Welcome to 4th Grade!.

STEMSS:
Mrs. Horne
Mrs. James
Ms. Zais
IA: Mrs. Ellis



ELA:
Ms. Root
Mrs. Hill
Ms. Yankowski
IA: Mrs. Kohn

4th Grade Information

ELA Homeroom Daily Schedule:

This is the schedule for students who have Ms. Root, Ms. Yankowski or Mrs. Hill in the morning.

8:45-9:15	Arrival
9:15-11:10	Homeroom & ELA Class
11:10	Switch to PM class
11:15-12:15	Specials
12:15-12:45	Recess
12:45-1:15	Lunch
1:15-1:45	Cardinal Time (Extended ELA Block)
1:45-3:45	STEMSS Class
3:45-4:10	Dismissal

STEMSS Homeroom Daily Schedule:

This is the schedule for students who have Mrs. James, Mrs. Horne, or Ms. Zais in the morning.

8:45-9:15	Arrival
9:15-11:10	Homeroom & STEMSS class
11:10	Switch to PM class
11:15-12:15	Humanities
12:15-12:15	Recess
12:45-1:15	Lunch
1:15-1:45	Cardinal Time (Extended ELA Block)
1:45-2:45	ELA (continued...)
2:45-3:45	Specials
3:45-4:10	Dismissal

Supplies:

4th Grade

- 12 #2 sharpened pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pack of colored pencils, 12 ct.
- 2 highlighters
- 6 dry-erase markers (black)
- 1 pack of markers, 8 ct.
- 24 pack of crayons
- 2 large erasers
- 2 marble composition books
- 5 pocket folders with fasteners *(yellow, red, blue, purple, green)*
- 5 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- 1 pack of wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
- Headphones or earbuds (no Bluetooth)

*OPTIONAL: PLEASE SEND IN TISSUES AND PAPER TOWELS.

BE SURE TO REPLENISH SUPPLIES AS NEEDED THROUHOUT THE YEAR.



ELA Content:

Reading	Writing	Word Study
• Benchmark reading lessons grouped by knowledge strands: • "Magazines" with texts of various genres • Comprehension • Metacognition • Vocabulary • Fluency • Speaking & Listening to demonstrate knowledge • Opportunities for independent knowledge-building	• Benchmark writing lessons: • Writing to sources • Writing to text-based prompts Major writing types: • Informational • Opinion • Narrative	• Academic and content-based vocabulary • Word parts • Context clues • Grammar • Review of phonics skills and syllable types



STEMSS Content:

Math Units	Science Units	Social Studies
Unit 1: Place Value (addition and subtraction) **Unit 2:** Multiplication and Division **Unit 3:** Fractions **Unit 4:** Decimals **Unit 5:** Geometry **Unit 6:** Measurement (Metric and Customary) **Unit 7:** Multiplicative Comparisons **Unit 8:** Measurement Problem Solving	**Unit 1:** Ecosystems and Adaptations **Unit 2:** Energy (Electricity and Circuits) **Unit 3:** Waves (Sound and Information Transfer) **Unit 4:** Earth Systems (Erosion)	*Dates: 1450-1783* **Unit 1:** Geographic and Historical Thinking **Unit 2:** Worlds Collide (Changes in Global Societies) **Unit 3:** Resistance, Colonization, and European Expansion **Unit 4:** American Revolution







How can we help at home?

- There will be **unit letters** for each content area that you can review what will be taught in class and **monthly newsletters** with important information about upcoming dates and content for the month.
- **Review** classwork assignments/handouts, quizzes, and tests that get sent home.
- Read 25 minutes every night!
- Practice their addition and multiplication facts for 15 minutes every night!



Updates and Reminders:

- Please remember to check your child's Cardinal Take Home Folder for important communication/reminders from the school. They will have a **monthly calendar** that should **stay in their folder the whole month** so we can update each week.
- "Take home" side papers can be taken out, reviewed, and kept at home. "Bring back" papers need to either stay in the folder or be returned to school.





Grading Policies

- **Your child's grades are found in Home Access Center (HAC) To access HAC, click here.**
- NHI (not handed in)*, PEN (pending), R (retake/redo) are a few codes you would see if there is an assignment missing or has been redone.
- Look for *at least* 5 grades per content area per quarter.
- Teachers have two weeks to grade assignments and enter them into HAC.

