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Report Absence via email: cesattendance@k12.carr.org

Carrolltowne Elementary

Vicki Winner, Principal

Shavon T. Showers, Assistant Principal

Our Vision:

Carrolltowne Elementary is committed to ensuring each student acquires the skills and knowledge base necessary for life-long success. Individual student success will be achieved through hard work, collaboration, networking, differentiated instruction and the support of the school community.

Our Mission:

The mission of Carrolltowne Elementary is to support and motivate students to become confident and responsible learners.

Principal's Corner

Happy February! It has been a unique year! We began in August with an earthquake, followed by a hurricane a week later, snow for Halloween and then a January winter of temperatures in the 60's!!

We are halfway through the school year—it will be interesting to see what the Spring months bring!

In the meantime there are still some chilly mornings in February. In light of that I thought it would be good to review morning parent drop off so the kids aren't standing outside waiting in the cold.

The doors do not open until 8:45am. It is not possible to open them before due to lack of adult coverage. Please do not let your kids out of the car until you see the adult on duty waiting for them.

In addition, as you pull up to the drop off area please make sure that your students are ready to exit the car. Many times traffic gets backed up and parents in the line get frustrated. Students should exit the car on the side of the sidewalk. It is not necessary to wait for the "first place" in line to exit. All students should then walk to the building. Adults are positioned outside to assist our students. Please do not wait in the car as they walk towards the building as this prohibits other cars from pulling up to the drop off area.

We appreciate all you can do to help us with a safe and timely drop off in the morning.

Many times students are finishing breakfast, kissing mom and dad goodbye, or looking for papers, etc. We ask that all of this be finished by the time you pull into the line.

Thank you so much for your help!

Vicki Winner

ALERTNOW

What information from my child's emergency card does AlertNow obtain to notify parents in an emergency situation?

Regular AlertNow calls and e-mails go to the first phone number listed on the card for both the primary and secondary people listed on the card.

Emergency messages (such as sudden school closings, power outages, etc) go to all phone numbers and e-mails on the card.

February 2012

Dates to Remember:

March

Mar 1—PTA Meeting, 6:30PM, Media

Mar 2,3,4—School Play, Honk Jr. Fri., Mar 2—7:00pm

Sat., Mar 3—2:00 & 7:00pm

Sun, Mar 4—2:00pm

Mar 5—2 Hour and 45 Minute EARLY DISMISSAL, Dismiss at 1:00 PM. ECSN students DO NOT attend.

Mar 8—Family Life Preview Night, 6-7PM, Media

March 12—Volunteer Training, 7:00PM, Media

Mar 13—DARE Program: 2nd and 4th grades

Mar 14 & 15—Reading MSA's

Mar 16—Spring pictures

Mar 19—Family Life Lessons 4th and 5th grades

Mar 20 & 21—Math MSA's

Mar 26-29—Vision & Hearing Screenings

Mar 26-30—Kindergarten Registration

10:30-12:30, 1:30-3:00

Mar 27—Kindergarten Registration Night, 6-8PM

Mar 30—Polynesian Cultural Event, 2:15PM, Cafeteria

April 1-10—Schools/Offices Closed—SPRING BREAK

Dates to Remember:

February

Feb 2—PTA Meeting, 6:30PM, Media

Feb 3—BINGO, 6:00PM

Feb 9—Volunteer Training 7:00PM Media

Feb 10 — 2 Hour and 45 Minute EARLY DISMISSAL/ ELEM. ONLY, Dismiss at 1:00 PM. ECSN students DO NOT attend.

Feb 17—Jump Rope Event

Feb 20— Schools/Offices Closed, Presidents' Day

Feb 21—Schools Closed for Students

Feb 28—Mean Girl Parent Workshop 7:00PM Media

Counselor's Corner

By Mrs. Barsoum

Mean Girl/Relational Aggression Parent Workshop!

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Time: 7:00 pm– 8:30pm
Location: Carrolltowne Elementary School Media Center
 Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Please e-mail Mrs. Barsoum at klbarso@carrollk12.org



- Special Points of Interest:**
- How is bullying different in boys and girls?
 - What is relational aggression?
 - What does it mean to be a “Mean Girl?”
 - Does this really happen in the elementary schools?
 - Where does relational aggression occur in schools?
 - Who reports relational aggression and to whom?
 - What can schools do?
 - What interventions exist to prevent and treat relational aggression?

Monthly Guidance Lessons:

My friends’ puppy & snail returned to the **kindergarten** classrooms to teach them how to interrupt politely. They came up with: “Wait for a pause, then say excuse me, then say what you wanted to say!”

