes place during each grade level's special areas time throughout the day. Parents are welcome to visit and join their children as they walk, run, or dance during the event.

This school year, there will be three evenings in which teachers will be available for Parent-Teacher conferences. The dates are October 16th, November 25th, and February 4th. Information about signing up for conferences will be sent to families early in October.

Lastly, we encourage families to occasionally visit the Piney Ridge Elementary School website for information. Parents can find staff contact information, school supply lists, links to back to school informational slides, and more. Go to pre.carrollk12.org to check it out.

We wish our students, families, and staff a safe and healthy month of October!

John Code, Principal
Morgan Pratt, Assistant Principal



Inclusion

Routines are helpful for all. If you're interested in learning more about establishing routines at home, please see the October Newsletter from Tammy Chisholm, CCPS Family Support Birth thru 21.

Establishing Routines and MORE!

When: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Carroll Springs School

RSVP: [Click here to register](#)



Want more information about Family Support, links to YouTube recordings, or need to book a time to talk or fill out an inquiry? Click here: [CCPS Family Support](#)



For more information feel free to contact Tammy Chisholm @ Tammy.Chisholm@carrollk12.org

**CCPS continues to try to improve on areas identified as "not met" from the MSDE Survey. According to the Pre School survey, CCPS did not meet requirements in the area of: Q24, "...connect me with other families for mutual support" and according to the Parent Survey, Q7, "I was given information about organizations that offer support for parents of students with disabilities". This event is meant to assist with helping to fulfill that need for parents.

¡Estableciendo rutinas y MÁS!

Cuándo: martes 7 de octubre de 2025

Hora: 6:00 a 7:30 p. m.

Dónde: Carroll Springs School

RSVP: [Haga clic aquí para registrarse](#)



¿Desea más información sobre Apoyo Familiar, enlaces a grabaciones de YouTube o necesita reservar una cita para hablar o completar una consulta? [Haga clic aquí: Apoyo Familiar de CCPS](#)



Para obtener más información, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Tammy Chisholm en Tammy.Chisholm@carrollk12.org

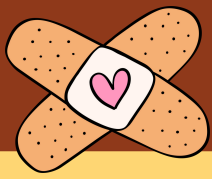
**CCPS continúa trabajando para mejorar las áreas identificadas como "no cumplidas" en la encuesta del MSDE. Según la encuesta de preescolar, CCPS no cumplió con los requisitos en la pregunta 24: "...conectarme con otras familias para apoyo mutuo" y, según la encuesta para padres, en la pregunta 7: "Recibí información sobre organizaciones que ofrecen apoyo a padres de estudiantes con discapacidades". Este evento tiene como objetivo ayudar a los padres a satisfacer esta necesidad.

Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Carroll (CCPS) no discriminan por discapacidad en el empleo ni en la prestación de servicios, programas o actividades. Las personas que necesitan ajustes y servicios de comunicación deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Comunicaciones al 410-759-3022 o a communications@carrollk12.org o escribir a los Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Carroll, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Las personas sordas, con dificultades auditivas o con discapacidades del habla pueden usar el servicio de interpretación o el TTY (For Relay), comuníquese con el sistema escolar con el menos una (1) semana de anticipación a la fecha en que necesita la asistencia especial.

La información sobre la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades está disponible a través del Director de Gestión de Discapacidades, (410) 759-3071 o del Oficial de Comunicaciones, (410) 759-3022, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.



Establishing routines at home are very helpful. This video has some suggestions on how to get started.



A Note from the Nurse



Restricted Activities and School

Please remember to send a note in with your child if they are unable to participate in PE for the day. Please also note if your child cannot participate in PE, they cannot participate in recess, or field day. If the injury is longer than 3 days, a doctor's note is requested. Notes will be circulated from the teacher to the office, the nurse, the P.E. teachers and recess monitors.

For safety concerns, if a student has a brace, a walking boot, or a cast on, they will also be required to sit out recess and PE. The risk of re-injury to the area is too great. Please contact the nurse if you have questions. Crutches, Wheelchairs, Cast (soft or hard): A doctor's note must state the reason why and for how long it will be on or used. A doctor's note must also release them to return to activity.

Food Policy

Piney Ridge Elementary School has many students with severe, possibly life-threatening food allergies. We also have students with chronic medical conditions that prohibit them from eating anything not provided by their parent.

Our policy is as follows:

- *No sharing/trading of food items
- *Non-food rewards in classrooms
- *No food Birthday celebrations including not allowing to purchase ice-cream or treat at lunch for your child's entire class or sending in goodie bags of candy/food.
- *No candy/food items for holidays, including Halloween and Valentines
- *Administration must approve any food celebrations and parents will be notified prior
- *A Peanut free table is available in the cafeteria to be used by students with severe life-threatening food allergies

- *If a Grade level snack is being consumed in class, we ask that it is a fresh fruit or vegetable, or an item that does not contain peanut or tree nut product.

We appreciate your support of these procedures and help in providing a safe environment for all the Students at Piney Ridge Elementary.

Medication Policy

Please remember no student is allowed to bring medication to school. A parent must bring and pickup from school. This information is in the student handbook and on the Emergency Procedure card. All medication must have a CCPS Medication permission form signed by a parent and physician. Any questions please contact the School Nurse.

