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CARROLL-OAKLAND
THE SOARING SENTINEL

CARROLL-OAKLAND's 2026-2027 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

By: Milena Tolley

The Carroll-Oakland, 2026-2027 teacher of the year is Mr. Bornot. He sets an amazing example for everyone at Carroll-Oakland, students and faculty alike. Mr. Bornot loves all of his students and enjoys teaching very much. During an interview, he said, "I want to be able to influence young adults, before they become a 16 year old know it all." He wants his students to succeed in every aspect in life. He enjoys teaching science because it allows him to make his classroom fun and a good learning environment. He wants to make learning enjoyable and relatable.





He gives his students candy when they get questions right to encourage them to participate. He prioritizes students learning from their mistakes rather than being disheartened. He said he wanted to be a teacher because he wants to "be a legacy". Individuals will remember how I helped them." Mr. Bornot has been an educator for five years and has always taught science. What is your favorite Mr. B memory?



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VETERANS DAY

By: McKinley Miller

Veterans Day is an official U.S. federal holiday observed annually on November 11th that honors all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces (alive and dead). Veterans are men and women that have fought for our freedom. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th because World War 1 ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Carroll-Oakland hosted an assembly on Friday, November 13 for veterans. Students sang songs and made videos that say "thank you" or talk about their family members that have been in the war to show our thanks to the veterans. We thank our veterans for their service by attending community events and supporting military families.





CO'S THEATRE PROGRAM

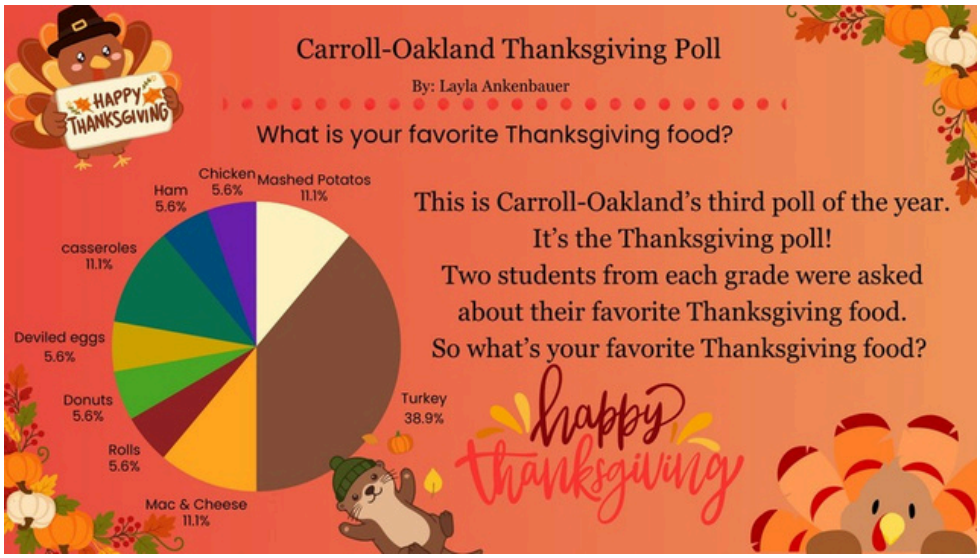
By: Chloe Cropf

Every year at Carroll-Oakland, we host a musical of any sort. This year it is Aladdin Jr. Mr. Morgan, Mrs. LeBrec and Mrs. Enns are the directors of the musical. They are going to help us achieve an amazing and entertaining play. Mr. Morgan said." I hope to get more students interested in the play, and have a lot of fun and I hope to build a bigger theater program." Last year, students got to vote on the play. He selected a variety of songs and let them pick which one they wanted. Mr. Morgan, Mrs. LeBrec and Mrs. Enns will hold an interest meeting on November 20 and auditions will be held on December 2 and 3. You might not want to be on stage and you don't have to. You can do backstage. That means you can help with costumes, hair and makeup, lights, sounds and help making props or moving on props. Let's have a great musical this year and fly high on a magic carpet.

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

By: Aubrey Frey

Girls flag football is going to be a new sports team joining Carroll-Oakland this school year. This sport will be during the spring, around the same time as softball and baseball. Flag football is almost the same as regular football, but instead of tackling the other players, you pull a flag on their waist. Tryouts were November 6th. Aubrey Frey, Sibbie Jones, Caroline Shaw, Aubrey Bell, Lilliana Ristich, Lily Padilla, La'Kyia Hastings, Rylee Dillon, Milena Tolley, Arianna Williams, Willow Reeves, Laekyn King, Austyn King, Rainsley Reynolds, Kylin Campbell, and Bristol Ardissono all made the team. Flag football plans on having 5 work outs before winter break. Once winter break is over, the team will begin practicing for the upcoming season. All the girls that made the team are ready to take on the new season!







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Thanksgiving Break

By: Adeline Floyd

Thanksgiving break is a fun time of the year. Thanksgiving break is where there's NO SCHOOL for up to five days! It is a time for fun, family, friends, chilly weather, and a time to relax! If you feel tired and need a break from school, or anything else, Thanksgiving is the time for you. Playing outside in the chilly fall weather is a great way to spend your time, rather than just being on your phone. This is a time where you can enjoy being around family as well.