In 1st through 5th grades, we are learning problem solving skills. There are six steps to complete before solving a problem. In **1st & 2nd grades**, we concentrated on brainstorming ideas before we pick a solution. In **3rd grade**, we played a game of Headbanz and realized that it is actually a problem solving game! In **4th & 5th grades** we will be stranded on an island and the students will have to use their problem solving skills to come up with a plan.

Here are the steps I taught the students for problem solving:

1. What is the problem?
2. What information do you need?
3. What are possible solutions?
4. What might be the consequences of each of these solutions?
5. Which solutions will you eliminate?
6. Which solution will you choose?

You're Invited To: Book Club at the Eldersburg Library

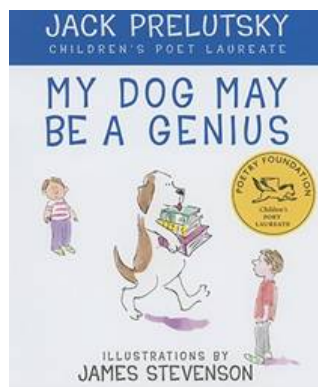
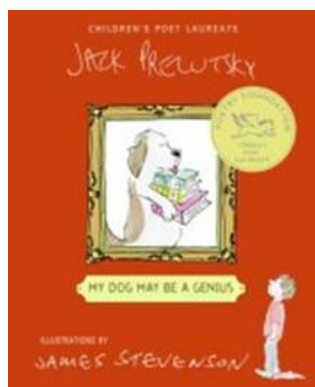
Who: Any 2nd or 3rd grade student

What: Book discussion, craft, snack, and game

When: Wednesday, February 8th from 7–8pm

How: Read My Dog May Be a Genius by Jack Prelutsky and come to Book Club prepared to discuss the book. *Copies of the book are available at the Eldersburg Library.*

Questions: Contact EllaMae Barnwell (e_barnw@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3530)



ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.

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Fine Arts Team

Health Class News

by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Remmell

We would like to inform parents about the upcoming Family Life lessons for 4th and 5th graders. In accordance with the Carroll County Public Schools Health Curriculum and Article 77, Section 85 of the Public School Laws of Maryland concerning Human Development and Family Life, our program of Family Life and Human Development for 4th and 5th grade girls and boys will be presented on Monday, March 19th.

The following videos will be shown:

Looking Ahead; About Boys (5th Grade)

Looking Ahead; About Girls (5th Grade)

Just Around the Corner for Boys (4th Grade)

Just Around the Corner for Girls (4th Grade)

Girls and boys are separated for this lesson and view only their corresponding video. Only students returning signed permission slips may participate in the lessons.

Parents will have the opportunity to preview the videos at Carrolltowne on Thursday, March 8th. Parents of 4th graders are invited from 6:00pm-6:30pm. Parents of 5th graders are invited from 6:30pm-7:00pm..

More information as well as permission forms will be sent home prior to the parent preview night.



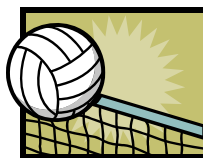
Physical Education

In February we like to think about valentines and hearts. In Physical Education classes we will be focusing on activities that work with object control and striking.



We will begin with our "Oodles of Noodles" unit that incorporates fitness activities with pool noodles as a manipulative.

Next, all grades will use striking and eye-hand coordination for volleyball skills and activities. Students will be learning object control with beach balls with the upper grades moving to trainer volleyballs. After the President's Day Holiday we will finish the month with Manipulative Activities involving the parachute, deck tennis rings, and other equipment.



During the month of February Ms. Stacie Jarret will be joining the PE staff as a student intern with Mr. Brecker. We welcome Ms. Jarret to Carrolltowne and look forward to having her work with our outstanding students!

Also, on February 17 we will be having our annual Jump Rope Event for a charity. This event is a great way to teach kids about giving back to the community and those in need. More information will be forthcoming.



Finally, please remember to have all students wear tennis shoes on their Physical Education days. Tennis shoes help their performance and lower the risk of injury during activity.

Kindergarten Registration:

2012-2013 School Year

Week of March 26-30



Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2012

Students may only be registered by a parent or court appointed guardian and must provide identification for themselves when registering their child.

Parents must provide proof of residency, verification of child's birth, and the specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.

Acceptable types of documents for enrollment are: A signed lease/rental agreement on a home/apartment; A recent utility bill for a service to the residence (e.g. BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil, water); A signed settlement document; A mortgage statement/bill, a current rent receipt.

DATES ON PROOF OF RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS MUST BE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ENROLLMENT AND NOTE PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

Celebrations!

