



Robert Moton Elementary

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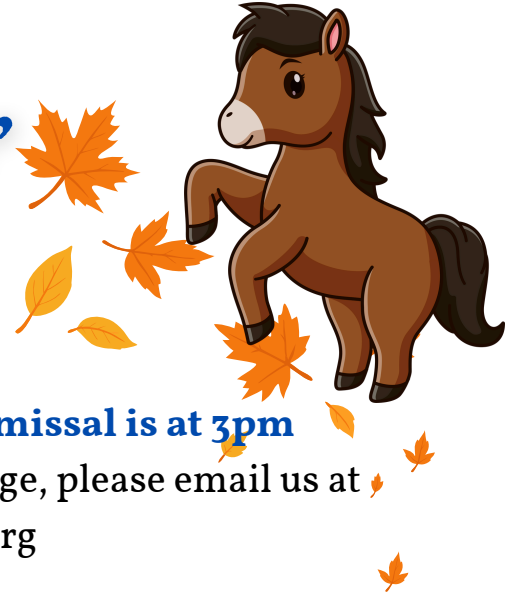
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November 14th, 2025



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

Reminder: You can **NOT** walk your student down to their classrooms for any reason, it is a **Security Risk**, all goodbyes should be said in the lobby

Important Links and Info



[Check out our website](#)



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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

November 18th - Food Pantry Open 3:30 - 4:30

November 20th - Family Advisory Meeting

November 26th - EARLY DISMISSAL - we will dismiss at 12:15

November 27-28 - NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

Weekly Lunch Schedule



November 16-22 2025

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Lunch

MONDAY

17

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

TUESDAY

18

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

WEDNESDAY

19

- 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

THURSDAY

20

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

FRIDAY

21

- Entree Choices
 - Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Chicken and Vegetable Dumplings with Chicken Egg Roll
- Chicken Ceasar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
 - Steamed Broccoli
- 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

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.

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

Join us for our
PTO MEETING

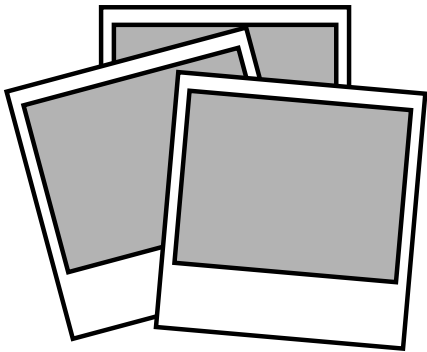
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00pm
in the RME Media Center

Help plan upcoming events, hear what's happening at school and connect with other RME families.

This month, we will be joined by the Carroll County Health Department for a presentation on the resources they offer.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Picture Retakes
November 25th
10:30am-1pm

If your child was absent on the original picture day they will automatically have their picture taken if they are present for retake day

If you want to request your child's picture to be retaken, please have them bring in their old photo packet to hand to the photographer on the 25th



As food costs continue to rise, please remember that our **school Food Pantry is well-stocked and available to all RME families during any school day.**

The pantry will also be open this Tuesday, November 18th from 3:30 - 4:30

If your family could use a little extra support, please don't hesitate to reach out –

✉ Email Mrs. Custance at
mjcusta@carrollk12.org

☎ Or call the school office to schedule a visit.

There are also many community resources in Westminster offering groceries and meals for families. Visit the [website here](#) for more details.

Hello Robert Moton Families,

*We are excited to welcome parents and guardians to visit their students' instructional day during **American Education Week, November 17th to 21st**. We ask that each family choose one day to visit their child's classroom. You will find each grade levels instructional blocks and special area time listed below.*

*To accommodate your schedules, we are not assigning specific days to grade levels, however visitation will be available between **8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. This time will ensure smooth arrival and dismissal for our students.*

RME Visitation Reminders and Guidelines

A reminder that siblings of our students are not permitted to join parents when visiting during American Education Week. If a parent has a specific question, please contact administration.

If a visitor is not a parent or guardian, written permission must be provided in advance for the visitor to visit during American Education Week. This can be emailed to

[*RMEattendance@carrollk12.org*](mailto:RMEattendance@carrollk12.org)

Grade Level	Academic Block Time	Specials Time
PreK	9:00-10:30 12:30-1:30	10:30-11:00
Kindergarten	9:00-12:00 2:00-2:30	1:00-2:00
First Grade	9:00-10:30 12:00-2:00	2:00-2:30
Second Grade	9:00-10:30 11:30-12:00 1:00-1:30	12:00-1:00
Third Grade	9:00-10:30 12:00-1:00 1:30-2:30	10:30-11:30
Fourth Grade	9:00-9:30 10:30- 12:30 1:00-2:00	9:30-10:30
Fifth Grade	9:30-11:00 11:30-12:30 1:30-2:30	9:00-9:30

Visitors who are visiting a child in the PreK classroom should plan on exiting by 1:30 due to student nap time.

Assessments during this week that would not permit parents to visit will be provided by the teacher so families can plan accordingly.

