

The Dino Dispatch

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back Students and Parents! We hope everyone has had a fun summer and is looking forward to a great new year. Carroll County Schools begin before Labor Day this year! The first day for all students is August 31st. We are having our annual Open House for students to visit their new classroom. It will be on Friday, August 28th. We are asking that families with last names from A-L come from 9:00-9:45 and families with last names from M-Z come from 9:45-10:30AM.

Back to School Night (BTSN)—We will have two separate Back to School Nights this year. BTSN is an event for parents to learn about the curriculum and grade expectations. This is not intended for students. BTSN for PreK and Kindergarten parents will be held on August 27th at 6:00PM. BTSN for grades 1-5 will be held on September 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Transportation Form—Thank you to all the parents who completed the transportation survey. The survey is now closed. If you did not complete it, we will be calling you for the information as we must update this information before the start of school. If your transportation modes change at any time during the year, please send the change to eesattendance@carrollk12.org so we can update your child's mode. It is critical that we have accurate transportation daily for each elementary student so we ensure they go home the correct way. If you still do not know your child's bus number, please look it up through infofinderi. That link is [Infofinderi](#).

Homeroom information will be available through Home Access Center beginning August 15th. If you have not signed up for Home Access Center the directions are on the CCPS website under "Quick Links" and also on page 2 of this newsletter. Home Access Center allows you to check attendance information and class information throughout the year. For students in grades 3-5, gradebooks are also visible through Home Access Center (HAC). If you haven't signed up yet, please do so.

Elementary school students **are not permitted to use personal electronic devices at school. Students are not to use a phone or smart watch for texting or phone calls during the school day.** If a student has a **cell phone or smart watch, it is to be silenced/off and stored in their backpack during the school day.** The regulation is available on the CCPS website and will be in our EES Student Handbook. Should you need to get a message to your child, please do so by calling the school office. Students in grades 3-5 will be issued a CCPS laptop. **Parents will need to sign the Laptop agreement annually** for students. Laptops for students in grades 3-5 will be able to be transported between home and school as needed but will primarily remain at school if not needed for home assignments to minimize possible damage. Students in PreK-2 will not have individually assigned laptops. Instead there will be laptops assigned to each class for use.

We have a little library out front! This was a girl scout project that benefits our students. It is in the front of the building near the flag pole.

We do have some personnel changes this year.



New Personnel

Ms. Alexa Strawderman—PreKindergarten

Ms. Ryan Schooley—Third Grade

Mrs. Sarah Hugg—Fourth Grade

Ms. Emma Bean—Fifth Grade

Ms. Karen Rossi—PE (part time)

Ms. Lindsay Hlavka—Health Teacher

Ms. Amy Morrill—Special Education Teacher

Ms. Jannine Miller—Special Education Teacher

Ms. Lindsey Colopietro—Behavior Support Specialist

We are excited to be starting a new year and hope all our students are excited to return as well. Enjoy these last weeks of summer. We'll see everyone soon!

Ms. Bell

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Calendar Events



August

27th BTSN PreK & Kindergarten 6:00 PM

28th Open House
A-L 9:00 - 9:45
M-Z 9:45 - 10:30

28th PTA Kinder Play-date

31st First day of school for all student

September

3rd BTSN Grades 1-5
6:30-8:00 PM

15th PTA Meeting 7PM

18th Early dismissal—11:30

18th PTA Movie Night

New Student Information

Home Access Center Instructions

Log onto Carroll County Public Schools website. From the home page, click on Academics, then on Student and Family Resources. Then click on the icon under Home Access Center (fig1).

HOME > ACADEMICS > STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

Student and Parent Resources

Web Apps

Student Remote Login FAQs

Student Resources

Instructional Resources

Health & Wellness

Google Workspace Notice

Office 365

Office 365

Discovery Education

EDUCATION

Home Access Center

My School Bucks

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

This Form is for CCPS families reporting issues with the following student applications:

- Home Access Center
- Clever
- Office 365
- Google Classroom

If you need to report an issue not listed, please contact your student's teacher or the school media specialist for assistance.

