

May-June  
2009

Carrolltowne Website: <http://www.carrollk12.org/ces/>

### Mission Statement

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



## Carrolltowne Cardinal News

Carrolltowne Elementary

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☺ May 1—4th Grade DARE Presentation (during specials)
- ☺ May 6— Family Life Video 4th Grade Parent Preview, 6:00-6:30 PM
- ☺ May 6—Family Life Video 5th Grade Parent Preview, 6:30-7:00PM
- ☺ May 7—PTA Meeting, 7PM, Media
- ☺ **May 8—School Spirit Day, Sunglasses Day!**
- ☺ **May 12—2 Hr. and 45 Minute Early Dismissal (No classes for E.C.S.N. students) Dismissal begins at 1:00 PM**
- ☺ May 14—PTA Internet/Cell Phone Safety Presentation, 7PM, Cafeteria
- ☺ May 15—5th Grade Panaramic Picture after lunch
- ☺ May 15—1st Grade Alpaca Presentation, 10:30 AM Outside
- ☺ May 19—5th Grade “Up With Soil”, 10:30AM-2:30PM
- ☺ May 21—4th Grade Water Quality Project
- ☺ **May 22—School Spirit Day, Patriotic Day!**
- ☺ **May 25—SCHOOLS/ OFFICES CLOSED TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY**
- ☺ May 26—June 3—Math Benchmarks
- ☺ May 27—Spring Concert, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria
- ☺ May 28—Play Day
- ☺ June 2—1st Grade Beekeeper Presentation, 10:30
- ☺ June 4—Play Day Raindate

### Principal's Corner

It is amazing to think that in a few short weeks the school year will come to an end! It has been a very busy and successful year at Carrolltowne Elementary. The reconstruction project will be completed by the end of June and, I know that staff and students will be eager to return to new classrooms and/or spaces next year!

May days are appreciation days for our Teachers and School Nurses. May 5<sup>th</sup> is the official Teacher Appreciation Day and, May 6<sup>th</sup> is designated as School Nurses Day. We are fortunate to have so many talented staff at Carrolltowne! Thank you to each of our staff members for their passion and commitment to the safety, welfare and learning of our students, your children.



Before leaving for the summer, all teachers from each grade level will meet to organize students into academic groupings so that instruction will occur at a level where each child will be successful. Teachers will use assessment data as well as instructional performance data collected throughout the year. Teachers will

also consider learning styles of students, the instructional match with the teacher and, how students interact with each other. In August, you will receive a newsletter with a printed label that will include your child's home-room and teacher's names. No lists will be published in the newspapers or newsletters.

In August and September, students will be assessed again to determine current levels and to determine any grouping changes needed. Teachers find that students who have made a **habit of reading** over the summer not only maintain skills, but many times advance in their reading skills. As we do throughout the year, if a student's academic needs are not being met, we will move him/her to another group to better meet his/her instructional needs.

As of this writing, we have 85 kindergarten students entering Carrolltowne this fall. If you know of families moving into the area or, who have already moved and not registered their children for fall, please encourage them to do so. The sooner we know how many students for each grade level, the better

prepared we will be for staffing at the beginning of the school year.



We are so very fortunate at Carrolltowne Elementary to have a community of parents that are able to support us through the PTA and through volunteering. I would like to thank our PTA and our volunteers who have provided the students, staff and families many opportunities for extended activities and materials this year, as well as the gift of time. Each of us at Carrolltowne appreciates your efforts throughout the year!

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> will be the last day students may charge for breakfast or lunch in the school cafeteria.

Report cards will be distributed June 12<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school for students. If your child will not be in attendance that day, you may pick up the report card the following week any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (school summer office hours).

*Enjoy the summer break! May it be filled with family, friends, and good health!*

## Counselor's Corner

There is no coincidence that the character trait for May and June is perseverance. Schedules are busy in and out of school and everyone is ready for an extended summer vacation. The months of May and June are a test of our perseverance and ability to maintain our daily tasks. I have thought of a few quick tips for helping us stick with the last month and a half of school.

