



Charles Carroll News

FEBRUARY 2012

Building Character, Strengthening Community, Dedicated to Excellence!

Charles Carroll Elementary
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Natalie Crist
Principal

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School Colors:
Green and Khaki

School Mascot: Chipmunk

CCE Mission Statement:

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

As we move into the second half of the school year, it is a good opportunity to assess your child’s progress. During the month of January, students in grades K-5 participate in a variety of county assessments. Teachers use the data collected to help make instructional decisions.

Mathematics Benchmark Assessments are administered during the last two weeks in January. This assessment assesses your child’s progress on math concepts that have been taught during the first half of the school year. Concepts that your child has struggled with will be re-taught. Mastery of the content is considered at 80%.

In reading a variety of assessments are given. In the early grades, phonics assessments (PLA, HM) and running records are used to determine the appropriate reading level for instruction. In the upper grades, running records, FCA, SRI, HM, and Words Their Way assessments are used. You should be receiving information from your child’s teacher regarding your child’s progress in February.

As a school, we meet in grade level teams to discuss progress of students in sessions that we call achievement meetings. At this time, teachers, administrators, Math and ELA specialists closely look at student data and programs of study to determine the best course of action for each student at Charles Carroll. This is a valuable process because it helps to monitor student progress, assess needs, have accountability, and move Charles Carroll forward academically.

*Natalie Crist, Principal
Melanie Laffer, Assistant Principal*

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| February 1—Report Cards distributed | March 5—12:45 Early Dismissal System wide Interims Distributed
Dr. Seuss Read to Students |
| February 3—PTA Sub Sale Pick-up | |
| February 6-10—National School Counseling Week | March 11—Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| February 10—12:45 Early Dismissal Elementary Only Spirit Day | March 14-15—MSA Reading |
| February 13—Jump Rope for Heart
Parent Teachers Conferences | March 20-21—MSA Math |
| February 20—Schools & Offices Closed | March 21—Art to Remember |
| February 21—School Closed for students; PD Teachers | March 26 -30—Kindergarten Registration |
| February 22—Instructional Assistants Day
PE Day | March 30—End of 3rd Marking Period
All County Chorus |
| February 24—PTA Game Night | April 2-10—Spring Break |
| | April 11—School Resumes |



Happy Valentine's Day!



EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSALS

When the weather outside 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 they hear an early dismissal announcement. Individual schools cannot call parents to inform them of an early dismissal. Please do not call the school to ask about school closings. 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.

Early Dismissal Days—12:45 Dismissal



February 10, 2012 (elementary only)

March 5, 2012 (system wide)

May 11, 2012 (elementary only)

June 14, 2012 (system wide)

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a 2-hour delay due to inclement weather on the elementary only early dismissal days, schools will be closed for elementary school students.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public

Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Charles Carroll Elementary School
Hosts Its Annual National Geographic Bee

Many fourth and fifth grade students participated in the National Geographic Bee finals on Monday, January 9, 2012. After completing the preliminary competitions in both grades, the finalists were determined. They were: Ellie Harbin, Adam Venn, Alex Carr, Luke Blizzard, A.J. Dougherty, and Caleb Serafin.

After completion of the final and championship rounds of competition our two finalists were Adam Venn and A.J. Dougherty. Adam Venn emerged as Charles Carroll Elementary School's winner of the National Geographic Bee.

He will take a written test to qualify for state level competitions. Adam should find out in early March if he will be competing in April in the state-level competition to gain a position at the National Championship in Washington, D.C.

We would like to thank the Charles Carroll County PTA and the Carroll County Times for their support of our program. They allowed us to offer some really special prizes for all of our participants as well as the finalists and champion!

Thanks to all who participated in the geography bee. It was a great success again this year and everyone should feel proud for being part of this incredible experience.

Stacey Gruber, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher

Contact: **Stacey Gruber, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher,**
 Charles Carroll Elementary School, 410-751-3211
Westminster Elementary School, 410-751-3222

SPRING 2011 MSA DATES FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5:

March 14 & 15—Reading (3, 4, 5) March 20 & 21—Math (3, 4, 5)

April 16-May 4 Science window April 23-27—Science (5 only) online at CCE

Please avoid scheduling student medical appointments and vacations during MSA testing.