*__NHI__ shows as a zero and will affect the student's grade.



Laptops

- We will use laptops again this year in class in order to complete assignments/access resources.

- Laptops will not be sent home unless your student's teacher decides it should go home for an academic reason.

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Water bottles

- "CLEAN UP ON AISLE 4!!!" Spills dangerous and time consuming to clean up throughout the day.
- -ONLY water is allowed to be in reusable bottles
- -Secure lids please
- -Avoid squirt bottles (Gatorade brand)- provoke play.
- -Please put name on water bottle (and all other personal belongings) - dozens of items end up in lost and found!

JH

Parent/Adult Volunteers

If you want to volunteer this year..

Volunteer form link

Volunteer handbook

MAES Special Education Team



Mr. Hildebrand, Mrs. Scott, Ms. Bay, Mrs. Pierce
Ms. Kenney, Mrs. Amoriell, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Trumpler

MAES Special Educators will:

- Work with students individually or in small groups for reading, writing, and math
- Provide individualized instruction as identified on IEPs, including individualized accommodations and supplemental aids

Ms. Kenney
Speech-Language Pathologist

Ms. Kenney provides speech-language services to students who require specialized instruction in the areas of articulation, receptive and expressive language, pragmatics, and fluency.

Speech services are always provided as identified in a student's IEP. Services may be in small groups, individual sessions, or as support in the general education setting.



Ms. Kenney may also provide supports and resources to staff and parents.

mbkenne@carrollk12.org

Meet Mrs. Barnwell
MAE's Reading Specialist

This year Mrs. Barnwell may:

- Work with small groups of children for reading, writing, and/or word study
- Give individual reading assessments to students as needed
- Teach a lesson to the class



Mrs. Couillard
Math Resource Teacher



This year, Mrs. Couillard may …

- Meet with small groups of students to work on math concepts
- Teach a math lesson to the whole class
- Administer math assessments to students as needed

Advanced Academics/Gifted and Talented



Mrs. Blum

Have questions?
JennaBlum@carrollk12.org

Mrs. Blum will be working closely with ELA and math teachers to plan and present instruction that extends and/or enriches the grade level curriculum.

Mrs. Blum and/or the classroom teacher may deliver this instruction within the regular classroom or in a small group setting in the Advanced Academics classroom.

Any student who shows a need for curricular extensions will have opportunities to participate in advanced academic lessons as appropriate.



Mrs. Blum will be holding an Advanced Academics Parent Night during conference night on Thursday, October 15th. More information will be provided later this month.

MAES FAF TEAM



Jocelyn White
Instrumental Music



Debbie Janyska
Physical Education



Laurie Precht
Media Specialist



Matthew Schulz
Health



Laura Bradley
General/Vocal Music



Emily Taylor
Media Clerk



Zach Hinton
Physical Education



Karen Langevin
Art

Instrumental Music: Band & Orchestra



- Who can join?
  - ALL 4th grade students with a desire or curiosity to play an instrument and be a part of a team where EVERYONE plays.
  - Return sign-up form by Wednesday, September 16th
- Band & Orchestra students are:
  - Respectful, Responsible, Resilient
  - Committed to actively participating and being prepared for lessons/rehearsals and performances.
- Lessons/rehearsals:
  - Pull-out, rotational basis: two 30-minute lessons each week; additional rehearsal time prior to concerts
- Concert Dates:
  - Wednesday, December 16th, 2026
  - Wednesday, May 26th, 2027
- Students may participate in **both** instrumental music **AND** Cardinal Chorus!

Singers Wanted: MAES 4th Grade Cardinal Chorus



- Must be…
  - ✓4th Grader
  - ✓Loves to sing!
  - ✓Respectful, Responsible, Resilient
  - ✓An active & committed member of the ensemble during rehearsals & concerts
- Rehearsal Time
  - ➢Wednesdays from 1:15-1:45
- Concert Dates
  - ❖Wednesday, December 16, 2026
  - ❖Wednesday, May 26, 2027
- Students may participate in both instrumental music *and* chorus!



Scan here to access the online permission form for Cardinal Chorus!

We look forward to a successful school year!

