



Principal's Message

Welcome back! We are so happy to have everyone back in school! We held PreK/K Back to School Night last week and will have Back to School Night for Grades 1-5 this Thursday, September 3rd. This evening is intended for parents to provide information about this year's academics for your child(ren).

Our PTA has many wonderful plans for this year. We hope you will join the PTA and also participate in the fun activities they have planned for the year. They love volunteers but really want family involvement regardless of whether you can volunteer for them this year. You can join by going to their webpage and clicking the login tab.

Please label your child's belongings. We get many lost items (lunch boxes, water bottles, sweaters, etc) turned in that never get claimed. If your child's name is on the belonging, we can easily return a lost item to them. We encourage water bottles. Please use an insulated bottle if possible. If a non-insulated bottle is used, put a can koozie or sock on it to absorb moisture.

PTA continues to collect plastic bags. We have collection boxes outside the front door to make drop off convenient.

A reminder about school security—**No one should be on school property during the day, unless they have checked in through the office.** I know we have a large campus and people like to walk for fitness, but our campus should only be used by the community after 2:45 on school days. Please share this with neighbors who don't have children in school so they can be aware as well to stay off property.

Our conference night sign-up links will be sent out the first week of October, so please watch for that message. We encourage all parents to have a conference on one of the three conference nights.

Ms. Bell

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Upcoming Events Calendar

September

3rd – BTSN Grades 1-5, 6:30 PM
 15th – PTA – 7PM
 18th – Early Dismissal – 11:30 AM
 18th – PTA Movie Night

October

2nd – Fall Picture Day
 15th – Early Dismissal
 15th – Conference Night #1
 16th – No School
 20th – PTA – 7PM
 23rd – PTA – Fall Fun Night





Volunteer Program

Please complete your volunteer training at

carrollk12.org/operation/human-resources/volunteer-program

Cafeteria

Please check your child's cafeteria account via myschoolbucks.com

Please discuss with your child what you intend for them to purchase with their funds. Sometimes students get excited when their friend goes to breakfast or buys extras, so they do it as well without you realizing it.



Transportation



We take the safety of your child very seriously. Therefore, it is critical that we know how your student is to be dismissed from the school each day. Most parents completed the digital survey on transportation so thank you! That makes our job so much easier. Each child had 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 eesattendance@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.
- A new transportation form must be completed if your child's AM/PM transportation has permanently changed and returned to the main office.

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.
- ***Parent pick-up***, Parent pick-up is also a "pull-up" procedure. ***This year we will be using a double line (fast food drive through style-see photo) during pick-up to alleviate cars on Johnsville Road. Cars will merge just before the playground fence so a single line of cars is loading to keep all students safe.*** 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.

Media



Hello from the Media Center! I am so excited to welcome all students to the Media Center. In kindergarten, students have two media classes per week and will only check out books in one class. Students in first through fifth grades have one media class each week and will check out books weekly. Pre-K students visit the media center once a week as part of their literacy block. All students need to return their books in order to check out a new book. Homeroom teachers will share the day that your child has media so you can help them remember to return their media books.

We have ordered hundreds of new books over the summer and are excited for students to begin reading them in addition to the thousands of great books we already have in our Media Center. As always, feel free to contact Mrs. Parsons, SarahParsons@carrollk12.org, with any questions. Welcome back and happy reading!

A Note From The Nurse



Welcome back! My name is Shannon Leuenberger and the school nurse! A couple of reminders as we cc... new year.

The website www.carrollk12.org has most of the health forms that you will need for your student under "Health Services". If you are not sure what you need, please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns.

1. Every medication (even if it is over the counter) must accompany an order from a licensed provider and must be dropped off by a guardian or adult. Students may not transport medications.
2. Students may carry non-medicated cough drops, sunscreen, non-medicated lip balm, saline nasal spray, individual-sized hand sanitizer, and hand creams/lotions for personal use.
3. Please send in an extra set of clothing for your child to keep in their locker. This is important for all ages and will help your child feel more comfortable in his/her day. I do have some clothing available but have limitations in sizing and style.
4. Feel free to send a water bottle with your child to help him/her stay hydrated and healthy. When providing medical forms, please keep a copy of your records. I can provide copies to the families, but I am not authorized to share this directly with other organizations.

I am here during normal school hours, and you are always welcome to reach out to discuss needs and concerns. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your children!

Conference Nights



We will be holding 3 conference nights. We value communication between home and school. Conferences are recommended but not required. This year they will be in person unless requested otherwise by a parent. Our conference dates are October 15th, November 2nd and January 21st. Sign-ups will be through Sign-Up Genius and information will be sent for that link. Conferences are 15 minutes and teachers will need to keep strictly to their schedule. If longer time is needed, they will arrange a follow-up meeting time with you, so the schedule moves smoothly. Parents should only sign up for 1 conference date per child to allow all families to have conference opportunities. We ask that parents not residing together have a joint conference. This ensures consistent information is conveyed to each parent and conserves conference slots for all students.

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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”