CCPS FAMILY SUPPORT WEB FORM

Fig1

This will bring up the following login page (fig2). Please follow the instructions, noting what to do if this is your first time, or you've forgotten your password. I believe it allows you to link all your students under the one username/password.

Home Access Center

Welcome to Carroll County Public School's Home Access Center. To begin, please enter your **username** and **password**. Your username is the email address where you receive School Messenger communications from your school.

If this is the first time you are logging into Home Access Center or if you have already logged into the site and have forgotten your password, you will need to go through the 'Request/Forgot Password' process via the link below.

User Name

Password

[Request/Forgot Password](#)

[Click Here to Register for HAC](#)

[Click Here to Register with Access Code](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms Of Use](#)

Sign In

fig2

Transportation

We take the safety of your child very seriously. Therefore, it is critical that we know how your student is to dismiss from the school prior each day. Most parents completed the digital survey on transportation so thank you! That makes our job so much easier. Each child will have a ride style wrist band added to their backpack on the first day of school. This band indicates their daily transportation home. Please do not remove this band. It should be left on all year. Pre-K students will also have a red badge on their backpacks. This is a visual for bus drivers so they can quickly identify our Pre-K students.

DO'S/DON'TS

We take our commitment to safety very seriously. We are responsible for sending close to 500 students home at the end of every school day. Accurate, up-to-date information as well as consistency in transportation mode is key to a safe and smooth dismissal. Therefore, please be aware of the following:

Please avoid making frequent and last minute changes to your child's transportation. These changes can increase the risk of a transportation error. ***Any change must be communicated via note or email to eesat-tenance@carrollk12.org prior to 11:00 A.M. that day.***

Students may NOT ride buses other than those to which they are assigned. Riding a friend's bus home to accommodate a play date/after school activity is not allowed. Such arrangements should be made via parent pickup.

PARENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

Our parent pick up/drop off area is located in the back of the school.

Drop off ends at 7:40 to ensure students have time to enter their classrooms before the bell rings.

Parent drop-off is a "pull-up" procedure; therefore, your child must be able to exit your vehicle without assistance.

During Parent pick-up, Parent pick up is also a "pull-up" procedure. **This year we will have a double line—similar to the fast food restaurants. These lines will merge, alternating cars, at the fence so students only enter a single line of cars.** See picture below. Parents routinely using parent pick-up will be issued a number to display in your car window. Please wait in line. Your student(s) will be called for in the order of the line.

If someone other than a parent/guardian is to pick up your child, we require a written note identifying this person. Emergency Contacts CANNOT pick up a student without a written note.

Please remember to drive slowly through the parking lot. Do not pass other cars. Staff and students are walking in this area as cars are loaded, safety is critical.





CAFETERIA NEWS AND NOTES

2026-2027

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year. Meal benefits from last school year (2025-2026) will expire on October 13, 2026.

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.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Elementary: \$1.50

Middle: \$1.75

High: \$1.75

Lunch

Elementary: \$2.50

Middle: \$2.75

High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information are available online!

Visit: <https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com>

or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

Employment

Interested in joining our food services team?

Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or

call 410-751-3040 for more information.

USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER, EMPLOYER AND LENDER.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICE

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online at: www.myschoolapps.com

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

In the event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge breakfasts and lunches. Parent/Guardians will be notified of these charges. A charity account exists to help reduce unpaid meal debt for households with excessive charges. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged.

For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

WELLNESS POLICY

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child.

DONATE

Donations are always welcome to supplement our charge assistance program for those students in need. Contact Food Services at 410-751-3040 to donate or mail checks to: CCPS Food Services, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

In memo line, please write "Charge Assistance Donation"

Meal Account and PIN Information**What is my child's PIN?**

Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique five-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.

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 an account.

- ◆ You will be able to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card or electronic check. *
*There is a service provider fee for credit card/electronic check transactions when using MySchoolBucks.
- ◆ **Free Method Option:** Send in cash or a check to your child's school cafeteria.
The cafeteria manager will add it to the account. Checks should be made payable to your child's school.

The money added to the account using either method can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.

Can I monitor what my child is purchasing?