Lost and Found

Oh my, do we have lots of clothes, mittens, lunch bags, and more!!!! Lost and Found items are stored in a large cabinet in the gym. Please have your child look for any clothing items or other missing belongings, or feel free to stop in the office and ask to check the Lost & Found before or after school, to find what may be missing from your home! Items not claimed, are donated to charity at the end of each season.

Update Phone Number

Updating your phone number(s) and email address(es) with the school office will automatically update your contact information for AlertNow. AlertNow is an excellent way to receive the most current news and information from CCE.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK

March 26-30, 2012

Registration for kindergarten for the 2012 - 2013 school year will be held the week of March 26-30, 2012 at the elementary school in your attendance area. Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age **on or before September 1, 2012.**

Parents will need to present the following at the time of registration:

1. their child's birth certificate or other legal document to verify their child's legal name and birth date
2. verification of residence such as a public utility bill or a lease agreement
3. specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.

If you have questions about kindergarten, kindergarten orientation, or alternatives to kindergarten, please contact the principal of the elementary school in your attendance area.

See the attached page to receive a Kindergarten Registration Packet in advance.

COLLEGE SAVINGS
PLANS OF MARYLAND
Save here. Go anywhere.

REPRESENTATIVES COMING TO CHARLES CARROLL ELEMENTARY ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Presentation: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

*Representatives will be available from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM and 7:00PM – 7:30 PM to answer brief questions.

What is it?

The College Savings Plans of Maryland offer a variety of ways to help realize you and your child's dream of affording college. Whatever they'll eventually grow up to be: a lawyer, architect, writer or teacher, saving for college is an important first step in making it happen. The College Savings Plans of Maryland provide flexible and affordable plans to help Maryland families save for future college expenses and reduce dependence on student loans and other forms of debt.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kempf at 410-751-3211.

Kindergarten Registration

Charles Carroll Elementary School

Kindergarten Instructional Program 2012-2013

Please share this information with your family, friends & neighbors who may have a child ready to enter Kindergarten next school year.

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 School Year will be held the week of **March 26 - 30, 2012**. Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be **five years of age by September 1, 2012**. Packets of registration materials are now available. If you would like to receive a packet, complete the tear-off below and return it to Charles Carroll Elementary School. The packet will contain instructions for enrolling your child, the enrollment form and information on the required documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the enrollment form along with the required documents (only proof of residence and proof of birth are due at registration, medical forms can be turned in at a later date, but no later than August 3, 2012) to school during the week of **March 26-30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday**. Note: The white enrollment form may be filled out at home, but **must be signed at the school**.

Note: If you believe your child is not ready for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, and he/she will be 5 years of age by September 1, you may request a waiver seeking approval to exempt him/her for one year. You may obtain the waiver by calling or coming into the school office.

If you have questions about kindergarten or alternatives to kindergarten please contact the school.

Request for Kindergarten Registration Packet

(Please print)

Return to the school office as soon as possible:

Child's Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

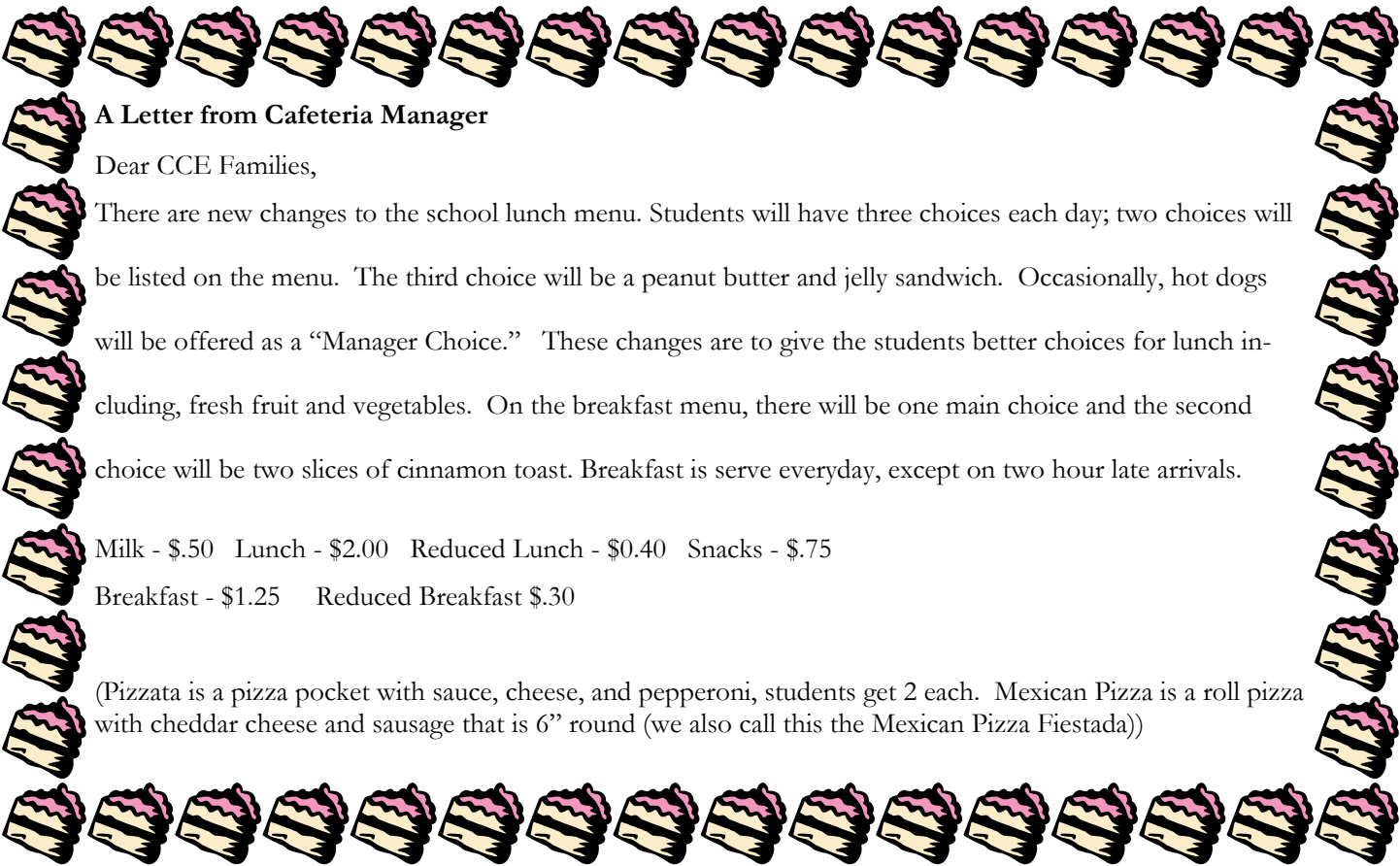
Telephone # _____ (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell)

Please send Kindergarten Registration Packet home with:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Note: Registration Packets can be sent home with your child for any friends, neighbors or relatives that do not currently have students at CCE who plan on attending Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year.

Please return this form to Charles Carroll Elementary School at 3719 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158 prior to registration to receive a packet. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 410-751-3211.



A Letter from Cafeteria Manager

Dear CCE Families,

There are new changes to the school lunch menu. Students will have three choices each day; two choices will be listed on the menu. The third choice will be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Occasionally, hot dogs will be offered as a "Manager Choice." These changes are to give the students better choices for lunch including, fresh fruit and vegetables. On the breakfast menu, there will be one main choice and the second choice will be two slices of cinnamon toast. Breakfast is serve everyday, except on two hour late arrivals.

Milk - \$.50 Lunch - \$2.00 Reduced Lunch - \$0.40 Snacks - \$.75
Breakfast - \$1.25 Reduced Breakfast \$.30

(Pizzata is a pizza pocket with sauce, cheese, and pepperoni, students get 2 each. Mexican Pizza is a roll pizza with cheddar cheese and sausage that is 6" round (we also call this the Mexican Pizza Fiestada))

Summer Kids@Carroll and NEW! Teen College

Exciting enrichment summer programs at Carroll Community College capture children's attention and engage teens with a camp-like environment. Half-day programs are for ages 3 – 15 will be held June 25 thru August 10. Registrations are being taken now!

