

*<http://www.carrollk12.org/ces/>

Carrolltowne Elementary

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Absence Hotline: 410-795-5673 or

Vicki Winner, Principal

Shavon T. Showers, Assistant Principal

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

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 New Year and Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break.

January is a great month of instruction as students return refreshed and ready to learn. As I have shared at the PTA meetings, and through previous correspondence, the county reading level expectations are increasing with the Federal Race to the Top and common core curriculum. Teachers and students have been working hard to close the gaps and meet the new grade level expectations. Realistically we understand that many students will need this entire year of instruction to meet the new levels, but we will begin reporting according to those new levels on the 2nd quarter report card.

I am writing to remind you about this change for two reasons. First of all so that we can continue the home and school partnership to help our students meet with success. We hope you take the opportunity to read with your child everyday! Secondly, I want to make sure that parents realize that if their child is marked as

“not meeting grade level expectations” on their report card, it does not mean that your child has lost ground, but that the expectations have increased and we are working towards those goals. I like to use the analogy that you are a runner on a track team. You always run the mile race and place in the top 3 finishes. The next race the coach moves you to the 10 mile race and you don't place. You have not become a “worse runner” but rather the course and expectations changed.

Just like the runner analogy, teachers are working hard to prepare students for the new expectations. It may take this whole year before you see the end results. Until then we encourage you to keep reading with your child everyday and to communicate with your child's teacher on ways to help them to be successful. Thank you for your continued support as we all work through these new expectations.

Vicki Winner

January 2012

Dates to Remember:

Jan 3—Schools Reopen

Jan 5—PTA meeting 6:30 in Media

Jan 12—DARE program
2nd and 4th grades

Jan 16 Schools/Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day

Jan 19—Dinorock
PreK - 2nd grade

Jan 20—Faculty vs. 5th grade
Basketball game 2:00

Jan 26—End of marking period

Jan 27 — Schools Closed for students. Professional Day for teachers.

Feb 9 — Parent / Teacher Conferences - Teacher requested

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

Feb 17—Jump Rope Event

Feb 20— Schools/Offices
Closed, President's Day

Feb 21—Schools Closed for
Students—Professional Day

NURSE NOTES:

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF ILLNESS FROM STUDENT TO STUDENT:

Students who have a temperature of 100.0 or above may NOT attend school, and should remain home until fever free for 24 hours. Also a student who has been vomiting (with or without a fever) should not be sent back to school until the vomiting has subsided for 24 hours. When a student comes to the Health Room, fever is just one factor that is considered during the assessment to determine whether they are too ill to remain for the rest of the school day. Many times students need to be sent home that do not have a fever. Please remember that body temperatures are normally lower in the morning and a previously febrile student may again spike a fever as the day progresses.



Please report any communicable disease, or serious illness (Strep Throat, Impetigo, Chicken Pox, Pneumonia, etc.). Your communication with us is a help in controlling communicable disease. If your child is ill and requires medication for a period of time even after returning to school, please confer with the Physician to see if the medication can be given at home before and after school. If the medication must be given during the school day, we must follow the guidelines in the medication policy outlined on the CCPS website.



Please help us reinforce good respiratory hygiene by sharing the following tips with your family. Wash your hands frequently during the cold and flu season to help stop the spread of illness this time of year. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing, Wash your hands after using tissues, and keep your hands away from your eyes, mouth and nose. Stay home from school/work if you are acutely ill.

If during the course of the year your child starts any new medications at home, or has a newly diagnosed medical condition, please help us by contacting or sending a note to the nurse. Knowledge of the students' medications and health concerns are a vital part of the assessment when a student is in the Health Suite or does not feel well.



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.



Message from the Cafeteria

Please remember to pay back borrowed lunch money the next day. Also, advance lunch tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Brown, Cafeteria Manager.



Winter Weather and Walker Paths:

The custodial team will clear the paths as quickly as is possible during a snow and/or ice event. We are asking your help in monitoring the status of the paths for the safety of your child however during the wintry weather months. Refreezing and sledding may make the paths slippery walkways. We appreciate your efforts!

