



Charles Carroll News

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Green and Khaki

School Mascot: Chipmunk



Dear Families,

As students complete the first marking period of the year, we want to say "Thank You" to all the parents who took time to meet with their children's teachers on our evening conference days in September and October. Over 160 conferences were held, helping to promote a strong partnership between home and school in order to help each child be successful in his/her learning. We encourage those of you who have not had a chance to meet your children's teachers, or who have questions or concerns about their learning progress, to schedule conferences on Monday, November 23rd. Conference times begin at 8:30am and end at 3:45pm.

We celebrate American Education Week November 15-21 and invite you to visit our school. Wednesday and Thursday are set aside for visitation, but if you cannot come on those days, please feel free to call the school to arrange another date. We are proud of our instructional program and staff at Charles Carroll and enjoy having visitors see the positive learning environment that we continually strive to provide.

Student progress reports will be distributed November 6th. "Meeting/Exceeding Grade Level Expectations," or "Not Meeting Grade Level Expectations," will be used to indicate students' reading and math performance levels. Teachers use many sources of information in evaluating student progress and determining grades, including daily classroom performance, anecdotal records, daily formative assessments, etc. If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact the teacher. Monday, November 23rd is a wonderful opportunity to be able to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's learning strengths and needs, and to develop an action plan to promote his/her success in school!

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Habits of Mind Focus

We will continue to focus on behaviors that have been identified as being characteristic of successful people. The focus for November -

Striving for Accuracy

If you would like more information on the Habits of Mind, visit the following website.

CCE Mission Statement: We exist to serve all students with effective and engaging instruction that provides the students with academic and behavioral skills to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

<p>October 29 —Career Day at CCE —2 Hr. 45 Min. Early Dismissal, No Pre-K —Volunteer Training ~ Media Center, 2 PM —Marking Period Ends</p> <p>October 30 —School Spirit “Red Ribbon” Day (wear red) —Kindergarten Field Trip to Bear Branch —Vision & Hearing Rescreening —H1N1 Nasal Flu Vaccine Administration —P.T.A. Halloween Event ~ 6:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>~~~~~ NOVEMBER ~~~~~</p> <p>November 2-19 Student Council Food Drive</p> <p>November 3—Banking November 9—12:45PM Early Dismissal No Pre-K</p> <p>November 10—Banking</p> <p>November 11—PTA Family Night w/Vocelli’s Pizza</p> <p>November 13—Grade 1 Field Trip to Star Spangled Banner House</p>	<p>November 15-21 American Education Week</p> <p>November 16—PTA Cultural Program: Drumming 1:15PM K-2 2:15PM Gr. 3-5</p> <p>November 17—Banking</p> <p>November 18 & 19—Visitation Days 9:30-3:00</p> <p>November 23—Parent Conference Day 8:30-3:45</p> <p>November 24—School Closed for Students & Staff School Office open 8-4</p> <p>November 25-27—Thanksgiving Schools Closed</p>
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Early Dismissal Days

Oct 29, 2009 (system wide)	Feb 5, 2010 (elementary only)
Nov 9, 2009 (system wide)	Mar 15, 2010 (system wide)
Dec 3, 2009 (elementary only)	Apr 1, 2010 (system wide)
Dec 23, 2009 (system wide)	May 11, 2010 (elementary only)
Jan 22, 2010 (system wide)	Jun 10, 2010 (system wide)

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, Dr. Ecker 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, Dr. Ecker 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.**



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Please be advised that this weekend, November 1, at 2:00 a.m., we return to Eastern Standard Time. 

School Picture Make-ups & Retakes will be December 4, 2009.

CCE Fun Run Results!!

Charles Carroll Elementary held its 1st annual FUN RUN on Thursday, October 1st. With your help and help from families and friends in the community, Charles Carroll PTA raised **over \$7,200** to purchase technology resources for our school! Thank you to Mr. Trumbo and all staff members and volunteers who helped make this a great day for kids and a wonderful opportunity to expand our classroom technology resources!

Our goal is to have an LCD projector available in every classroom this year. We then hope to be able to purchase LCD projectors for our Special Education, Resource and Special Area teachers so that use of technology becomes a seamless part of instruction for Charles Carroll students. Long-range goals include increasing the availability of docu-cameras, interactive writing slates and white boards for teacher and student use.



