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Charles Carroll News

Character, Strengthening Community, Dedicated to Excellence!

From the Administrators:

Dear Families,

As many of us prepare for the holidays, we become so busy with shopping, decorating, baking, holiday festivities, etc. that we often forget the most important parts of the holidays: spending time with loved ones.

It is so easy to get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of the season. I encourage all families to take time to just be together. So, if decorating, baking, shopping, etc. need to be done, then do it together. These activities, believe it or not, are learning chances for your children. Baking, shopping, and decorating pull in math concepts related to time, measurement, and money and reading concepts related to list making, decoding and encoding. It also allows for life lessons such as keeping a budget and managing time and stress.

Please encourage your children to continue reading during the winter break. Even a short period away from school and learning can cause some students to get set back in their progress. Setting at least 20 minutes aside to read each day is a great way to give your child some extra practice and provide them with some quiet time.

Life is so busy... but try not to forget that this is a time to share with our family and friends. Enjoy every moment!

CCE Mission

Statement:

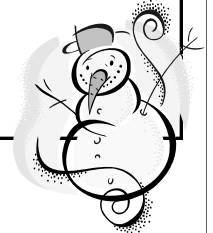
“Our CCE learning community maximizes students’ learning potential, empowering them to thrive as productive citizens.”



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December 1-8—Book Fair	January 3, 2012—Schools & Offices reopen
December 8—Book Fair open 3:30-7:30 PM	January 4—Geography Bee—Grades 4 and 5
December 9—12:45 Dismissal (Elementary Only)	January 9—Geography Bee—Finals
December 10—Breakfast with Santa—Applebee's	January 13—Spirit Day
December 12—Interims Distributed	January 16—Schools & Office Closed—MLK Day
December 14—Winter Concert	January 17-19 Vision & Hearing Screening
December 23—12:45 Dismissal System-wide	January 26—End of Second Marking Period
December 26-January 2—Schools & Offices Closed	January 27—Schools Closed for Students



Early Dismissal Days

12:45pm Dismissal



Dec 9, 2011 (elementary only)	March 5, 2012 (system wide)
Dec 23, 2011 (system wide)	May 11, 2012 (elementary only)
Feb 10, 2012 (elementary only)	June 14, 2012 (system wide)

EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSALS



When the weather is “iffy....”

Please use radio stations, TV, the internet and/or Alert Now messages to be informed of a possible early school closing. You may want to consider asking another parent to contact you if he/she hears an early dismissal announcement. Public announcements are often made prior to the school receiving notification and school phone lines need to be kept open for urgent and emergency calls.

Individual schools cannot call parents to inform them of an early dismissal.

SPRING 2012 MSA DATES FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5:

March 8 & 9—Math (3, 4, 5) March 15 & 16—Reading (3, 4, 5)

April 23 – 27—Science (5 only)

Please avoid scheduling student medical appointments and vacations during MSA



The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca, Director of Research and Accountability
125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157 410.751.3068

CUSTODY

We are confronted almost daily with custody issues. Parents should keep the school updated in regard to custody documents. Unless there is a **court document**, both parents have equal rights in regard to access to students and student records. It is a parental responsibility to produce documents of which the school must be aware. When in doubt about custody issues and how the school will respond, please schedule a conference with the principal.

CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS/ ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT INFORMATION

Parents are the natural guardians of their children under the law and both parents have equal rights and responsibilities for their children. These rights may be modified as families become separated and/or divorced. In many cases of separation or divorce, school personnel are asked to make decisions regarding release of records, school visitations, and release of the child from school. The following regulations have been developed to protect the safety/welfare of the child, maintain neutrality as much as possible regarding parents rights and provide a safe learning environment for the child.

The Custodial Parent:

1. has the obligation to provide a copy of any court order restricting the rights of the non-custodial parent if related to school matters.
2. is the legal custodian of the child through court order. The child normally lives with this parent and is sent to school in the morning from his/her home and is to be returned to this home at the end of the school day.
3. receives day-to-day communication, correspondence, report cards, and other school- related information, is welcome to visit the school, observe classroom instruction, and review student records.
4. is notified when the non-custodial parent seeks school-related information.