For course details go to www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids or call Continuing Education & Training at 410 386-8100.

Sneak a Peek at Summer 2012!

February 25, 2012 9:30 am – 12 Noon

Great Hall at Carroll Community College

- Learn about the NEW! Summer Teen College
- Meet and talk with camp instructors and learn about specific camps
- See demonstrations and exhibits for selected upcoming programs
- Meet college staff
- Register early for popular camps

Hot program areas include:

- Preschool Curiosity Shop
- Careers
- Cooking
- Creativity
- Digital Design & Video Games
- Fitness
- Performance
- Reading, Writing & History
- Science & Technology
- Woodworking

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Breakfast Menu



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Choice of Cereal w/Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	2 Cinnamon Toast (2) OR Bagel w/Toppings Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	3 Blueberry Muffin OR Cinnamon Toast (2) Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk
6 Breakfast Pizza OR Cinnamon Toast (2) Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	7 French Toast Sticks OR Cinnamon Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	8 Sausage on Roll OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	9 Breakfast Pockets OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	10 EARLY DISMISSAL Cinnamon Toast (2) OR Donut Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk
13 Choice of Cereal w/Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	Valentine's Day 14 Sausage on Roll OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk 	15 Choice of Cereal w/Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	16 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	17 Blueberry Muffin OR Cinnamon Toast (2) Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk
20  President's Day	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS	22 Breakfast Pizza OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	23 Ham & Cheese on Roll OR Cinnamon Toast (2) Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	24 Cinnamon Toast (2) OR Donut Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk
27 Breakfast Pizza OR Cinnamon Toast (2) Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	28 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	29 Bagel w/Toppings OR Toast Fruit or Juice Chilled Milk	*Breakfast \$1.25 *Reduced \$.30 <i>A Healthy Heart Begins With a Nutritious Breakfast!</i> Menu subject to change.	

LUNCH MENU



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>1</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Dinner Roll OR Chicken Sandwich on Roll Green Beans Carrots w/Dip Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Hot Dog Pizza Soup Seasoned Corn Diced Pears Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheese Pizza OR Cold Cheese Sandwich Crinkle Cut Potatoes Tossed Salad Rainbow Apple Sauce Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Pizzata OR Cold Turkey Sandwich Oven Fries Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cup Chilled Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hard or Soft Shell Taco OR Hot Dog Seasoned Rice Hot Vegetable Shredded Lettuce Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Cheeseburger on Roll OR Popcorn Chicken Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Mixed Fruit Chilled Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets (3) Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Tossed Salad Chilled Peaches Chilled Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL Stuffed Crust Pizza OR Hot Dog Hot Vegetable Veggie w/Dip Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Mexican Pizza OR Cheese Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable Fresh Veggies w/Dip Fruit Cup Chilled Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets OR Happy Heart Hot Dog Tater Tots Fresh Veggies w/Dip Fresh Apple Sugar Cookie Chilled Milk</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Tacos in a bowl w/Cheese OR Cold Turkey Sandwich Shredded Lettuce Seasoned Rice Steamed Broccoli Peach Slices Chilled Milk</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Meatballs OR Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Green Beans Tossed Salad Apple Sauce Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza OR Sausage Egg and Cheese Biscuit Fresh Carrot Sticks Chilled Pears Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>President's Day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla OR Popcorn Chicken w/Roll Seasoned Oven Fries Hot Vegetable Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rotini w/Meat sauce & Roll OR Hot Dog Green Beans Tossed Salad Apple Pineapple Salad Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cheese Pizza OR Cold Turkey Sandwich Hot Vegetable Tossed Salad Carrots w/Dip Apple Sauce Chilled Milk</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Meatball Sub OR Hard or Soft Shell Tacos Seasoned Rice Shredded Lettuce Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sausage, Egg & Cheese on Biscuit OR Hot Dog Hash Browns Baked Apples Orange Juice Chilled Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets (3) Macaroni and Cheese Steamed Broccoli Chilled Pears Baked Apples Slices Chilled Milk</p>	<p>Choice #3 each day PBJ Happy Valentines Day</p> <p>Menu subject to change.</p>	