



Robert Moton Elementary School

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February 13th, 2026



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

February 13th - 2hr 45min early dismissal - we will dismiss at 12:15

February 17th - Rescheduled 5th Grade Keystone Fieldtrip

February 16th - No school: President's Day

February 17th - Food Pantry OPEN

February 20th - Math Carnival

February 27th - Group Yearbook Photos

Upcoming Lunch Schedule

February 15-21 2026



Robert Moton Elementary
Lunch

MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20
	Entree Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty Hot Ham and Cheese Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tater Tots Corn Smart Crackers Fruit and Vegetable Bar 	Entree Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce with Garlic Cheesy Twiz-Stik Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar 	Entree Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll Hot Dog Corn Dog Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar 	Entree Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Sandwich Southwest Chicken Salad Grab and Go Combo Featured Sides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar

President's Day

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

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**WE'RE
HIRING!**

RME is looking for more cafeteria assistants to help out with students during lunch shifts. If you are interested please reach out to Kelly May at kbmay@carrollk12.org.

RME TITLE I FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

PRESENTS

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**MATH
CARNIVAL**

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**CARNIVAL - STYLE MATH GAMES AND
CARNIVAL FOOD FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY**

**ENJOY FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO
MAKE MATH COME ALIVE!**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:00 - 7:30 PM

**DINNER SERVED FROM 6-7
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES 6 - 7:30**

SNOW DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

RSVP by Friday, Febraury 13
Online here or
email Mrs. Custance at
mjcusta@carrollk12.org



<https://bit.ly/RMEMathCarnival>

Robert Moton Elementary



Title I Family Engagement
Caring for the Children We Share

Robert Moton Elementary Library presents:

Spring 2026 Book Fair

Bring on the Book Joy!

March 23rd-27th

Class Shopping - March 23rd-27th
Family Night - Tuesday, March 24th 5pm-7pm

Shopping Tips

Cash | Card | eWallet will be accepted at the Fair We would prefer if eWallets could be set up in advance for all Class Shopping purchases, but understand if cash is your only option. Please know that we will help your child spend as close to their dollar amount as possible. We will not send home change. Instead, any change leftovers will be added to Share the Fair! We will honor parent requests for "Books Only." Just send a written note with your child's money.

Build an eWallet

[SCHOOL BOOKFAIR SITE LINK](#)

Share the Fair

Share the Fair raises funds to support those in need of financial assistance with Book Fair purchases and RME's library.

Book Hospital

Funds raised at this year's Book Fair will go towards the purchase of new books AND the purchase of supplies needed to repair damaged books. Any effort we can make to rehab a book and get it back on the shelves extends the life of the book AND helps our book budget dollars go further!



More Book Fair Information can be found [SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE](#)

Order Your YEARBOOK



Don't miss out on these memories!

Capture this year's school memories
by ordering your yearbook TODAY!

Order Here:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/robertmotonelementary>



Classic
PHOTOGRAPHY & IMAGING

Below is a link and password to upload photos for the yearbook. Please ONLY submit photos from school events (like a spirit day, field trip, concert, etc.) Password: RoMo26!

<https://books.yearbooks.me/cg/yvqte6acdtb8ypssu6n8ne47jrbsgh94m>

Calling All Artists! DEADLINE EXTENDED!!

Children's Mental Health Matters is accepting submissions for their 2026 Campaign Poster. See information below:

2026 Campaign Poster Contest

Contest Theme: "No Judgment, Just Help"

Calling all young Maryland artists! "No Judgment, Just Help" is more than our theme—it's the mission of the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#). This critical resource ensures no Marylander faces mental health challenges alone.

We're asking Maryland students create original artwork that reflects our theme. The winning artwork will become the official 2026 Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign poster, inspiring people statewide to reach out for support. *The contest deadline is February 21st 2026.*



Here's the link for specifics and submission information: 2026 Campaign Poster Contest - Children's Mental Health Matters

kindergarten

ENROLL NOW

Mark your calendars for kindergarten registration!

Kindergarten registration will be the week of March 9-13

Evening Registration available 03/12 from 4:30-6:30

All students must have legal proof of age, proof of residency, proof of immunizations to enroll in school. Parent or Legal guardian must bring a photo id.
Acceptable Documents (see Below)

PROOF OF BIRTH / AGE

Birth certificate/Passport Visa
Birth registration notice
Passport/Visa
Baptismal or church certification
Hospital certificate – gives child's full name, parent's(s) name, DOB, signed by physician.
Court document indicating birth date.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

SIGNED Lease/Rental Agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent/legal guardian is currently residing (expired lease is not acceptable)
Current Rent Receipt *
Current bill with name and address for service delivered to the home (e.g., BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil, water) * Must be within 60 days of enrollment.
Mortgage Statement/Bill * Must be within 60 days of enrollment.
SIGNED Settlement Document
Property Tax Bill from the current fiscal year indicating "Primary Residence."
Deed (must show house number, street name and name of parent/legal guardian)
Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residency for the owner/ lessee of the property.
Real Property Data Search Report listing parent/guardian name and "principal residence."

PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS:

Clinic record or Physician Office record print out.
DHMH 896 (Immunization Record for the State of Maryland)
Other State Official Immunization records

Blood Lead Testing Certificate - A Blood Lead Testing Certificate must be completed upon a student's first entry into pre-k, kindergarten, or first grade. The form must be signed by a healthcare provider.