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

Please remember to check school closings and delays with your local news stations, radio stations, email alerts (ALERTNOW or your local news stations), or Comcast Channel 21 for any CCPS announcements regarding school closings and delays.

For a complete listing of channels and stations, please refer to page 24 of the CCPS Information Calendar that you received in the beginning of the school year. You can also check the CCPS website at: <http://www.carrollk12.org/>



Parents are urged not to call the Board of Education or their child's school to inquire about school closings and delays.

Procedures for Closing Schools for Late Openings on Two-Hour and Forty- Five Minute Early Dismissal Days System-wide:

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

Elementary Only: If weather, or another condition, warrants a late opening on days when an early dismissal is scheduled for elementary students, schools will close **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.



P.E.



Welcome to 2012 in Physical Education!

We will have two units during the month of January. As the students come back from their winter break they will begin with Basketball Skills. Primary level students will focus on fundamental skill activities such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. The intermediate grades will apply these skills to activities in lead-up games. At the end of this unit we will have the annual Faculty-5th Grade Basketball game on Friday, January 20 at 2:00 in the gym.



The next unit is Juggling Skills. We will use a variety of patterns and work mainly with one or two objects. The focus of the unit will be to understand the patterns that

are used for juggling and to develop the fundamental skills and patterns with one, two, and possibly three objects. We use slower moving objects like scarves to begin and progress to heavier equipment like deck tennis rings or even bowling pins.



Please remember to have your children bring tennis shoes to Physical Education class. Many of these activities are more difficult and can be unsafe when they are done in dress shoes or boots. Even on days where there is snow on the ground, if you could put tennis shoes in your child's bag it would assist them in their continued success in Physical Education.



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

Thursday, February 9
Monday, March 12

All sessions begin promptly at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. **Please plan to arrive in the school cafeteria by 6:50 pm.**

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.

Ready, Set, READ!

Congratulations to the following HIKE winners. These students met their reading and journal entry goals for quarter 1. Their names were then selected from the quarter 1 winners' drawing. This quarter we had two winners and two bonus winners thanks to the extra prizes donated by the HIKE foundation.

HIKE Quarter 1 Winners

Grades PreK-2nd: Bergen Hall

Bonus winner= Rylee Hagerty

Grades 3rd-5th: Grace Maciejewski

Bonus winner= Cole Hudson

Continue to read and write your journal entries in order to make the quarter 2 goal and be entered in the quarter 2 drawing. Remember that all students who meet the goal will receive a small prize and also be entered into the grand prize drawing for a chance to win a trip to the Ravens' stadium in May.

Quarterly Expectations		
Grades	Minutes	Journals
K-1	500	16
2-3	700	16
4-5	900	16

Sincerely,
Mrs. Barnwell
(ELA Specialist)

OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS

**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
(Tom Canfield – 717-451-2621).

**Presidential Award for
Academic Excellence**

These awards will be presented in June of 2010. Grade 5 students are eligible in either reading or math based on the following criteria:

- **Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in reading and,**
- **3.5 G.P.A. (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for all of Grade 4 and the first two marking periods of Grade 5**

OR

- **Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in mathematics and January Grade 4, May Grade 4, January Grade 5 Math Benchmarks are each 90% or higher and,**
- **3.5 G.P.A. (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for all of Grade 4 and the first two marking periods of Grade 5**



Counselor's Corner

By Mrs. Barsoum

Monthly Guidance Lessons:



Throughout the month of December, my guidance lessons were focused on name-calling. Bullying was taught during their health lessons back in September, but I wanted to re-iterate that repeated teasing and/or name calling to someone is a type of bullying. My friends' puppy & snail visited the **kindergarten** classrooms to explain what to do if someone calls them a name they do not like. In **1st & 2nd grade**, we read a book called, "Miranda Peabody and the Magnificent Friendship March." The 1st graders designed anti-bullying signs to hang around our school! The **2nd graders** listed ways to help someone who is being teased (instead of laughing with them or just standing there.) In **3rd & 4th grade** we read the book, "Just Kidding!" It talked about the difference between playful teasing among friends and unkind teasing. In **5th grade** we read the book, "Simon's Hook". It's a story about teases and put downs. We then wrote down examples of how not to get "hooked" by someone calling you a name. You could always grab one of these books from the library to read during a snowy, cold day!