Depending on the custody order the non-custodial parent may maintain certain parental rights, even though a separation/divorce has occurred. Unless there is a court order that states the non-custodial parent may not receive school related information, the **non-custodial parent:**

1. is entitled to receive copies of report cards, school newsletters, interim reports and other information that pertains to the child's education and which is routinely sent to or available to the parent who has custody. **Requests for this information must be made in writing to the principal** and should include the non-custodial parent(s) name, address, and type of information desired. The custodial parent shall be notified when such a request has been made.
2. is welcome to visit the school, observe classroom instruction, review student records, and be generally informed about the child's educational progress, unless forbidden by court order provided to the school by the custodial parent.

Notes: The non-custodial parent may not take the child away from school without the written consent of the custodial parent, unless permitted by court order. If the court order provides the non-custodial parent permission to remove the children from school it can only occur, on any given day, with the knowledge of the custodial parent.

Court orders granting "reasonable visitation" do not include visitation during the school day and any request to visit with the children at school should not be granted. However, unless the court order states otherwise, the non-custodial parent may observe classroom instruction.

A non-custodial parent, unless restricted by a court order, may participate equally in educational decision making. If parents are in disagreement, the school will take a neutral position but will expect the parents to resolve the issue.

Joint custody is a situation where both parents have responsibilities for the child or children. These responsibilities are defined by a court order. Unless specified otherwise in that order, each parent can make educational and emergency medical decisions, have access to student records and can transport a student to and from the school. Unless the court order is on file in the school, and states otherwise, school officials will honor either parent's requests. If parents are in disagreement, the school will take a neutral position but will expect the parents to resolve the issue.

Step Parent

A step- parent, as a result of marriage to the child's natural parents, often has contact with school officials. In this section, the following apply:

1. The school, consistent with A. and B., will consider the natural parents as the ones to make educational and emergency medical decisions. A step-parent can make medical decisions only as listed in the appropriate section of the emergency procedure card.
2. A step -parent may not register a child for school, nor withdraw a child from school.
3. The school will not release the child to the step- parent, unless the step- parent is listed in the appropriate section of the emergency procedure cards.
4. A step- parent, living with the child, is welcome to visit the school and observe classroom instruction.
5. A step--parent with whom the child lives can be considered as a parent in situations involving special education processes and decisions and in certain matters related to record review. (Ref: C.O.M.A.R.13A.05.01.02 (5) and 13A.08.02.07 H)

E. Primary Care Parent

In separation cases where parents live apart without a formal agreement or court order awarding the child to a particular parent, the primary care parent is the one with whom the child resides. In such case.

1. The school will consider the primary care parent as the one to make educational and emergency medical decisions.
2. The primary care parent shall be contacted prior to release of the child to the non-primary care parent to advise the primary care parent of the situation.
3. Day to day communication, correspondence, report cards, and other school- related needs are directed to the primary care parent. However, the other parent also has the right to receive copies of any documents that the primary care parent receives.
4. The non-primary care parent may be involved in educational and medical decision making. If parents are in disagreement, the school will take a neutral position but will expect the parents to resolve the issue.

A non-primary care parent is welcome to visit the school, observe classroom instruction, review student records, (See B1 and 2 above) and be generally informed about the child's educational progress.



Just a reminder.....

Parents are responsible for supervising their children at bus stops in the morning and/or afternoon. Please be sure you have made a plan with your child as to what he/she is to do in the event you cannot be at the bus stop in the afternoon.



Help our school stay healthy...teach your child these everyday preventive actions that can help slow the spread of germs that can cause many different illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your arm when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.

Holiday Thoughts

If you would like to honor a CCE staff member during the holidays, you can make a donation in his/her name to the CCPS Education Foundation. More information can be found on the CCPS home webpage.

www.carrollk12.org (click on CCPS Ed Foundation)

Outstanding Teacher Nominations are a great way to honor your child's teacher! Forms are available online at www.CarrollCountyChamber.org.

