



February 17, 2012

School Holidays and Dates to Remember	
February 18-25	National FFA Week
Monday, February 20	Schools/Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day
Tuesday, February 21	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Development for Teachers
Wednesday, February 22	Instructional Assistants Day Board of Education Meeting and FY 13 Operating Budget Adoption (1 p.m.)
Monday, March 5	Two Hour Forty-five Minute Early Dismissal Systemwide Professional Development Time Available for Instructional Staff Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
March 5-11	National Foreign Language Week
March 5-9	National School Breakfast Week
Wednesday, March 14	Board of Education Meeting (5 p.m.)

Board Meeting and Work Session

The Board of Education of Carroll County will hold an administrative meeting on **Wednesday, February 22**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Charles I. Ecker Boardroom at the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street in Westminster. Agenda items will include adoption of the Board of Education’s proposed FY13 operating budget. There will be no time for citizen participation at this meeting. The public is welcome to attend. A work session on the Curriculum Implications of the Common Core will be held immediately following the Board meeting.

The agenda and back-up materials for the Board meeting will be available for review on BoardDocs, which may be accessed by visiting the school system's website at www.carrollk12.org and clicking on Board of Education Meeting Agenda and Documents on the home page.

The Board meeting will be streamed live on the Carroll County Public Schools website at www.carrollk12.org. Click on CETV Channel 21 on the right side of the home page and then CCPS CETV Webstreaming, or go directly to:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/admin/commedia/cetv/streaming/default.asp>.

The Board meeting also will be broadcast live on Channel 21, with rebroadcasts on Thursday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m.; and Thursday, March 1, at 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Carey Gaddis, Supervisor of Community and Media Relations, 410-751-3020

Youth Art Month Exhibits

Artwork by Carroll County Public Schools students will be featured at two exhibits in celebration of Youth Art Month in March.

An exhibit of art by elementary and middle school students will be held from **February 23 to March 14** at the Carroll County Arts Center in Westminster. Celebration receptions will be held on **Thursday, March 1, and Thursday, March 8**, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public during the Arts Center's normal operating hours.

High school artwork will be on display from **February 27 through March 27**, at the Langdon Gallery at Carroll Community College. A reception will be held on **Sunday, March 4**, from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is welcome to enjoy the exhibit during the college's normal operating hours.

Contact: Cristina Gruss, Fine Arts Resource Specialist, 410-386-1811, cmgruss@carrollk12.org

Math Fun Night at Food Lion – Taneytown Elementary School

Taneytown Elementary School is partnering with the neighborhood Food Lion to offer an engaging evening of hands-on math fun for Pre-K - 5th grade students and their families. On **Thursday, February 23** (snow date, 3/1), the Food Lion in Taneytown will have a table prepared with balloons, clipboards, and baggies of goodies for students who enter the store between 6 and 7 p.m. The activity takes about 30 minutes to complete, so the event officially ends at 7:30 p.m. In addition to a bag full of goodies, Food Lion will provide each child with an activity page that targets skills in that grade level. Students have a chance to do a "scavenger hunt" throughout the store with their parents and caregivers. Activities include things like circling the different shapes they find in an aisle for kindergarten students and creating a pattern using boxes of gelatin or pudding mixes for second graders.

Contact: Andrea Neilson, adneils@carrollk12.org

Feasibility Study Community Meeting – Charles Carroll Elementary School

A Charles Carroll Elementary School Feasibility Study community meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 23**, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Charles Carroll Elementary School, located at 3719 Littlestown Pike, Westminster. Staff from the Carroll County Public Schools Facilities Department and the consulting firm of Hord Coplan Macht will present the findings from the feasibility study at the meeting. They also will address questions from the school community.

Contact: Ray Prokop, Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177

Basics of Special Education Workshop

The Partners for Success Center of Carroll County Public Schools will sponsor a workshop for parents and school staff on **Thursday, February 23**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carroll Springs School in Westminster. This “basics” workshop gives participants an overview of the special education process and acquaints participants with the terminology and procedures involved in special education. Topics covered will include: definition of special education terms, federal and state laws, the special education cycle, eligibility, advocacy (parent involvement in the IEP process), Individualized Education Plans, and resources. Light refreshments will be served. To register please call Cindy Senseney at the Partners for Success Center, 410-751-3955.