Counselor's Corner

"Check out what's
happening with Mrs.
Napor"



I once read a quote that said something to the effect of "The words we speak to our children become their inner voice." And that hit hard. If you asked your children now, "What is something that Mommy always says?" "What is Daddy always telling you?"

Would their responses make you proud or would they make you cringe?

Maybe as we approach Valentine's Day, the day of love, we can make a commitment to speaking more love into the lives of our little people. Did you know, according to studies completed by the U.S. Department of Education, high self-esteem is the single most critical factor affecting school achievement when compared to IQ, reading ability, and verbal ability in younger children.

Self-esteem is the way a person feels about him/herself. Good self-esteem is a way of saying, "I like myself and feel like a worthwhile and capable person." Parents send messages to children about their values, strengths, and competencies on a daily basis. Children develop self-esteem and self-worth in many ways, but the words they use to describe or think about themselves initially come from you, their caregivers.

As parents, communicating to your children that you love them without exception allows them to make decisions, try new things, and still feel safe. Spending time with your children makes them feel cared for and important. Even praise and encouragement communicate to children that you support them and acknowledge the efforts they are making, whether it is in school, extracurricular activities, or daily events.

In times of defiance or poor choices, let your children know that it is their behavior you are unhappy with, and not them. In challenging times when your child is frustrated, help them work through those feelings and figure out a way to solve the problem and meet with success.

If you constantly step in and solve problems for your children, they will learn to depend on you and not on themselves. If you ignore the instances when a problem seems important to your young person, yes, they may figure out what to do, but they may also have determined that you are not someone they can turn to when they need help.

Parenting is a dance of good and bad days. Moments of joy and pride paired with frustration and despair. After all, we are human, doing the best we can with what we have. I will be sharing some scripts and feedback about communicating with our children on my socials this weekend [@schoolcounselingwithmrsn]. Take a look to see if something resonates with you and your parenting journey;

Together we've got this!

The PAX Post

A new month means a new PAX Calendar! I'm excited for the first challenge on Sunday: Read a book. I got some new books from the library right before our snow days. The one I am reading now is a mystery book with some suspense! What book will you read?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Read your favorite book.	2 Happy Groundhog Day! Visit the library and do research about today's holiday.	3 What are you looking forward to this month? Write down a few PAX goals for this month.	4 School Counselors Week! Write a Tootle to your school Counselor.	5 Practice your PAX Breath today.	6 Say "Good morning!" to three people as you arrive at school today.	7 World Read Aloud Day! Read a book to a sibling, stuffed animal, or pet.
8 Put on some music and have a dance party!	9 Brainstorm a new Granny's Wacky Prize to share with your teacher.	10 Did you know? YOU are a PAX Leader all the time.	11 Write or draw a picture about your favorite book.	12 Help with classroom chores today.	13 Write a Tootle to your PE teacher.	14 Write a Tootle to a loved one.
15 What are you looking forward to this week?	16 As a break from homework, doodle for 5 minutes.	17 Presidents Day! How many Presidents can you name?	18 Smile at yourself in the mirror today.	19 Monitor: Check in on your February PAX Goals. What is going well?	20 Ask your Teacher to play a PAX Game today.	21 Part of PAX is PEACE! Take 3 calming, peaceful breaths.
22 Do a Random Act of Kindness today. Share a toy with a sibling or give a loved one a hug.	23 Tell someone why they are a good friend.	24 Recommend a good book to a friend.	25 Fun break! Spend one minute dancing in place.	26 Write or draw something you are proud of this month.	27 Write or draw a picture about your favorite book.	28 National Pancake Day! Ask if you can have pancakes for breakfast or dinner.

Earlier this year we introduced Tootles to staff and students. Now that I think about it, Tootles are a lot like Valentine's. They both recognize the good in someone, and express gratitude for a special person's presence in our lives. Tootles are the opposite of tattles; they are a shout-out for PAX Leader behaviors. The cool thing is that staff can give Tootles to students and students can give Tootles to each other!

This week, 1st grade students had the opportunity to write Tootles for friends and family during their classroom lessons with me. You may have even received one!

The Tootles description is below.



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Good Behavior Game

Tootle Notes

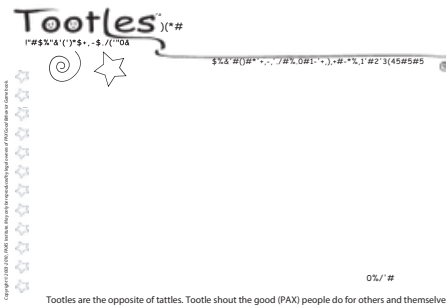
Tootle Notes help students learn to recognize the good in one another. TootleNotes are written notes of thanks that model both showing and receiving gratitude and appreciation. Tootle Notes is a powerful strategy for improving peer relationships and acceptance.

Right away, **Tootle Notes** will help students...

- Seek out and recognize others for the good they do.
- Do less tattling on others.
- Avoid impulsive or problematic choices.

In the long run, **Tootle Notes** helps students...

- Strengthen relationships.
- Learn to receive positive feedback.
- Give positive feedback to others.



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **Tootle Notes**:

1. Who did you write a Tootle Note to today? What did they do that you wanted to say "thank you" for?
2. What did you get a Tootle Note for?
3. Who do you think we should write a Tootle Note for together? Can you teach me how?



Many of our most prized possessions are heartfelt notes from those who care about us. Some of our proudest achievements have been posted on the wall or refrigerator for all to see. **Tootle Notes** capture both of these by communicating authentic feedback from peers or trusted adults.