



Welcome

Back to Piney Ridge Elementary School

Dear Piney Ridge Families,

We have reached the start of a new school year. During the summer, our office staff, administrators, and custodians have worked hard to have the building ready for staff and students to return. The teachers have set up classrooms, participated in professional learning, and started making plans for instruction. We know that parents and students have also taken steps to prepare for the return to school.

This newsletter includes lots of helpful information for the return to school. During the first several days of the school year, we will be taking extra time to get to know the students and establish routines. We ask for some patience and understanding, particularly with dismissal. As the month of September goes on, we anticipate that we will settle into our regular departure and bus stop times.

We wish our students, families, and staff a great start to the 2025-2026 school year.

John Code, Principal

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



Upcoming Important Dates



- September 2: First Day for Students
- September 3-5: Hearing & Vision Screening
- September 9: PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- September 25: PTA Family Fitness Night
- September 26: Early Dismissal

Piney Ridge Elementary School



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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!

Free Childcare for potty trained children.
No RSVP needed.

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

411 ON FOOD AT PINEY RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks!

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. Additionally, CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items (snacks) for purchase in the cafeterias.

Some classrooms have designated snack times, please contact your child's homeroom teacher for more information.



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. A copy is included in each monthly newsletter as well.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year.

Meal benefits from last school year (2024-2025) will expire on October 14, 2025.

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.



My School Bucks Lunch Money Simplified



Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access his or her account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items.

What is the PIN? Each student has been issued a unique, five-digit PIN. Parents can find their child's PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.

How do I put money on the account? Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a free account that allows you to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card. (There is a service provider fee for each transaction) OR send in cash or a check to your school's cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account. Checks made payable to your child's school. The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.

Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a FREE account. Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria.

Grading Information

Grades are reported at the end of each quarterly marking period on the student's report card.

Grades are:

Grades are NOT:

- A measure of student achievement in mastering curriculum standards
- Communication to parents
- Feedback for learning
- Rewards
- Punishment
- Reflection of character

Pre-K through Grade 2

Pre-K through Grade 2 students are marked in a variety of academic areas on a system of O, S, N.

O = Outstanding

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

Parents of students in PreK through grade 2 should be on the lookout for interim reports to come home at the midway point of each marking period.

Grades 3 -5

Students in grades 3 through 5 are graded on a letter grade system, based on performance on assigned work and assessments in each content area.

A = 90%-100% - Consistently meets standards at an outstanding level

B = 80%-89% - Generally meets standards at a high level

C = 70%-79% - Meets standards at a satisfactory level

D = 60%-69% - Meets some curriculum standards

F ≤ 59% - Fails to meet curriculum standards

Parents of students in grades 3 through 5 are encouraged to monitor students' grades through Home Access Center.

Honor Roll

Students in grades 3-5 whose grades meet the following criteria are eligible for the Honor Roll.

Honor Roll: All grades are B or better. All special areas grades are S or better.

Principal's Honor Roll: All grades are A or O.

Students who earn Honor Roll status will receive a certificate at the end of the marking period.

Presidential Award

At the end of grade 5, students who have met the following criteria are eligible for the Presidential Award for Reading and/or Math.

Reading:

• 3.5 GPA through all of 4th grade and the first half of 5th grade.

• 90% combined average on 4th grade CBA.

• 80% combined average on 5th grade Benchmark Advance Performance Task 2 – Narrative Writing and Benchmark Advance Interim 3 Posttest.

• Score of level 3 or 4 on 4th grade MCAP ELA.

Math:

• 3.5 GPA through all of 4th grade and the first half of 5th grade.

• 90% combined average for all of 4th grade and mid-year 5th grade CCPS Math Benchmark Assessment.

• Score of level 3 or 4 on 4th grade MCAP Math.

Keep in Touch!



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(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!

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Director of Human Resources 125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157 (410) 751-3070.

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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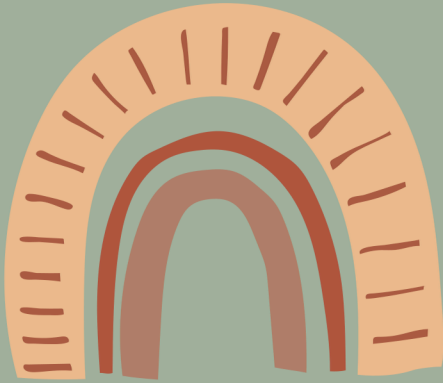
Permanent Transportation Changes

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

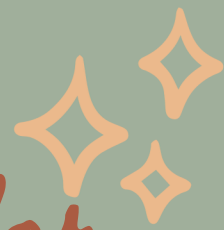
To report a permanent change in transportation, please contact the front office (410-751-3535) to complete a 2024-2025 Elementary Transportation Form.

Car Rider Procedures

- Please do not arrive before 8:45 AM.
- Follow the traffic pattern and remain with your vehicle.
- Avoid prolonged "goodbyes" while in the line.
- Students who arrive after 9:10 AM will need to be signed in by a parent at the main office.
- Dismissal begins at 3:45 PM.
- Please have ID ready to show to staff when picking up a child.
- Any child who is not picked up by 4:10 PM will be sent to the office to be signed out by a parent.



School Counselor Newsletter



WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some of you may or may not know me but, my name is Haley Good and I am the school counselor here at Piney Ridge Elementary School. I started my job here in February of 2024. I am super excited to start a new school year and look forward to getting to know your students more this year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email:

hcgood@carrollk12.org

Phone:

410-751-3535

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ✓ **Stevenson University:**
B.S Early Childhood Education
- ✓ **McDaniel College:**
M.S School Counseling
- ✓ **Experience**
4 years of teaching experience in Kindergarten and 3rd grade

FIRST QUARTER


September:

- Your student(s) will receive an Introduction lesson in their classrooms to go over Who I am, How I can help, and an overview of the lessons they will receive this year in their classrooms.

October/November:

- Your student(s) will receive lessons on social/emotional topics.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		Milk Choices: • Nonfat Milk • Low Fat Milk • Nonfat Chocolate Milk		

Assorted Breakfast Cereals: Apple Cinnamon Cheerios , Cheerios , Cinnamon Toast Crunch , Cocoa Puffs , Rice Chex , Trix

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MONDAY

1



Labor Day

TUESDAY

2

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

WEDNESDAY

3

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

THURSDAY

4

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
 • Chocolate Chip Cookie
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

FRIDAY

5

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

8

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

9

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

10

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

11

Entree Choices
 • Macaroni and Cheese with Soft Pretzel Rod
 • Hot Dog
 • Corn Dog
 • Chicken Ceasar Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

12

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

15

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

16

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

17

Entree Choices
 • Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 • Hamburger on a Roll
 • Cheeseburger on a Roll
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Tomato Soup
 • Crispy French Fries
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

18

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

19

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

22

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

23

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

24

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

25

Entree Choices
 • Chicken Nuggets with Garlic Knot
 • Lasagna with Garlic Knot
 Southwest Chicken Salad
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

26

Entree Choices
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Corn Dog Nuggets
 • Southwest Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Mixed Vegetables
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

29

Entree Choices
 • Popcorn Chicken with Buttermilk Biscuit
 • Deep Dish Cheese Pizza
 Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Mashed Potatoes
 • Corn
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

30

Entree Choices
 • Beef Tacos
 • Ranchero Pizza
 • Crispy Chicken Salad
 Grab and Go Combo
 Featured Sides
 • Green Beans
 Fruit and Vegetable Bar

Milk Choices:
 • Nonfat Milk
 • Low Fat Milk
 • Nonfat Chocolate Milk

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