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com Account set up is free.

Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria. You are only charged a transaction fee from MySchoolBucks if you use the account to deposit funds.

What happens if I forget to add money on my child's account?

If your child does not have cash or money on account, they will be able to charge meals (breakfast and lunch), but NOT snack items. Parent/Guardians will be emailed when a meal is charged so they can repay.

What happens to my account at the end of the school year?

- ◆ Money that remains on your child's account will carry over from year to year.
The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.
- ◆ If your child graduates or no longer attends a CCPS school, use this link to let us know if you would like the account balance transferred to a sibling, donated, or refunded. <https://forms.office.com/r/ieioisp12AQ>
- ◆ **BE SURE TO TURN OFF THE AUTO PAY/REPLENISH FEATURE BEFORE REQUESTING A REFUND**

Is my child's MySchoolBucks account balance automatically transferred from other School Districts/Counties?

Unfortunately, no. You must request a refund from the previous school district/county.

You will also need to change the district to Carroll County in your MySchoolBucks account.

Sending cash or check to school and want to designate fund use?

You can use this form and send it into your student's school cafeteria.

Student's Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

_____ Please place ALL of the money on my child's general account for the purchase of either meals, milk, or snacks.

_____ Please place the money on my child's account, but I want to specify:

\$ _____ for Breakfast & Lunch \$ _____ for Milk or Snacks

Nurse's Notes

Welcome back!! I have an autoreply on my email this summer, but I want to encourage you to reach out to me with any health concerns or changes (ex. injuries/surgeries/diagnoses) your child may have experienced over the summer. smleuen@carrollk12.org

Please feel free to send donations for the health room. Elastic waist shorts/pants are always appreciated. We also can use donations of new children's underwear. Underwear must be in the manufacturer's packaging for us to accept. I was so grateful to all of you who sent items last year!

The following link will be helpful if you require forms or have questions. I'm looking forward to another great year with your children!

[Health Services - Carroll County Public School District](#)

Please take a moment to review the CCPS medication policy.

- All medications, prescriptions, homeopathic preparations, herbals and over the counter (hydrocortisone cream, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Motrin, medicated cough drops (menthol), Neosporin, mouth wash, Benadryl – tablets or topical cream, anti-itch creams, etc.) need a signed authorized prescriber's order and parents' signature for the medication to be administered at school.

- Over the counter medication must be in its unopened original container. No medication will be administered if the bottle is already opened and we do not have the proper orders. I am unable to make any exceptions!

- All prescription medications need to be in a new clearly labeled container. The label must be made by the pharmacy. Inhalers, epi pens and nebulizer solutions must be in their box with the pharmacy label on them.

- Self-carry orders for inhalers or any other medications must be signed by the physician and be on file in the health room.

- **Any students who have transported or carry medication(s) without the proper authorization(s) shall immediately be referred to the school administrator for appropriate disciplinary action. Medications must be brought in by a parent, guardian, or other authorized adult.**

The following items are not considered to be medications and therefore students may carry them without being in violation of our drug and alcohol procedure:

- Chap sticks/lip balm
 - Non-medicated (non-menthol/vitamin C) cough drops
 - Sunscreen/hand creams/lotions
 - Saline nose sprays
 - Saline eye drops, wetting solution
 - Individual size containers of waterless hand sanitizers
- and real tears-contact lens/wetting

Back to School Night

Pre K & Kindergarten will have a separate Back to School Night. Pre-K & Kindergarten Back to School Night will be on **Thursday, August 27th at 6:00 PM.**



Back to School Night for parents/guardians of students in grades **1 through 5** will have an opportunity to meet their children's teachers on **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** These information nights are for **Parents/guardians only**. They will inform parents/guardians of the exciting instructional programs that are being implemented with our children.



Volunteer Training

Please remember that you must be volunteer trained **each school year** to work in the classrooms or chaperone field trips. Volunteer Training should be completed online at

<https://carroll-md.safeschools.com/register/44219678> .

Trainings done last year, regardless of when during the year, are no longer valid. Please make sure you complete the training completely to avoid any interruptions in your volunteer status.

