

MES Week-At-A-Glance

September 11, 2026

MES Vision Statement

The community of Mechanicsville Elementary School will collaborate to provide a safe, inclusive environment, where students feel valued, supported socially, emotionally and academically while building a foundation for lifelong learning in all students.

Important MES Dates

Tuesday, September 15th

Grades 1-5 Back to School Night- 5:30-7:00pm

5:30-Administrative Team Shares Information in the Gym (All families 1-5 who did not attend PreK/Kindergarten Back to School Night)

6:00-6:30- Rotation #1 in Grade Level Classrooms

6:30-7:00- Rotation #2 in Grade Level Classrooms

We offer two rotations in classrooms so families can visit more than one grade level if needed.

Thursday, September 17th

PTA Meeting at 7:00pm- Media Center-To join online see link below

Chik-Fil-A fundraiser, 12:00 – 8:00pm -Mobile Orders Code- MES2026

Friday, September 18th

1:15pm Early Dismissal

Friday, October 2nd

Fall Picture Day- Individual Pictures

Monday, October 19th- November 1st

Project ACES

Volunteer Training

Annual Application Approval **status expires on the last day of each school year.**

Volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Application Form each school year to begin the volunteer approval process.

Volunteer Screening-The screening of all volunteers is important to ensure the safety of students, staff, and other volunteers. Requests to volunteer are delayed until the screening process is completed. Once the screening process is completed, volunteers will be emailed to confirm their volunteer status. This may take up to 10 days.

If you are interested in volunteering in the school this year, please complete the information for training by following the link below!

Volunteer Program - Carroll County Public School District (carrollk12.org)

Home Access Center

We want families to be well informed about how their student is performing in each of their subjects. We encourage parents/guardians to check the MES Folder each night, discard items on the "Keep at Home" side and review/complete any necessary information on the "Return to School" side of the folder.

Additionally, gradebooks for students in grades 3-5 can be viewed using the CCPS Home Access Center link. The account can be accessed using the link below.

Login

You can view student attendance, grades (3-5), and current schedule through this site. It is important for all families to visit the account throughout the year to be informed regarding student progress.

MES Spirit Wear

- Up to 35% off sitewide
- Free Shipping on orders over \$85
- [Click Here](#)

Updates from the MES PTA

PTA Membership Drive

Join the PTA by October 16th and be entered into a drawing for a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card! Your \$10 directly supports our teachers and students.

[Click Here](#)

ClassroomParent FREE School Directory

ClassroomParent is the PTA sponsored school directory where you can connect with other families. For more information and to register your student visit: [Classroom Parent](#)

You can find "How to Guides" for promoting students and registering new students here: [How to Guides](#)

MES PTA September Meeting

Join us at the first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 17th @ 7pm in the Media Center or join virtually using the info below. Free childcare is available upon request! Please email mechanicsvillepta@gmail.com

<https://teams.microsoft.com/me...>

Meeting ID: 285 212 982 441 580

Passcode: md7Nf3hf

Attendance Information

Attendance – Just a reminder that attendance should be reported to the school by 10:00AM.

Absence: The preferred method is email (mesattendance@carrollk12.org Or call 410-751-3510.

Tardiness and Early Dismissal: If your student is late or leaving school early, please send a signed note with your student or email mesattendance@carrollk12.org

Bus passes: A change in bus is to be used for **emergency purposes and childcare only**. In the case that a bus pass is needed, both parents must send a note either in writing or via email to the attendance email. We will not issue a bus pass if we do not have consent from both students' parents.

Vacations/Planned Activities- We recommend that parents plan vacation when school is not in session, however, we realize that students are sometimes absent for family vacations or other activities. A request in writing to mesattendance@carrollk12.org must be submitted to the Main Office for approval. We ask for advance notice of planned absences to coincide with the length of the absence (e.g., 3 days' notice for a 3-day absence, 5 days' notice for a 5-day absence, etc.).

School Counselor Updates

Welcome back to our returning Mustangs, and welcome to our new Mustangs! I am so excited to see all of our new and returning faces! [Click here to see](#) this month's newsletter and some strategies for [separation fears](#) during back to school. Here is an [additional document](#) specifically for incoming kindergartners!

Cafeteria Charge Account Reminder

Our cafeteria sells snacks during their lunch break. Students can make purchases using cash or their My School Bucks Account. Parents/Guardians, please remind your students of the balance they have left on their My School Bucks lunch account. This will alleviate the long lines when students are purchasing snacks and might not have enough funds in their account.

Breakfast \$1.50 — Lunch \$2.50

Birthday Invitations and Celebrations

We want to remind families that schools are not permitted to be the location for the communication of birthday invitations. Schools are also not able to distribute any store bought or homemade food items to students. MES Families may use the directory organized by the PTA to help with the facilitation of communication between families. Classroom Parent Website/Directory:

<https://mes.classroomparent.com/>

Weis4School Program and Box Tops for Education for NCMS

Please use this link to register your Club Card and help us raise money for Mechanicsville Elementary School [weis4school](#). You can also ask your cashier to tie

your total to Mechanicsville Elementary School at every checkout.
Download the **Box Tops for Education app** on your phone and add Mechanicsville Elementary School.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

My School Bucks

Mechanicsville Elementary is now able to accept credit card payments for Field Trips and other items through MySchoolBucks! Simply follow the directions below to get started.

For more detailed instructions, please access the MySchoolBucks Parent User Guide below.

1. Navigate to www.myschoolbucks.com to get started.
2. Sign up for an account if you do not already have an account set up for school lunches.
3. Sign into your account.
4. Link your account to your CCPS student.
5. Under the "School Store" tab select the item you wish to pay for and add to your cart, and checkout using your credit card.

CCPS MySchoolBucks Parent User Guide.pdf

Schools Now Accepting Credit Card Payments for Student Laptop Fees/Media Fines

With the integration of My School Bucks (MSB) to Destiny, schools now have the capability to accept electronic payments for student laptop fees and lost/damaged book fines. If a parent/guardian elects to pay the school directly by cash or check, please make checks payable to MES, or bring in exact change if paying in cash.

Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting System-

With the new year upon us, this is a good opportunity to remind our parents/guardians and students of our procedures related to reporting bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Our school is committed to establishing and promoting a safe, non-threatening environment for all students to learn. The Bullying Reporting System or the Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form should be used to report alleged incidents of bullying, harassment, or intimidation that occurred during the current school year on school property, at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property, on a school bus, on the way to and/or from school, or through electronic communication on or off school property. Please use links below to access the reporting system and for additional information.

[Incident Reporting - Carroll County Public School District](#)

CONSENT AND RELEASE 2026-2027

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

CCPS Legal Notices

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

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

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

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.