We are very fortunate at Carrolltowne Elementary to have so many outstanding and dedicated professionals who work with and for our students each day! February is the month to celebrate **National School Counselors' Week (Feb 6-10)**, and, **Instructional Assistants' Day (Feb 22)**. We want to celebrate and send a huge 'thank you' to **Mrs. Kristina Barsoum**, our school counselor who goes above and beyond each day for our students. We also celebrate and send huge appreciation to our **Instructional Assistants**, a group of dedicated, persistent, flexible and caring individuals who work diligently each day to provide the best for our students! We applaud each of you!!



Cafeteria News

If a student does not have his or her lunch or lunch money, he or she will be given the regular lunch and a slip for the money owed. This money is to be repaid the next day. Students will not be permitted to purchase snacks or ice-cream until their outstanding cafeteria debt is paid. Please remember that advanced lunch tickets may be purchased from the cafeteria manager, Mrs. Lorrie Brown, throughout the school year.



Cafeteria News

If your financial situation has changed you may qualify for free or reduced lunch. Applications are given to each student at the beginning of the school year and are accepted throughout the school year. Once approved, your child's status is strictly confidential. Working parents who qualified for aid won't lose eligibility during the year if their financial situation improves.



Carroll County Volunteer Program: Making a Difference!

Trainings are held throughout the county. **Refer to the link below for additional training dates.**

Thanks in advance for supporting student achievement by volunteering in our schools.

<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/volunteer11-12.pdf>

Carrolltowne's Upcoming Volunteer Training Dates

February 9
March 12

All sessions begin promptly at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. **Please plan to arrive in the media center by 6:50 pm.** Other dates and locations can be obtained by clicking on the Volunteer Training link to the left..

Asbestos Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County to prepare and make available all asbestos management plans. The building asbestos management plans are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157.

Asbestos 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 (ACM), if any are located in the school or building.



We thank our volunteers for their patience, flexibility, creativity and, TIME!!

2011-2012 Carrolltowne Refrigerator Page

TWO HOUR FORTY-FIVE MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS FOR CARROLLTOWNE (1:00 P.M. Dismissal)

Schedule A:
 October 3
 November 14
 December 23
 March 5
 June 14 — No Specials Classes on this day

Schedule B:
 November 3
 December 9
 February 10
 May 11

Specials Schedule A	Specials Schedule B
9:20- 10:20 5 th grade	9:20-10:20 4 th grade
10:20-11:20 Kindergarten	10:20-11:20 2 nd grade
11:20-12:20 1 st grade	11:20-12:20 3 rd grade

Students who attend the Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN/PREP) classes will not attend school on these early dismissals days.
 Lunch and Specials schedules are altered on these days. Please refer to the *2 Hour and 45 Minute Early Dismissal Lunch Schedule* to the right.

2 HOUR AND 45 MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Third Grade—10:30-11:00

First Grade—10:40-11:10

Fourth Grade—11:10-11:40

Kindergarten—11:20-11:50

Fifth Grade—11:50-12:20

Second Grade—12:00-12:30

Special Schedules will rotate on these early dismissal days.

Daily Lunch and Specials Schedules

Lunch Schedules:

Third Grade—12:50--1:20
 Fourth Grade—11:40-12:10
 First Grade—12:10-12:40
 Kindergarten—12:20-12:50
 Second Grade—11:35-12:05
 Fifth Grade—1:00-1:30

Specials Schedules:

Kindergarten: 9:30-10:30
 Second Grade: 10:30-11:30
 Fifth Grade: 11:30-12:30
 Fourth Grade: 12:35-1:35
 First Grade: 1:35-2:35
 Third Grade: 2:35-3:35



*Parents will receive phone alerts and/or e-mails from the CCPS AlertNow rapid communication system utilizing contact information from emergency cards.
 Please check your information for accuracy!*

WEATHER RELATED LATE OPENINGS AND EARLY DISMISSALS SCHEDULES

Grade	1 Hour Late Opening	2 Hour Late Opening	1 Hour Early Dismissal	2 Hour Early Dismissal	3 Hour Early Dismissal
ECSN/Prep A.M.	CLASSES CANCELLED	CLASSES CANCELLED	Dismiss at regular time	Dismiss at 11:00 AM	Dismiss at 10:00 AM
ECSN/Prep P.M.	REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	CLASSES CANCELLED	CLASSES CANCELLED	CLASSES CANCELLED
Grades K thru 5	Schedule 10:15 - 3:45	Schedule 11:15 - 3:45	Dismissal at 2:45	Dismissal at 1:45	Dismissal at 12:45