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Author Visit – Manchester Elementary School

Author and illustrator Kevin O’Malley will visit students at Manchester Elementary School on **Friday, February 24**, from 1:15 to 2:10 p.m. (grades K-2) and 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. (grades 3-5) in the gymnasium. O’Malley’s books include Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind, Slugs in Love, Straight to the Pole, Gimme Cracked Corn and I Will Share, and Captain Raptor. He will be encouraging and promoting reading, art, and writing.

Contact: Annette Bailey, Media Specialist; Dodi Ritz, Instructional Assistant; Martin Tierney, Principal, Manchester Elementary School, 410-751-3410

First Grade Math Night – Manchester Elementary School

Students in first grade at Manchester Elementary School and their parents will have the opportunity to participate in a fun-filled Math Night on **Wednesday, February 29**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Students will be playing games to help reinforce math skills that they are learning in school.

Contact: Crystal Arndt, Teacher; Dodi Ritz, Instructional Assistant; Martin Tierney, Principal, Manchester Elementary School, 410-751-3410

Unity Day – Liberty High School

Liberty High School will hold its second annual Unity Day on **Monday, March 5**. The purpose of this event is to promote the appreciation and understanding of Liberty’s diversity as a school. A variety of activities have been planned around this theme, with the intention of promoting unity among all students in the building.

Liberty will be hosting Rachel’s Challenge on Unity Day. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion, coupled with the contents of her six diaries, have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America. Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel’s life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a one hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. For more information, check out their website: www.rachelschallenge.org. The goal of Unity Day and Rachel’s Challenge is to raise awareness and continue to build a positive school climate. We hope the events of this day will be one more step towards a harmonious climate at Liberty High School.

Contact: Jessica Quinn, School Counselor/Department Chair, Liberty High School, 410-751-3560, jzquinn@carrollk12.org

Volunteers for Mock Interviewers – South Carroll High School

South Carroll High School is in need of volunteers to serve as mock interviewers on Tuesday, March 13, and/or Thursday, March 15, from 7:45 to 11:15 a.m. Interviewers will have the opportunity to meet potential part-time employees or interns and to help students develop one of today’s most important life skills. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jason Arnold, jarnol@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3575, ext. 2517, or Patricia Riesner, pmriesn@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3575, ext. 2237.

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Jump In – North Carroll High School

A Jump In event for students interested in show choir will be held on **Saturday, March 17**, at North Carroll High School, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for students in grades 6-12 and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for grades 1-5. Participants will experience the camaraderie and excitement of show choir. The purpose of this clinic is to give students a day in the life of being in show choir. They will learn about the musicianship and other skills that are developed in this spectacular art form.

Students will be split into age-appropriate groups and taught a popular song by a music professional. In addition, students will be taught accompanying choreography by members of the award winning North Carroll Ensemble. Throughout the day, students will participate in workshops in areas of dancing and singing. These workshops give students an opportunity to experience more than just show choir at the event. At the end of the event there will be a cumulative performance of all the groups.

The cost for regular registration is \$30. The deadline for registration is February 27. After this date, registration will be \$35. Regular registration includes the cost of the event plus a t-shirt. This event is a fundraiser for the North Carroll Choral Boosters. It is sponsored by the choral boosters and is run by a combination of ensemble members, ensemble alumni, and teachers/ musical professionals.

For more information, visit <http://ncjumpin.weebly.com/> or contact Tyler Workman at tyler.workman91@gmail.com.

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Volunteer Training Schedule

DATE	SCHOOL + precedes a school event/activity * follows a school event/activity # part of a school event/activity	TIME	CONTACT Please call the number provided to confirm the scheduled training session.
March 1	Winfield Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3242
March 1	Elmer Wolfe Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3307
March 6	Eldersburg Elementary	9:30 AM	410-751-3520
March 6	+ Cranberry Station Elem.	6:00 PM	410-386-4440
March 6	Eldersburg Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3520

March 8	Manchester Valley High	6:00 PM	410-386-1673
March 12	Carrolltowne Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3530
March 14	+ Piney Ridge Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3535
March 14	West Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3661
March 15	+ Friendship Valley Elem.	5:45 PM	410-751-3650

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