Emergency Procedure Cards

One (1) Emergency Procedure Card per student will be available at Open House or sent home the first day of school. This card is a carbonless, two-part form. It is important to review, complete and return both pages of this document immediately. The information on the card is essential in helping our school personnel provide prompt emergency care for your child in case of illness or accident.

The contacts listed on the emergency card are for the school to use when a parent cannot be reached. If you wish your child to be picked up from school by any adult other than a parent/guardian, for non-emergencies, that request must be sent in writing to the office.

Please notify the school immediately, **in writing**, if the information on this card changes. It is imperative that there is always someone to call in case of emergency.

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EES Vision

Our vision is to work together to educate the whole child with high standards in a safe and nurturing environment.

EES Mission

The mission of EES is to empower all our students to become Respectful, Responsible citizens who are Ready to succeed in the global community.

*"Working Together;
Learning Forever"*

Cafeteria

Our cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch daily. Any child may purchase breakfast and/or lunch. Free or reduced meals will be available to students whose family qualifies for these services. All meals will be served in the cafeteria. Money for school meals can be put in the myschoolbucks account for your child which eliminates money being lost. Cash or check can also be sent in with your child. Please make sure your child's name and teacher is written on the envelope.





Eldersburg Elementary School Supply List 2026-2027

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
1 book bag 12 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) 1 pair scissors 4 glue sticks 1 large pink erasers 1 box of 24 crayons 1 -8-pack of wide markers 6 dry erase markers – black only 2 pocket folders (no fasteners) <i>1 yellow & 1 green</i> 2 composition books - PRIMARY Headphones for computer	1 book bag 1 school box (no zipper pouches) 12 - #2 plain pencils (no mechanical pencils) 1 pair scissors (blunt tip) 4 glue sticks 1 box of 24 crayons 1 - 8-pack of thin markers 6 dry erase markers 2 highlighters 3 marble composition books <i>Wide lines</i> 3 pocket folders with prongs <i>1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green</i> Headphones for computer	1 book bag 1 extra large zipper pencil case 12 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) 1 pkg. of pencil top erasers 1 pair scissors 6 glue sticks 1 box of 24 crayons 8-pack of thin markers 1 - 12-pack colored pencils 6 dry erase markers (thin-tip/multicolored) 1 highlighter 1-1"binder 1-5 pack of dividers 4 marble composition books 1 wide-ruled spiral notebooks 4 pocket folders (no fasteners) <i>1 red, 1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 green</i> Headphones for computer
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Notes to Parents:

Consumable supplies often run out. Please help your child by replenishing supplies during the year as needed. Tissues are appreciated by classroom, special ed teachers, and special areas teachers. Donations of zippered plastic bags, index cards, and sticky notes are always welcomed. Your child's teacher(s) will provide details. Throughout the year, your child's teacher(s) may identify other items for donation that would be appreciated. Thank you.



Eldersburg Elementary School Supply List 2026-2027

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
1 book bag 1 zipper pencil case 12 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) 2 large pink eraser 1 pair scissors 4 glue sticks 1 box of crayons 1 - 12-pack colored pencils 1 - 8 pack thin markers 6 dry erase markers (thick-tip/low odor) 2 highlighters 3 marble composition books 4 pocket folders (with fasteners) <i>1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 purple</i> Headphones for computer	1 book bag 1 zipper pencil case 12 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) Extra Erasers 1 pair scissors 4 glue sticks 1 box of 24 crayons OR 1 - 12-pack colored pencils 6 dry erase markers (thick tip) 2 highlighters 2 - 1-1/2" three-ring binder 3 marble composition books 2 pack of wide-ruled notebook paper 2 pocket folders (with fasteners for 3 holes) Headphones for computer	1 book bag 1 pencil case 12 - pencils Colored pencils or crayons 4 Highlighters – different colors 1 pack of multi-colored pens, felt tip Extra erasers 1 pair scissors 4 glue sticks 6-dry erase markers 1 pocket folder hole punched to go in binder 1 - 1 1/2" three-ring binder 1 package of 8 dividers 3 marble composition books Headphones for computer
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The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.