Here are the steps I taught the students when someone is teasing them:

1. Try to ignore them.
2. Walk away.
3. Try using an "I-message" (I feel _____ when you _____ I would like _____).



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca
Director of Research and Accountability
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410.751.3068

MEDICAL CHECKLISTS:

If you would like teachers to complete medical checklists for your children, please follow these steps:

1. Your physician must provide the forms to you.
2. Once you have the forms, there are two options: have the forms sent back to you via your child OR have the forms faxed or mailed directly back to the physician. If you want us to send the forms to the physician directly, we MUST have a Release of Information Form completed first. The form can be completed in the office.
3. All medical checklists must be filtered through the school counselor's office. From there, the forms will be sent to the appropriate teachers to be completed. Please keep in mind that your child most likely has at least 1 teacher for math/science, 1 teacher for ELA/Social Studies plus specials teachers. So multiple forms may need to be completed.

When the teachers complete the forms, they will return them to the school counselor's office to either be sent home or mailed to your physician.

Please contact Mrs. Barsoum if you have any questions about this process.



Health Class Happenings, January 2012

By Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Rimmell

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a very happy, safe and healthy holiday! Health classes this month are continuing work on the body systems units. We expect to be finishing up by the end of January, barring any weather delays! Then we will be moving on to our nutrition units with all grade levels.

Project ACES results are in! Carrolltowne had 82% student participation, which makes us a gold award winner! Our gold award certificate is on display in the health classroom!

Thank you to all students and families for helping us reach that level of participation! We were also very excited to have a one of our students win the grand prize from the Ravens.

Isabella C. in 5th grade won tickets to the Thanksgiving Ravens home game where she was able to go down on the field and also received an Xbox 360 with Kinect from the Ravens!

About sixty other students at Carrolltowne won small prizes from either the school or the Ravens for participating in Project ACES. We hope even more students will participate next year. Good job and stay active, Cardinals!



PBIS TEAM NOTES:

In order to increase communication between CES and parents, the PBIS team made the decision to send home the problem solving sheets for parent signature. Please keep in mind that these yellow forms are **NOT** office referrals. They are a way for students to reflect on their behavior choices and make better decisions. The following is the typical procedure we use:

Student is given a verbal notice to change their behavior.

Student is given a written reminder slip. If their behavior changes, they may throw it away at the end of class. If the behavior continues, they need to take the reminder slip to the office to complete a problem solving sheet.

Problem solving sheets are completed with the help of someone in the office (i.e., Mrs. Allia, Mrs. Barsoum, Mrs. Showers, Ms. Winner). They include such information as what happened, what should they have done instead, and how they were feeling. The student then returns to class.

If your child receives a problem solving sheet, please sign and return it to school. Also have your child explain what happened in their own words.

We know that there are many things going on in your child’s lives and we do not expect perfect behavior all of the time. However, this process lets the child have a break from the situation and reflect on how to make better decisions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AND CLASSES WHO WERE CAUGHT MAKING GOOD CHOICES IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

Mr. Bounan caught Mrs. Schnauble’s class being very quiet in the hallway!

Miss Newcomb caught Travis Ridgeway and Anna Furdui walking responsibly in the hallway as they performed their messenger job. Keep it up!

Mrs. Barsoum caught Mrs. Casey’s class standing quietly in the hallway on the way back from music!

Mrs. Miller caught Isabelle Lucas being kind to a student by tying his shoe when he couldn’t do it himself. Great job!

Mrs. Hinton’s kindergarten class was caught by Mrs. Griffith. They were walking to a program in a straight, quiet, line! Such a nice class! Coming back from the program in a straight and quiet line again!

The students on Bus 52 were caught being quiet in the hallway and waiting patiently!

Mrs. Tombs, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Martin-Maisel, and Mrs. Schnauble’s classes waited patiently for the chorus assembly. (Especially Shane Ervin, Grace Maciejewski, Logan Custred, and Sam Dodd!)



Way to go students! Keep up the great work!