PINEY RIDGE STANDS UP AGAINST BULLYING

BULLYING PREVENTION SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 20TH-24TH

MONDAY

**PUT BULLYING TO REST: WEAR
YOUR PAJAMAS**

TUESDAY

**LEI OFF BULLYING: WEAR A LEI OR
TRIPOCAL CLOTHES**

WEDNESDAY

**UNITY DAY: WEAR ORANGE TO STAND UP
AGAINST BULLYING**

THURSDAY

**PINEY STICKS TOGETHER: WEAR RED
AND BLACK OR PINEY ATTIRE**

FRIDAY

**TEAM UP AGAINST BULLYING: WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE SPORTS JERSEY**



SIGN UP!



Scan to join our PTA!

Piney Ridge Elementary School



everychild.one voice.®

PINEY RIDGE PTA
2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Tues 9/9	Thurs 2/12
Weds 10/8	Weds 3/11
Tues 11/11	Tues 4/14
Weds 12/9	Thurs 5/14
Thurs 1/8	Tues 6/2

Join Us @ 7pm!

Meetings are in the Media Center
OR
join virtually via Zoom!

Free Childcare for potty trained children.
No RSVP needed.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Buppert's Fall Fundraiser October 2 - October 31
- Dalmatian Dash October 15 (Rain date October 15)
- Becks Spirit night October 22 from 11:30 - 9pm

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 2025-2026 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
- 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.

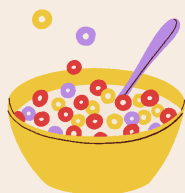
To report a permanent change in transportation, please contact the front office (410-751-3535) to complete a 2024-2025 Elementary Transportation Form.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

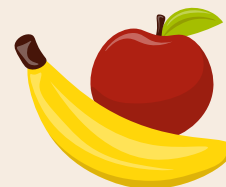
The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.


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.

October
2025



Breakfast



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Condiments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SyrupCream CheeseGrape JellyMargarine	Milk Choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nonfat MilkLow Fat MilkNonfat Chocolate Milk	1 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	2 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit	3 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit
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Assorted Breakfast Cereals: Apple Cinnamon Cheerios , Cheerios , Cinnamon Toast Crunch , Cocoa Puffs , Rice Chex , Trix

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 substitutions. We will make every attempt to substitute similar products when they are available. We appreciate your understanding.

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October 2025



Lunch



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

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

2

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

3

Entree Choices
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Pork BBQ Sandwich
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Steamed Broccoli
 • Smart Crackers
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

Milk Choices:

- Nonfat Milk
- Low Fat Milk
- Nonfat Chocolate Milk

6

Entree Choices
 • Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 • Three Cheese Calzone
 • Chef Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Crinkle Cut French Fries
 • Baked Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

7

Entree Choices
 • French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty
 • Mini Pizza Bagels
 • Chef Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Tater Tots
 • Corn
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

8

Entree Choices
 • Spaghetti with Meatsauce with Garlic Knot
 • Pizza Crunchers
 • Chef Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

9

Entree Choices
 • Mozzarella Cheese Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce
 • Teriyaki Chicken over Rice with Dinner Roll
 • Chef Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Steamed Broccoli
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

10

Entree Choices
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll
 • Chef Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Steamed Carrot Coins
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

13

Entree Choices
 • Homestyle Chicken Tenders with Dinner Roll
 • Cheeseburger on a Roll
 • Chicken Caesar Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Baked Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

14

Entree Choices
 • Walking Taco
 • Deep Dish Cheese Pizza
 • Chicken Caesar Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Corn
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

15

Entree Choices
 • Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 • Pretzel Bites & Cheese
 • Chicken Caesar Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Savory French Fries
 • Steamed Broccoli
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

16

Entree Choices
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Corn Dog
 • Hot Dog
 • Chicken Caesar Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

17



Schools Closed

20

Entree Choices
 • Orange Chicken over Rice
 • Garlic Cheese Pizza
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Baked Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

21

Entree Choices
 • Nachos Grande
 • Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Corn
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

22

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

23

Entree Choices
 • Pizza Crunchers
 • Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo with Garlic Knot
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Steamed Broccoli
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

24

Entree Choices
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Cheesesteak Sub
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

27

Entree Choices
 • Homestyle Chicken Tenders with Buttermilk Biscuit
 • Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
 • Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Baked Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

28

Entree Choices
 • French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty
 • Hot Ham and Cheese
 • Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Tater Tots
 • Corn
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

29

Entree Choices
 • Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll
 • Sweet and Sour Meatballs over Rice with Dinner Roll
 • Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Steamed Broccoli
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

30

Entree Choices
 • Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 • Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce with Garlic Cheesy Twiz-Stik
 • Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

31



Entree Choices
 • Creepy Cheese Pizza
 • Monster Pepperoni Pizza
 • Batty Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 • Spooky Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Glowing Mixed Vegetables
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

Fruit and Vegetable Bar: Applesauce, Cinnamon Applesauce, Fresh Apples, Diced Pears, Fresh Pears, Chilled Peaches, Bananas, Fresh Grapes, Fresh Carrots, Cucumber Coins, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Green Peppers and Cherry Tomatoes, Red Pepper Hummus

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