The deadline for nominations is January 3, 2012.

A+ School Rewards

Once again, Giant is please to kick off the A+ School Rewards Program! You can register your Giant card by stopping by the service desk at your local Giant store or online at www.giantfood.com/aplus

Charles Carroll's ID Code is 01196

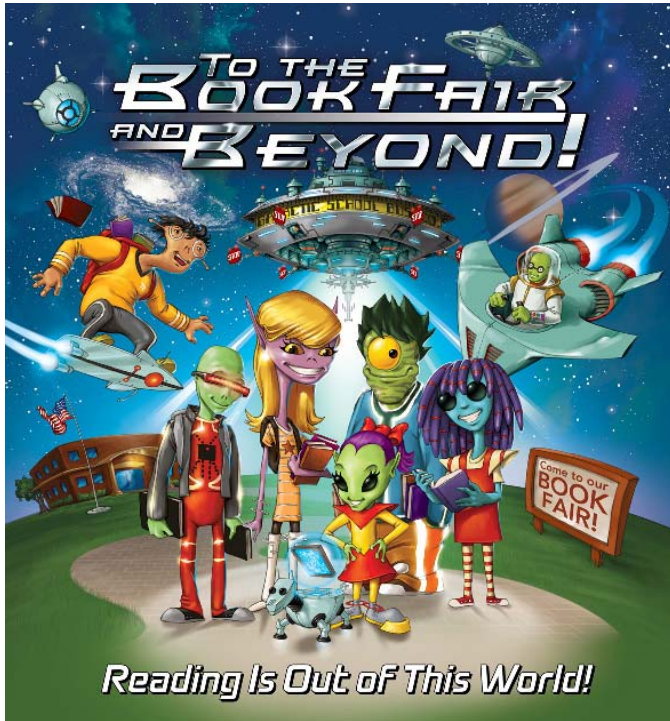
Help CCE earn cash just by shopping with your Giant card.

Change of address, email or phone number?

Please keep the school office informed of any changes in your address, email address and/or phone numbers so that we are able to provide you with timely information and contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education for Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount,



The Scholastic Book Fair has Arrived!

**Thursday, December 1st
through
Thursday, December 8th**

*Students will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair and write a "Wish List" of books during their regularly scheduled Media Class. *You are not under any obligation to purchase books from this list.* If you choose to purchase books from your child's Wish List there will be directions at the bottom of the form that explains how to do so. ALL WISHLIST PURCHASES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

**Come Visit the Book Fair with the
Whole Family!**



Thursday, December 8th

3:30 – 7:30 pm

***Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted**

Please contact [Karen Marks](#), Media Specialist for more information



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Wheat Roll Fruit Ham & Cheese on Roll	2 Cheese, Veggie, or Pepperoni Pizza Hot Vegetable Salad Fruit Toast
5 Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Fresh Veggies w/Dip Roll Mixed Fruit Breakfast Pizza	6 Hamburger or Cheese-burger on Roll French Fries Hot Vegetable Fruit French Toast	7 Taco in a bowl Shredded Lettuce Spanish Rice Corn Fruit Bagels	8 Hot Ham & Cheese on Roll Pasta Salad Hot Vegetable Fruit English Muffin	9 Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Corn Applesauce 
12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Soup Fresh Vegetables w/dip Peaches Breakfast Pizza	13 Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Rice Casserole Macaroni Salad Roll Mixed Fruit Sausage on Roll	14 Hard or Soft Shell Taco w/Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn Fruit Cup Cereal & Toast	15 Holiday Dinner Holiday Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Fruit Pancakes	16 Stuffed Crust Pizza Hot Vegetable Apple Pineapple Salad Fruit Toast
19 Chicken Patty on Roll Potatoes Macaroni Salad Fruit Breakfast Pizza	20 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Roll Fruit Cup French Toast	21 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Roll Fruit Waffles	22 Cheese sticks w/dipping sauce Vegetable Rice Casserole Carrot Sticks Peaches Breakfast Pockets	23 Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Hot Vegetable Fruit Toast

