November Newsletter

Happy THANKSGIVING

From the Principal

November is here and we are finished the first quarter of this school year. Report cards will be sent home on November 11. Please take time with your child to reflect on the quarter and make goals for the second quarter. These goals can be focused on academic, attendance, morning/evening routines or behavior.

Important Reminders

CAR RIDERS: STUDENTS SHOULD BE ENTERING AND EXITING THE CAR ON THE PASSENGER SIDE BY THE CURB. PARENTS SHOULD STAY IN THEIR CARS FOR SAFETY AND TIMELINESS.

MEAL BENEFITS: Apply anytime at https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict

ATTENDANCE and DISMISSAL CHANGES: Absences need to be reported by 9am and any dismissal changes must be communicated to the office in writing by 2:00pm.

410-386-4440 or CSEAttendance@carrollk12.org

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 10: Family Night: Starry Math Night (5:30-7:30)
Nov. 12: PTA Meeting (4:30) AND Texas Roadhouse Restaurant Night
Nov. 17: Parent Learning Night: Focus on Fluency (5:30-6:30)
Nov. 16-20: American Education Week
Nov. 20: 1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 25: 1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 26-27: School Closed: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3: Conference Night

Online Resources

Scan the codes or use the links below:

Lunch Menu

MySchoolBucks

Bullying Resources

PARENT READING NIGHT

TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM
CSE MEDIA CENTER



Parent Reading Night will focus on fluency; giving you strategies and resources you can use at home to increase your child's reading fluency.
Sign up to attend here.
Childcare is provided and an interpreter will be available.

American Education Week
November 16-20

Our school will be open to parents this week for you to visit your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to see your child and their teacher in action. **Visitors are welcome during from 9:30-3:00 each day, however, we cannot accommodate any visitors during lunch or recess time.**

Look for more information as it gets closer.
Visitors will need ID to enter the building.

CSE Family Night
November 10, 2026
5:00-7:00

Starry Math Night!

Bring the whole family for dinner and an evening of fun Family Math Activities.

Sign up online!
or scan this QR Code

Hosted by our Title 1 Family Engagement Program.
Questions? Contact our Parent Liaison, Stacie Houston, at sahoust@carroll12.org





Kindergarten went to Bear Branch Nature Center!





Attendance Matters

September

Schoolwide Attendance:

96.76%

Kindergarten: 97.25%

1st Grade: 97.43% WINNER

2nd Grade: 97.23%

3rd Grade: 96.44%

4th Grade: 96.14%

5th Grade: 96.78%

Congrats to 1st grade!

READING FLUENCY SPOTLIGHT

FLUENCY TIPS & TRICKS FOR FAMILIES

5 SMALL STEPS AT HOME MAKE BIG READING PROGRESS!

Reading fluency means reading accurately, smoothly, and with expression. Just a few minutes of practice each day can help your child become a more confident reader!

1. 📖 **Read Together for 5 Minutes**
Take turns reading a favorite book, a page at a time, or read together aloud. A little practice every day goes a long way!

2. 🔁 **Read It Again!**
Encourage your child to reread a favorite page or short passage two or three times. Repeated reading helps words become easier and reading sound smoother.

3. 🎭 **Use Your Funny Voices!**
Read like a robot, a mouse, a giant, or a storyteller. Practice changing your voice to match punctuation, characters, and emotions!

4. 👂 **Be a Reading Role Model**
Read a sentence aloud first while your child follows along. Then have your child read the same sentence. Hearing a fluent reader provides a helpful example.

5. ⭐ **Celebrate Progress, Not Perfection**
Praise your child for trying tricky words, using expression, and correcting mistakes. Build confidence by celebrating effort rather than focusing only on speed.



Growing Gratitude, Kindness, and Compassion

November is a wonderful time to slow down and notice the people and moments that make our lives special. Practicing **gratitude, kindness, and compassion** helps us build stronger friendships, happier classrooms, and a more caring community.

💙 Practice Gratitude

Gratitude means taking time to appreciate the people and things that bring us joy. Encourage your child to share one thing they're thankful for each day—it could be a family member, a friend, a favorite activity, or even a beautiful sunny day!

😊 Spread Kindness

Small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Holding the door, inviting someone to play, giving a compliment, or helping with a chore are simple ways children can brighten someone else's day.

💙 Show Compassion

Compassion means noticing when someone may need a little extra care. Encourage your child to think about how others might be feeling and ask, **"is there anything I can do to help"** A smile, kind words, or simply listening can help someone feel supported.

Remember: Gratitude helps us appreciate what we have, kindness helps others feel valued, and compassion reminds us that everyone deserves care and understanding. Together, these small actions can make a big impact!

Birth to Kindergarten Program

Supporting Young Children and Families from Birth to Kindergarten
Do you have questions or concerns about your child's development or learning?
The Birth to Kindergarten Program connects Carroll County families with early intervention, evaluations, preschool special education services, and other supports for children from birth through age five.
👶 Birth to Age 3
The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program (CCITP) provides early intervention services for eligible children under age 3. Services and evaluations are provided at no cost to families when determining eligibility.
Referral:
📞 410-876-4437
🌐 Online Infant & Toddler Referral
🧒 Ages 3–5
Child Find helps identify children who may be eligible for preschool special education and related services.
If you have concerns about your child's development or learning, you do not need to wait for someone else to recommend a referral.
Referral options:
🌐 Online Child Find Referral
📞 410-876-4437
📧 BirthtoKindergarten@carrollk12.org
🌐 Learn More
Visit the Birth to Kindergarten Program webpage for information about services, supports, referrals, and resources:
Carroll County Public Schools — Birth to Kindergarten Program
Questions?
Birth to Kindergarten Program
📞 410-876-4437
📧 BirthtoKindergarten@carrollk12.org



Parent's Right to Know

The federal "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)" of 2015 requires all school systems to notify parents of their right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher and any paraprofessional providing services to the child. If you would like information regarding the certification and/or licensure qualifications of your child's teacher(s), please visit this Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) site . If you are unable to access the link or need information regarding your child's paraprofessional(s), please submit a written request to the individual listed below:

Director of Human Resources
Department of Human Resources
Carroll County Public Schools
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

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