The reason we go on Thanksgiving break is for Thanksgiving Day itself. Thanksgiving Day is a time to say what you are thankful for. For example, you could be thankful for your family, relaxation, or spending time with friends. This is also a time for food! All of the food around you can look like the biggest feast of your life! So... what do you do on Thanksgiving break?

Spot the 4 Differences

By: Hillary Trice and Emmalee Bringhurst





Honor Choir

By: Avery Smallwood

Wilson County Honor Choir took place on November 2nd. Talented singers went to First Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet. The students were selected on talent and behavior, and it is a great accomplishment to go participate. Students arrived at 8:30 a.m. and got to work at about 9 a.m. The kids are split into three groups: 5-6th grade, 7-8th grade, and high school. Every group worked hard all day to learn 3 songs each. When the students first got split up into their age groups, the instructors gave a warm-up. These warm-ups can calm nerves, get students focused, and warm-up their voices. The instructors assessed where all the students were at in the songs and worked with them from that spot to improve. At the end of the day, many family and friends show up to a concert held in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet to hear the students perform the songs they learned throughout the day. One of the songs sung by the 7th and 8th grade group was called, "Love Never Leaves." It was about somebody you love passing away, but you know the love that you had for them will always be with you. Some students came to the Honor Choir knowing none of their music and left feeling like it was engraved in their brains.

Rocky Top Memorial

By: Gracie Anderson, Maria Duarte, and Adelia Hernandez-Buck

Rocky Top, Mrs. Vanatta's beloved guinea pig, has sadly passed away, leaving behind a legacy of sweet and quirky moments. While Mrs. Vanatta holds her own favorite memories close to her heart, four of her students from last year also gathered to share their fondest recollections of the little companion, celebrating the joy he brought into their classroom.

Since Mrs. Vanatta first welcomed Rocky Top to the classroom in 2024, he became a beloved part of the class. His passing over summer break left a quiet space in the room and a hole in the students' hearts. To honor him, we asked classmates to share their favorite memories. Brayden Boldin loved getting to hold him, while Kylin Campbell will always remember him flipping his house over and squeaking.

Emilea Cole's favorite memory was taking him out of the cage letting him run on the table, and Ronnie Lizardo loved treating him to food. Rocky Top's overall favorite fruit was apples, but he wouldn't turn down any other fruits or vegetables such as oranges, carrots, celery, cucumbers, melons, or lettuce.

Every great school year has a mascot, a friend, and a quiet anchor—and in Mrs. Vanatta's room, that role belonged to a little three-year-old guinea pig named Rocky Top. Though he was small in size, Rocky Top left a footprint that his students will never forget.









Thanksgiving Foods

By: Ava Santos

Thanksgiving dinner brings together a rich collection of traditional dishes, North American ingredients, and colonial history.

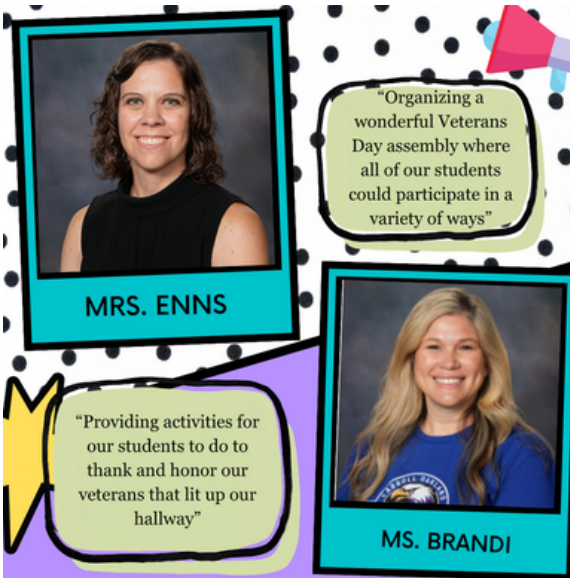
People like a lot of different foods on Thanksgiving, such as roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, and sweet potatoes. Other common foods include brussels sprouts, buttered dinner rolls, pumpkin pie, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, and dressing. People serve these kinds of food during Thanksgiving. While some families on Thanksgiving have a more traditional meal, others eat out, have pasta dishes, roasted duck, or cakes.



Wilson County Raiders Boys Soccer Team

By: Rylee Dillon

Carroll-Oakland's soccer players are combined with Southside boys soccer. Trey Bean is an 8th grade CO player on the boy's soccer team. When asked his opinion on the upcoming season, he said, "I have been seeing a lot of improvement throughout everyone. I think we are going to be pretty good this year". Trey has been playing for CO for 2 years and is planning to continue in high school. Lastly, he said "What I'm gonna miss most is playing with friends and team." We look forward to their games in the spring!





Eddie's Family Giving Thanks



By: Arianna Watt, Khaleesi Sandberg, and Blake Shults