THANK YOU PARENTS AND FRIENDS, FOR YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF CHARLES CARROLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!

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.

Interested in what your child will be learning next quarter? CCE curriculum updates can be found in "Around CCE," which is posted on Charles Carroll's web-page (www.carrollmdk12/cce/) in the News and Events section.



Testing

SPRING 2010 MSA DATES FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5:

March 9 & 10—Reading (3, 4, 5) March 16 & 17—Math (3, 4, 5)

April 28 & 29—Science (5 only)

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



Many thanks to ExxonMobil Corporation and Eagle Oil Company for awarding a \$750.00 grant to Charles Carroll Elementary School! These funds will be used to purchase technology to promote student engagement in math and science. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Mr. Ken Kacmarski of Eagle Oil, who has repeatedly nominated Charles Carroll Elementary to receive this grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program. This award is one of 2,400 that are made available to schools across the nation served by Exxon or Mobil stations.



Celebrate American Education Week!

Though parents are always welcome at Charles Carroll, there is a special week when many schools open the doors for parent visitation. This year American Education Week is November 15-21. We are looking forward to having you visit with us during American Education Week. We have set aside two focus days during the week so that parents and guardians may visit the classrooms.

We invite visitors to come on Wednesday, November 18th and Thursday, November 19th.

To avoid complications with buses, our visitation hours are 9:30-3:00. Please park so that no one's vehicle is blocked in. There will be a sign-in table by the office for you to sign-in and pick up a name tag or badge. Please make other arrangements for younger children while you visit the classrooms so that instruction may continue without undue distraction. Thank you.



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 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.

Health Notes...



Hand sanitizer update:

Clarification regarding students' use of individual containers of hand sanitizer has recently been provided to schools. In our October newsletter, it was stated that students could only bring Purell brand hand sanitizer to school. Parents may supply ANY hand sanitizer they wish for their child's personal use in school. The child's name should be written on the container, and parents should remind the child that he/she should be the only one to use it.



★ Fever

★ With flu season upon us, many parents have asked for information regarding school attendance and student fever. Thank you for asking!



Fever is an elevation of the body's normal temperature. Generally, temperatures of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.3 degrees Celcius) or above may be considered fever.

★ Students with temperatures above 100 degrees may NOT return to the classroom. The nurse or someone in the office, will call you to come pick up your child if he/she has a fever of 100 degrees or higher.

★ According to the Center for Disease Control guidelines, students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, shall NOT return to school until fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication.

★ Body temperatures are normally lower in the morning. It is possible for a student whose temperature is less than 100 degrees in the morning, to again spike a fever as the day progresses.

★ If you have any questions about your child's health and whether to send him/her to school, please call the school nurse, Mrs. Daigle, between 8:20am and 3:50pm.



Carroll County Drug Summit -- November 4, 2009

Thomas Carguilo, Director of Maryland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Administration

“What’s In Your Medicine Cabinet?”

Angel Bivens, Maryland Poison Center

“When OTC’s (Over the Counter Drugs) and Household Products Cross the Line”

Doors open at 6:00pm; Speakers begin at 6:30pm

St. John Portico

47 Monroe St.

Westminster, Md.



Striving for Accuracy: Successful people who strive for accuracy take time to **check** their product. They desire and value **craftsmanship!** They take **pride** in their work.

CCE STUDENT COUNCIL

Recently, our school held the annual Student Council Election on Friday, September 25th. The purpose of the Student Council is to encourage others to follow our PBIS expectations, to promote school spirit and to foster a positive learning environment. All 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to run for the Student Council. Those who were interested wrote a speech, explaining how to improve Charles Carroll Elementary. The homeroom teachers read the speeches aloud to their class on Election Day. The 4th and 5th grade students elected two class representatives from their homeroom. It is our pleasure to announce the following names of our new Student Council members for the 2009-2010 school year:

GRADE 4

Mrs. Cicieri: Rylee Janes & Mason Boyd

Mrs. Frock: Emily Eiler & Kevin Ganjon

GRADE 5

Mrs. McKenna: Jessica Bollinger & Carly Smith

Mrs. Picataggi: Jordin Keyser & Alicia Watkins

Student Safeties

Student safeties assist with safe and orderly arrival and dismissal routines at school. Safeties may also help direct hallway traffic and organize seating at schools assemblies and special events. Student safeties are expected to demonstrate respect and responsibility in all aspects of school, and serve as role models for others. We are proud to announce the following students will serve as students safeties during the Fall and/or Spring:

Marcell Martin

Anna Diffendal

Alex Harbin

Nichole Gue

Amari Martin

Molly Freeman

Matthew Eddy

Jared Muse

Nicole Eckard

Todd DeGasperi

Melissa White

Jessica Bollinger

Chase Fazenbaker

Gabby DeAngelis

Katlyn Barath

Carlee Cook

Victoria Wike

Kelly Proctor

Heather Fettke von Koeckritz

Stephen Baker

Julia Murphy

Andrew Brown

Elizabeth Shirley

Hannah Beacham

Justin Proctor

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.



Not My Child “Online Activities” November 2009



Most children today have personal cell phones, and these devices are invaluable for allowing instant contact between parents and their children. However, these same cell phones are also being used to record all manner of videos. On sites like *YouTube* and *eBaum's World*, you will find videos of deadly car wrecks, dangerous stunts, embarrassing moments, and illegal activity. Underage drinking is also a popular theme for kids. “I’m going to chug a pint of Jack Daniels out of this here beer bong,” announces a boy who’s made a home video from his college dorm room.” Each day, 70,000 videos are being uploaded to *YouTube*, and kids are “pushing the envelope” trying to do more outrageous things so they can post a video that will draw a high number of viewing hits.

The vast majority of teens spend a significant amount of time online. According to a recent Harris Interactive Poll, 72% of teens have an online social-networking profile (*MySpace*, *Facebook*), 73% use cell phones, and 91% have an email address. But what information are they sharing? Consider these statistics:

- 59% believe posting personal information or photos on public blogs or social-networking sites is “somewhat unsafe” or “very unsafe.”
- 7% believe posting personal information is “very safe.”
- 34% believe posting personal information is “somewhat safe.”
- 62% post photos of themselves.
- 45% post the name of their school.
- 4% post their home address.
- 14% post their cell phone number.



It is important that parents stress to their children that anyone has access to view videos that have been uploaded to a public website, such as *YouTube*, including potential employers and college admissions staff. Because these videos are recorded “in private” and uploaded on a personal computer in the seclusion of a bedroom or home office, children tend to think their videos are private and anonymous. In reality, it’s easy for someone with sophisticated search tools to track down the person who uploaded a video. Explain the potential dangers of posting embarrassing videos online and make sure your kids understand that once they post information on the Internet, it can’t be taken back.

Great online resources for parents can be found at:

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/safety-tips-tweens-teens.aspx>

<http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact:

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Carroll County Public Schools

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QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Reside in Carroll County
2. Be the parent or caregiver of a child in Carroll County Public Schools
3. Possess the desire to support other families
4. Desire to work with multicultural/diverse populations
5. Communicate in a professional manner, both orally and in writing
6. Acquire knowledge of CCPS system policies and procedures
7. Be open to feedback and supervision
8. Possess the ability to work cooperatively with school personnel
9. Complete required parent guide sessions and

CCPS annual volunteer training

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Coordinator of Minority
Achievement and Community
Outreach
410-386-1680**

Or

**Judy Klinger
Supervisor of School Counseling**

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Carroll County Parent Guides Public Schools



MISSION:

The Parent Guide will educate, encourage, and empower parents who have children attending Carroll County Public Schools.



VISION:

To help all students achieve in Carroll County Public Schools, the Parent Guide will assist other parents within a regional school community to establish an environment of acceptance and respect. The Parent Guide will use a variety of skills and strategies to foster a positive relationship between home and school, and to help parents understand and negotiate the school systems' policies and procedures. The Parent Guide will build a collaborative climate in which parents are comfortable sharing their concerns with school staff

who are involved with their children's educational success.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Family Support

- Support parents in developing positive parenting skills
- Empower parents to advocate for themselves and their family
- Maintain an open line of communication with families and provide guidance and support for how to prepare for meetings and conferences
- Refer families to appropriate CCPS contacts and resources



2. Collaboration with local school community

- Assist parents on how to communicate their concerns to educators
- Promote positive relationship between family and school
- Disseminate information and identify resources to families
- Record contact with families to document assistance provided



3. Confidentiality

- Abide by FERPA and CCPS volunteer training procedures