



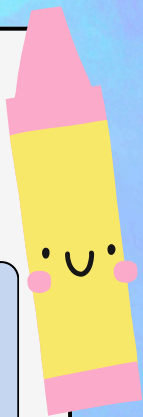
WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY

School Newsletter

9:00 a.m. Doors open

9:25 a.m. Bell Rings

4:00 p.m. Dismissal



Principal's Message

Celebrating a Great Start!

What a wonderful first month of school! Thank you to everyone who helped make another FUN RUN a tremendous success. We are especially grateful to our PTO and PE Department for the time, energy, and creativity they put into planning such a great event for our students. We appreciate the support of our families and staff in making the day so much fun!

We are excited for all that October has in store, including our Regional SRIP Night, Parent-Teacher Conference Nights, our first family engagement event of the school year, and our Book Fair. We look forward to another month of learning, connecting, and celebrating together!

Parent-Teacher Conference Night

Our fall Parent-Teacher Conference Nights will be held on October 14, October 29, and November 12 from 4:30–7:30 p.m. Links to schedule a conference with your child's teacher will be shared with families through School Messenger on Friday, October 2.

To ensure that all families have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, please sign up for only one conference slot per teacher. If you have questions about scheduling or conferences, please contact your child's teacher directly.

FaRM's Applications

If your family needs assistance with school meals, please complete the form for Free and Reduced Meals. All students can receive free breakfast every day and meal benefits can apply to lunch each day. Other benefits may be applied as well if you have other students in other schools.

[Apply using this link](#) (multiple languages are available online).

If you have any questions regarding meal benefits, please contact our Parent Liaison, Stacie Houston at sahoust@carrollk12.org.



Important Dates

10/14/26 – Parent Teacher Conference Night
10/15/26 – Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.
10/16/26 – Schools Closed
10/20/26 – Title I Inventor's Night, 5:30 p.m.
10/22/26 – KG Field Trip to Summer's Farm
10/25/26 – Trunk-or-Treat at West Middle, 4:00 p.m.
10/26–27/26 – Dental Clinic
10/26–30/26 – Book Fair
10/28/26 – 5th grade Field Trip to BSO & Zoo
10/29/26 – Parent Teacher Conference, Book Fair Family Night, 4:30 p.m.
10/30/26 – Maryland Science Center Assembly, 9:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m.





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Family Night Announcement

Our first Family Night of the year is coming up on Tuesday, October 20! We will be hosting "Inventor's Night" for all families from 5:30–7:30. Dinner is included and we will have an interpreter available. See flyers below and sign your family up so we have enough pizza for you 😊

[WES Inventor's Night](#)

[WES Inventor's Night \(Spanish\)](#)

[Sign your family up using this link!](#)

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

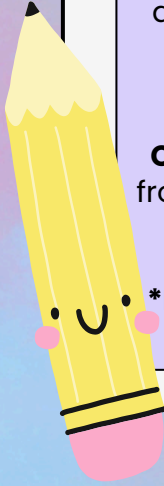
Training must be completed every year to volunteer at WES. This includes field trip chaperones, Fun Run and Play Day volunteers, classroom volunteers, assembly volunteers, etc. To be selected as a fieldtrip chaperone, volunteer training must be completed at least 7 school days prior to the field trip.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





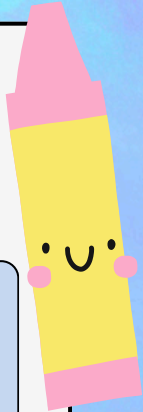
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Dental Clinic



Westminster Elementary is once again partnering with a mobile dental program to offer dental cleanings and preventative care for students at school beginning on **October 26, 2026!**

Parents can enroll their student(s) to take advantage of this opportunity online or by completing and signing a paper permission form and returning it to school.

Enroll online here:

https://www.myschooldentist.com/WECCMD_schsrn

Parents or guardians who need help with enrollment, updating information, opting out, or deciding if the program is a good fit should contact the Patient Support Call Center at: ☎ (800) 409-2563

Multilingual assistance is available.

Meal Account and Pin Info

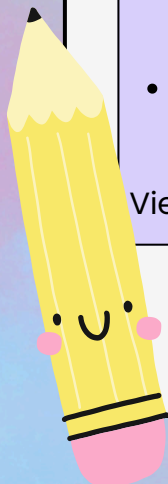
Parents can find their child's PIN in the Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section.

Please work with your child to learn their pin number. This number will stay the same from kindergarten to 12th grade and they must enter it whenever they come through the cafeteria line for breakfast, lunch and snacks.

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](#).



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Message from the PTO

Our WES Fun Run event was incredible! Thank you to our volunteers who made this such a fun experience for our students.

We've made great progress toward our goal of \$30,000 for Field Trips, Assemblies, Equipment, Supplies, and the Panda Store and we're so close!

[MyBooster.com](https://www.mybooster.com) will remain open for a few more days, which means we still have time to reach our goal. Keep sharing your page, keep collecting donations, and let's finish what we started!

Our fundraising site will close this week so please remember to use your Reward Store points and choose your prize(s) by Wednesday, 9/30 @ 8AM! Students will receive their prizes via their homeroom teacher within 1-2 weeks. **[See more reward store FAQs here](#)**
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Thank you again for your support of our WES Fun Run fundraiser!

SchoolStore Starting Soon!

Be on the lookout for a colorful Book Buddy Lanyard coming home soon!

You will find important information about a safe and easy way your family can help our school get the essential tools our students and teachers need to succeed. It will also let you know how your child can win fun prizes just for helping!



Construction Signs

Just a friendly reminder to please follow all posted signs and parking guidelines. Please do not move or remove any signs indicating that parking is not permitted. We appreciate your cooperation and your help in keeping the area safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you!