



Charles Carroll News

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Building Character, Strengthening Community, Dedicated to Excellence!

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Green and Khaki

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CCE Mission

Statement:

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

From the Administrators:

Dear Families,

New Years resolutions and setting up new routines are a great way to get students to set goals and to establish life long skills. For instance, thinking about limiting T.V. and video game time for students during the week is a wonderful way to promote family time through game nights and promote reading for fun as well. Extended T.V. watching and video game playing has been linked to a variety of ailments including, but not limited to, decreased academic performance, short attention spans, and childhood obesity...

Establishing routines for kids in terms of chores, bed times, expectations, etc. is critical to academic and life success. Setting up plans as a family for this with your children is a great way to get them on board with your expectations. Setting up chore charts, expectation charts, and a reward system is a good way to get kids involved and to have a positive feeling about new routines.

All of us here at Charles Carroll wish you a Safe and Healthy New Year!

Natalie Crist and Melanie Laffer



Thank you to all of the patrons of the Scholastic Book Fair! By supporting the book fair you helped us earn funds to support our programs and goals while encouraging good reading habits for our students. We greatly appreciate Mrs. Marks' efforts to organize and run the Book Fair, as well as the volunteers who helped make it possible!



Scholastic Book Fairs

*Thank
You*



BRAVO!

Our intermediate strings and intermediate band students, along with our 4th and 5th grade chorus, presented a wonderful Winter Music Program! Thank you to Ms. Cole and Mr. Skopp for all their hard work to prepare the students for the program. It is a thrill to watch the students perform!

THANK YOU PTA & VOLUNTEERS!!

Many thanks go to our hard-working PTA for the many family-oriented events they have worked to provide to our students and families. Most recently they have held Holiday Shoppe and Breakfast with Santa. All of these events rely on the efforts of many people helping. We thank all of you who have pitched in to make these events a success, and encourage even more of you to get involved! Parent and family involvement is an enormously important reason Charles Carroll is such a strong community school!



At this time of year, it's not surprising to find that there are many illnesses among students. We hate to see students miss school, but we also understand we have no control over illnesses. We can send work home for students to make-up, but it doesn't replicate the classroom instruction that the students miss. If your child misses one day of school, most likely the work can be completed when he/she returns to school. However, if your child misses more than one day, your best course of action would be to call the school before 9:00am and request that the teachers put some work together so that when your child is feeling better, he/she can complete the work at home. If a sibling or friend can

bring the work home to your child, just let us know when you make the call. If you plan to come to school to get the work, the teachers can send it to the main office at school and we can call to let you know it is ready for pick-up. If you're not sure if your child is healthy enough to return to school, please feel free to call the nurse at 410-751-3211.

WANTED

A FEW GOOD HELPERS!

We are looking for mature, responsible adults who love children and have some flexibility in their daily schedules, to serve as substitutes for our one-to-one assistants. You would be assisting a child with his/her educational program throughout the day as well as helping with the student's routines (bathroom breaks, lunch, arrival and dismissal organization). If you are interested in this position, please call Melanie Laffer @ 410-751-3211. The pay rate is \$10.70 an hour. Work hours vary but are generally between 3 and 7 hours per day on an as needed basis.



PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS At the end of each school year, we recognize fifth grade students who meet the criteria for the President's Educational Excellence Award.

A student must meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Grade point average of 3.5 in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science & Social Studies for all of Grade 4 and for the first two marking periods of Grade 5 AND
- Grade 4 MSA Advanced proficiency in either Math or Reading AND
- Math Benchmarks 90% or better on Grade 4 January and May assessments and Grade 5 January assessment

January 3, 2012—Schools & Offices reopen

January 4—Geography Bee—Grades 4 and 5

January 9—Geography Bee—Finals

January 10—Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

January 13—Spirit Day

January 16—Schools & Office Closed—MLK Day

January 17-19 Vision & Hearing Screening

January 19—7:00 PM PTA Meeting

January 24—Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

January 26—End of Second Marking Period



January 27—Schools Closed for Students

January 30—3rd Marking Period Begins

February 1—Report Cards distributed

February 3—PTA Sub Sale Pick-up

February 6-10—National School Counseling Week

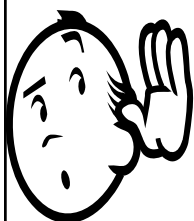
February 10—12:45 Early Dismissal Elementary Only

February 13—Parent Teachers Conferences

February 20—Schools & Offices Closed

February 21—School Closed for students; PD Teachers

February 22—Instructional Assistants Day



Hearing and Vision screenings will be done by the Carroll County Health Department on January 17th, 18th, and 19th here at Charles Carroll Elementary. All students in kindergarten, 1st and 4th grades will be screened along with any new students and any students referred by staff or parents. If your child does not pass the screening you will receive a referral letter. Please contact the school nurse at 410-751-3211 for any questions.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE 2012

For the 24th year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Geography Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world.

The CCES Geography Bee will take place:

4th and 5th Grade Bee

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Finals

Monday, January 9, 2012



The winner of the CCE Bee will advance to the next level of competition—a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Please contact Mrs. Stacey Gruber, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher, for more information, at spgrube@carrollk12.org.

“If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.”

~Thomas Edison



Early Dismissal Days—12:45

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

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.

Procedures for Closing Schools for Late Openings on Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissal Days

System-wide Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

If weather or another condition warrants a late opening on a day when a system-wide early dismissal for students is scheduled, Mr. Guthrie will close schools rather than bring students in on a delayed schedule and send them home on an early dismissal.

Elementary Students Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

If weather, or another condition, warrants a late opening on days when an early dismissal is scheduled for elementary students, Mr. Guthrie will close schools **for elementary students only** rather than bring students in on a delayed schedule and send them home on an early dismissal. **Middle and High Schools will be open and operate on the announced delayed opening schedule.**

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.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section I of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on December 5, 2011. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.

The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2012-2013 school year is **February 1, 2012**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
 Student Services Department
 125 North Court Street
 Westminster, Maryland 21157

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **February 1, 2012** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S
 PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, KATHY BARRETT AT 410-751-3108.


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, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos containing materials, if any are located in the school building.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 3 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Soup Apple Pineapple Salad Fruit Breakfast	4 Taco in a Bowl w/ Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn Peaches Bagels	5 Oven Baked Cheese Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable Fruit Cereal & Toast	6 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Toast	
9 Popcorn Chicken Hot Vegetable Roll Pears Breakfast Pizza	10 Hot Ham & Cheese on Roll Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Veggies w/Dip Fruit Breakfast Pockets	11 Hamburger or Cheese-burger on Roll Potato Rounds Hot Vegetable Peaches French Toast	12 Chicken Patty on a roll Green Beans Fruit Waffles	13 Cheese Pizza Hot Vegetable Fruit Toast
16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	17 Chicken Patty on Roll Hot Vegetable Fresh Veggies w/Dip Fruit Breakfast Pizza	18 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Roll w/butter Fruit Pancakes	19 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Roll Fruit Cup Sausage on Roll	20 Stuffed Crust Pizza Green Beans Fruit Toast
23 Chicken Tenders Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable Fruit Breakfast Pizza	24 Oven Baked Cheese Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable Applesauce Breakfast Pockets	25 Hot Turkey w/Gravy on Bread Broccoli Tossed Salad Pears Cereal & Toast	26 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Toast	27 SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
30 Chicken Nuggets Roll Celery & Carrot Sticks Baked Beans Fruit Breakfast Pizza	31 Pizza Casserole Roll Hot Vegetable Salad Mixed Fruit English Muffin	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE***** 