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School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are already settling into our third week of school! We are so proud of how smoothly our students and staff have transitioned into the new school year. Classrooms are buzzing with learning, and students are becoming comfortable with routines and expectations. Thank you to our families for your patience, support, and partnership as we work together to make this a successful year for every student.

There is lots of excitement ahead as we prepare for our **WES Fun Run on Friday, September 25!** Be sure to register your child, get started with fundraising, and watch for information about our upcoming Spirit Week. Read the PTO newsletter for additional Fun Run information and details. We look forward to celebrating together!

Finally, we invite families to join us for our **first PTO meeting of the year on Thursday, September 17.** This is a great opportunity to learn more about PTO, hear what is planned for the year, and find ways to get involved in supporting our students and school community. We hope to see you there!

FaRM's Applications

Meal benefits from last school year (2025-2026) will expire on October 13, 2026.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at:
www.myschoolapps.com

Your application for Free and Reduced Meals benefits your family as well as our school, allowing our school to continue receiving Title 1 Funding and additional resources.

Important Dates

9/17/26 - ESOL Parent Night, 5:30 p.m. / PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
9/18/26 - Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.
9/24/26 - Fall pictures
9/25/26 - Fun Run
10/14/26 - Parent Teacher Conference Night
10/15/26 - Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.
10/16/26 - Schools Closed

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Instrumental Music

4th Grade Students and Families - Instrumental music signup forms have been sent home with all 4th grade students. **Completed forms are due by Thursday, September 17. If you are signing your child up online, the online signup is due by Friday, September 18 at 9:00 AM.** If you have any questions about the instrumental music program, please contact Mr. Thompson at BrianThompson@carrollk12.org. We hope to see your child in the WES instrumental music program this year!

Home Access Center (HAC)

Login - Link to login to the HAC platform
HAC Parent Guide - Answers to general questions and login issues
CCPS Family Support Web Form - Family link to help with technical difficulties if the parent guide was not helpful

Volunteer Training

Training must be completed every year to volunteer at WES. This includes field trip chaperones, Fun Run and Play Day volunteers, classroom volunteers, assembly volunteers, etc. To be selected as a fieldtrip chaperone, volunteer training must be completed at least 7 school days prior to the field trip. Click **HERE** to take the online training.

Attendance & Dismissal

To report an absence, late arrival or change in dismissal, please send a note or email to wesattendance@carrollk12.org. Students who arrive at 9:25 a.m. are considered late and must be signed in at the front office by an adult to receive a late pass. **The cutoff for dismissal changes is 2:00 p.m.** Phone calls will not be accepted. If you need to make a change after 2:00 p.m., please call the school to speak to an administrator.

Carriders will be dismissed through door #6. If you still have your pickup sign from last year, please plan to reuse it. If you need a replacement, please let the front office know.

NEW Due to construction, **walkers** will be dismissed to a parent through the main front entrance at 4:00 p.m.

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Lunch With Your Child

We welcome parents to our cafeteria to have lunch with their child; however, we ask that you please allow us to establish cafeteria rules and routines first before visiting your child during their lunchtime. **We will begin allowing parents to have lunch with their child beginning the week of September 28th**. Please adhere to the following rules before you have lunch with your child:

1. Only for parents and legal guardians.
2. No soft drinks/soda.
3. Must sit at the "Family Table" with your child only.
4. Parents cannot purchase lunch from cafeteria.
5. No siblings.
6. Please arrive 10 minutes early before lunch time to check in at the office. ID is required.
7. Check out at office upon leaving.

Meal Account and Pin Info

Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a 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. Parents can find their child's PIN in the Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section.

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.
- Send in cash or a check to your child's school cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to Westminster Elementary School.

View school meal menu by clicking **here**.