



Westminster Elementary Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This week we recognize Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11). We encourage you review a few simple safety practices together at home:

- 🔔 Check that your smoke alarms are working properly.
- 🏠 Review your family's escape plan and practice how to get out safely.
- 📞 Talk with your child about calling 911 in an emergency.

We also look forward to seeing you at our Science Guys STEM night event on Tuesday, October 7 for a wonderful opportunity to have dinner, complete math activities, and learn about the states of matter together. As the weather continues to cool, please remember to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing each day so they can stay comfortable and safe during recess and outdoor activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/7/2025 - Title 1 Night: Science Guy
- 10/08/2025 - Green Club Trip to Philip Merrill
- 10/15/2025 - KG Trip to Summers Farm
- 10/15/2025 - PTO Meeting
- 10/16/2025 - Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m
- 10/17/2025 - Schools Closed
- 10/23/2025 - 5th Grade Trip to Philly, PA
- 10/26/2025 - Trunk or Treat at West Middle
- 10/28/2025 - Conference Night # 1
- 10/30/2025 - 4th Grade Trip to Aquarium
- 10/31/2025 - 1st Grade Trip to Farm Field

**** REMINDER: To volunteer for PTO events, field trips, playdays, etc, volunteer training must be completed at least 7 school days prior to the event. Click [HERE](#) to take the online volunteer training ****

DISMISSAL CHANGES

If you have given permission for your child to attend any afterschool, non-CCPS-sponsored activities (Girls on the Run, Good News Club, etc.), please inform the school office of the change in dismissal by emailing WESAttendance@carrollk12.org by 2:00 p.m. Please include the student's full name as well as CC the student's teacher so your child's teacher is aware as well as the office staff. This will ensure that your child's teacher knows where to send them at the end of the day. **If you need to make any dismissal changes after 2:00 p.m., please call the school to speak with an administrator.**



SCHOOL HOURS

- 9:00am - Doors open for students
- 9:25am - Bell rings*
- 9:30am - Instruction begins
- 4:00pm - Dismissal begins

***Students must be in their seats by 9:25 am to be considered on time and marked present. To report an absence, late arrival, early dismissal or a change in dismissal, please send an email to WESAttendance@carrollk12.org.**

CHORUS NEWS

Attention 4th and 5th grade chorus members and families

The 4th and 5th grade chorus has been invited to participate in a special concert for Bridging Life Hospice Center.

Save the date: Dec 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Any 4th or 5th grade student who would like to be apart of the chorus is allowed to participate. Mrs. Bargerstock will be speaking with students in their music class next week and sending home a permission slip with more information.

Look for more details to follow soon!





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HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER

Our school nurse may need to contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day. It is very important that we have accurate, up-to-date phone numbers and that you are reachable should we need to call. Please also remember to update your emergency contacts throughout the year if there are any changes. Keeping this information current ensures we can reach someone quickly in case of illness or emergency.

FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

- Apply for Free & Reduced Meals (FaRM)! If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the Free and Reduced Meals application by going to:
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>
- Why It Matters: The more families enrolled in the FaRM's program, the more funding, resources, and support services our school receives. Even if you're unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply and find out. The application is quick and confidential. Thank you for supporting our school community!

PROJECT ACES JOURNAL REMINDER

Please remind your student to return their completed and signed Project ACES journal to their teacher starting October 6th. Journals will be accepted through October 10th. If your student needs a replacement journal, they can see Mrs. Aquino. Thank you for your support!

FARM TO SCHOOL HARVEST

Farm to School Harvest is here and the cafeteria line is overflowing with an abundance of local produce. Be sure to load up your school meals with the fruits and vegetables grown in Carroll County. Fresh cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, and of course Apples from Baughers.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Car-riders - Car riders are dismissed through **door #6**. If you are the parent of a car rider, please do not park and pull your student from the car or walker line. Instead, please come in through the front door of the building and retrieve your child through communicating with the office.

Walkers - Walkers are dismissed through the front of the building at **door #4** in the Fine Arts Wing. This door is the closet exit to the walker crosswalk and safest for our walkers.

If you request a "parent pick-up" for a dismissal change, please indicate if your student will be a car rider or walker. A student can either be a walker or a car rider; they cannot be both. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.