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SPECIALS AND LUNCH SCHEDULES
FOR
SNOW/WEATHER RELATED DELAYS

TWO HOUR MORNING DELAY: Bell at 11:15, Instructional Day at 11:20

Rotation 1	Rotation 2
11:20-12:20 4 th grade	11:20-12:20 5 th grade
1:00-2:00 2 nd grade	1:00-2:00 Kindergarten
2:35-3:35 3 rd grade	2:35-3:35 1 st grade

Lunches for Rotations 1 and 2
11:20-11:50 2 nd grade
11:45-12:15 1 st grade
12:00-12:30 Kindergarten
12:25-12:55 3 rd grade
12:40-1:10 4 th grade
1:10-1:40 5 th grade

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTS



APRIL 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 AT 7PM
APRIL 28 AT 2PM

\$8 in Advance
\$10 Students/\$12 Adults
\$5 Backstage Passes + Ticket price

Tea with Ms. Potts (Backstage Pass)

April 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
1 hour Prior to Performance



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to purchase tickets online and for more information



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January 18, 2011

To our supporters:

Liberty High School Drama Department would like to invite you to our encore production of the play "**War Letters**". We will be having an **Encore Performance on February 7th at 7:30pm**. This play is performed by The International Thespian Society (the oldest honors society at LHS). We competed in the Maryland State Thespian Society and the won 1st place. This honor allows us to represent the state of Maryland in the National Competition this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We also received awards for: Best Lighting and Sound, Best Ensemble Work, Best Overall Production, Best Transitions and Pace, Best Vocal Work, Best Sets, Aly Julian - Actress, Kristen Luther - Actress

In addition to this we also had individual students compete at the state festival. The following students received ratings of Superior and received an invitation to compete at the National Level.

Andrew Smith - Set Design for "A Christmas Carol", Aly Julian - Acting

Admission is free for this encore production. We are hoping that after you see this fantastic play, you and your organization will help us raise money through your generous donation or sponsorship of any amount. It will cost approximately \$1,000 per student to attend festival and there are 24 students who participated in the production.

If you would like to support us, but cannot attend on February 7th, we encourage you to send a tax deductible donation to "Liberty Drama" 5855 Bartholow Road Eldersburg, MD 21784.

We appreciate any help that you can give us to send this amazing troop of kids to Nationals.

This production is worthy of the state title and we hope that you are able to come out and enjoy it as much as we do.

Warmest Regards,

Tony Cimino
Drama Instructor and Director
Liberty High School

"War Letters" A man is off on a peacekeeping mission overseas. The women Jack leaves at home must deal with his six month absence, each facing the reality of separation privately. Their only connection with the man they love is via letters. Through this correspondence, the audience becomes privy to their fears, their hopes, their anticipation and ultimately their sorrow. His wife, Karen, must take charge of the household and the family for the first time in her married life. Lillian, his mother, is haunted by the memories of losing Jack's father in the Korean War. His daughter, Mary, struggles with her bitterness regarding her father's absence as well as the reason behind it. This drama powerfully depicts not only the sacrifices made by soldiers but also by their families.

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE OR CHANGE OF DISMISSAL

YOU CAN REPORT AN ABSENCE OR LATE ARRIVAL BY:

Calling the absence hotline at 410-795-5673.

(Calls can be made during non-school hours)

Leave a message on the answering machine with the following information: The date the absence will take place, your child's name, your child's teacher and the reason your child will be out (i.e. fever, cough, out of town trip, Dr's appt, Dental appt, etc.)

Emailing the school office (attendance) at: cesattendance@carrollk12.org (please include your child's name, teacher, and the reason for being absent). You may also cc your child's teacher. All email addresses can be found on the Carrolltowne Elementary Website. The email will be printed by the school office and filed.

Sending in a handwritten note to the teacher when the child returns to school.

Please do not send notification of absences to the Change of Dismissal email addresses.
Thank you.

YOU CAN REPORT A CHANGE IN DISMISSAL OR EARLY DISMISSAL BY:

Submitting a handwritten note to your child's teacher on the day of the change.

Faxing a note to 410-751-3534 (note to include child's name, child's teacher, date of dismissal change, and how the child is to be dismissed). Note must be received prior to 3:30 pm. Parent must call the school office to confirm receipt of the fax, 410-751-3530.

Emailing the office secretaries: djglass@carrollk12.org, lpwhart@carrollk12.org, and javrata@carrollk12.org (all 3 email addresses must be on the same email submitted).

Emails must be submitted prior to 3:30 pm. Include the child's name, teacher, date that the change will take place, and change to be made. A reply/confirmation email will be sent back to the parent to confirm receipt. If the parent does not received a confirmation email, please call the school office at 410-751-3530 prior to 3:15 pm.