All visitors must provide a current state issued ID or driver's license to the front office when they arrive. Visitors will receive a sticker to wear during the visit

**ROBERT
MOTON
ELEMENTARY**

**FAMILY
ADVISORY
MEETING**

**JOIN US
FOR BREAKFAST
AND
CONVERSATIONS!**

- *Meet other parents*
- *Provide feedback on school programs*
- *Discuss school budgeting*
- *Bring your ideas and concerns to our team*

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

9:00AM - 10:00AM

**BREAKFAST AND
CHILDCARE WILL BE
PROVIDED**



*Play a role in the
decision-making at
RME!*

**RSVP here by
November 17**



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/RMEADVISORY](https://bit.ly/rmeadvisory)

McDaniel's Phi Sigma Sigma sorority is raising money to support our school! Join us for their 5K fundraiser! RME students run for free.



09.15 AM BIB PICKUP
10.00 AM-12.00 PM
SUNDAY, NOV 16TH

MCDANIEL COLLEGE

PHI SIGMA SIGMA FOUNDER'S DAY



+ OPTION TO RUN 1 MILE

REGISTER:
10.01 TO
11.01



FREE: ROBERT MOTON
STUDENTS
\$5: MCDANIEL STUDENTS
\$10: COMMUNITY

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ROBERT MOTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



I'm not sure about you, but I thrive in sunlight and warm weather. When Daylight Savings hits in the fall and the temperatures start to drop, so does my mood! I can tie a direct correlation between these seasons and feeling more irritable or sloth-like. Instead of staying stuck, I have found that if I intentionally look for little glimmers of good and shift my mindset to seek out the positive, that my whole demeanor changes.

It takes some doing to get in the habit of cultivating gratitude.

As I was thinking of how to share my thoughts with you, I found this calendar, made by Elyse at Proud to be Primary and it's so simple and perfect to get you and your family started on a gratitude journey for the month of November!

Each day has a topic where you can identify something you are thankful for based on that theme of the day. Maybe it's a dinnertime conversation or as everyone is going to bed, taking a few minutes to share about what you are grateful for and what your kids think too.

There are so many things that drain our time, resources, and energy. It can be easy to get sucked into a spiral of anxiety and negative thinking. We can all use a little boost to bring more positivity into view!

Gratitude calendar

Reflecting on gratitude performed by _____

food 1	family 2	outside 3	sport or 4 activity	in summer5	hobby 6	place 7
memory 8	subject 9	vacation 10	winter 11	school supply 12	in your closet 13	game 14
season 15	teacher 16	show 17	in your fridge 18	day 19	in your house 20	in fall 21
holiday 22	in spring 23	toy 24	friend 25	movie 26	a skill 27	store 28

The PAX Post

The past 2 weeks have been really exciting as we've been teaching staff about the PAX Good Behavior Game. The PAX Good Behavior Game (GBG) is the culmination of all the kernels and components of PAX that we have been teaching up to this point. Read below for more information.



pax | Good Behavior Game

The PAX Game

- **The PAX Game** is the most proven classroom-based prevention strategy.
- Encouraging children
- to make good choices for themselves and every one else while avoiding negative choices builds
- self-regulation that lasts a lifetime. Research has shown the self-regulation that comes from the PAX
- Game to improve test scores and graduation rates—and even reduce drug addiction, violence, and
- psychiatric disorders when children reach adulthood.

Right away, **The PAX Game** will help students...

- Work better as part of a team.
- Improve their focus on the task at hand.
- Avoid problematic choices and behavior.

In the long run, **The PAX Game** helps students...

- Make positive choices for their futures.
- Actively avoid distracting, harmful, or dangerous behaviors.



**Pencil Tapping
(Drum Solo)**

Suggested Time:

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

1. Where did you get to play the PAX Game today? How did it go?
2. What prize did everyone get?
3. Where else do you think you all should play the PAX Game? Why is that?



How does playing the **PAX Game** make your school more wonderful?

Note: Think about relationships with classmates, how it might help you learn, how it helps your school to be a more peaceful, productive, healthy and happy place.

PAX Game Story

While cleaning up a game of Uno:

“Guess what, we played a game at school today too.”

“Oh, was it a game like Uno?”

“No, we played a PAX Game for five minutes today.”

“How do you play a PAX Game?”

“We are all on teams and we work together to avoid Spleems. Today was the first time we played for five minutes. And all the teams won!”



“All the teams won? How does that work?”

“Every team can win as long as they don’t get too many Spleems.”

“Oh, so everyone has a chance to succeed. So, how many Spleems are allowed?”

“As long as your team gets three or less Spleems, you get to do a Granny’s Wacky Prize.”

“Hey, haven’t you already told me about Granny’s Wacky Prizes?”

“Yes, but it was a different prize this time. We got to make paper airplanes and fly them for 1 minute.”

“That sounds fun. Do you get to choose who is on your team?”



“The teacher puts us on teams, but each team gets to choose their own animal name.”

“Cool, what is your team’s name?”

“We are the jaguars.”

“So, will you be on the same team all year?”

“No, the teacher said we will change teams every three weeks.”

“Ok, so by the end of the year you will probably be on a team with everyone in your class.”

“That’s right, I am going to be on teams with everyone. Even the kids I do not get along with.”

“I guess you will have to figure out how to work together with all of your classmates.”

“Yep, I will be a PAX Leader.”