**Treat yourself** - Veer off the regular routine and do something nice for yourself and your children. Set a Saturday as a "sleep-in" day or have a picnic dinner instead of eating at the table. Take bubble baths instead of showers or have a game night with neighbors.

**Talk about it** - One of the best stress relievers is talking. Make time to talk about your day during dinner time or while in the car driving. I have a "good news/bad news" share time with my groups where each person gets to share one piece of good news and one piece of bad news about

their day. This is one way that everyone will be able to talk and "unload" from their day.

**Exercise** - The weather is warmer and days are longer so take advantage of it! Limit your TV time, walk around the block, have a scavenger hunt in your backyard. Physical activity is another great way to relieve stress and promotes endorphin release, which means you will feel better, too.

**Stay on the bright side** - Keep your thoughts and attitudes positive as best you can. Listen to music, laugh, and try to find the good side of situations. Your children look to you to see how they should act so show them what it means to be upbeat.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer!

Remember to keep reading, learning, and growing!

-Mrs. Napor



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☺ June 4—5th Grade/Faculty Softball Game, 2:00
- ☺ June 5— Rain Date 5th Grade/Faculty Softball Game, 2:00
- ☺ June 9—1st Grade Picnic, 11AM—2PM
- ☺ **June 10—Last Day for Early Childhood Special Needs Students (ECSN)/PREP**
- ☺ June 10—2nd Grade Picnic, 10AM—1:30PM
- ☺ June 10— 4th Grade Picnic, 1:00PM-3:30PM
- ☺ June 11—5th Grade Picnic, 10:30 AM—12:30
- ☺ **June 11—2 Hr. and 45 Minute Early Dismissal, Dismissal begins at 1:00 PM**
- ☺ June 12—5th Grade Promotion, 9:30 AM, Cafeteria
- ☺ **June 12—LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS—2 Hr. and 45 Minute Early Dismissal, Dismissal begins at 1:00 PM**

## Nurse's Notes

### HEALTH CONCERNS

\*\*If you have any concerns for next year due to a **new or existing health problem for you child**, please let us know in the Health Room as soon as possible, as we may need to formulate a plan, or give you forms for your child's Physician to return to us. If you are the parent of an **incoming Kindergarten student**, and your child has any health concerns, please let us know as soon as possible.

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT MEDICATION INFORMATION\*\*\*

**THIS IS A REMINDER THAT YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL STUDENT MEDICATION TO BE PICKED UP BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT ON OR BEFORE**

### JUNE 15th\*\*\*\*\*

**\*If Medications are not picked up BY THE ABOVE DATE they will be discarded at the end of the day June 15<sup>th</sup>.** Remember that **no** medications will be returned to a student as per county policy. If you anticipate that your child will be taking any **medications next year** or need emergency medication kept at school, please stop by and **pick up a medication consent form** for your child's physician to complete.

### TICK SEASON

Tick season is here and removal after a bite is an important strategy to prevent infection and **Lyme disease**. After being in tick-infected areas,

always check for the presence of ticks. Removing an attached tick within the first 24 hrs greatly decreases your chance of infection. If a deer tick has been attached for more than 24 hrs, your child's physician may decide to prescribe antibiotics to prevent infection and/or risk of Lyme disease. Tick removal should be done by grasping the tick with fine tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Gently and slowly pull it out. If some of the mouthparts remain, the area should be disinfected. Don't hesitate to contact your child's physician if you have questions due to a tick bite.

- Mrs. Wantz & Mrs. Matuszak

## Cafeteria News:

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff of Carrolltowne Elementary,

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches I would like to take this time to impart a few reminders:

1. Students may still prepay for breakfasts and/or lunches, but please keep in mind the number of school days left when writing your check. On May 1, 2009 we will have 30 days of school left. If you are prepaying for breakfast and lunch or breakfast only, please indicate that on your check or envelope, otherwise I will have to assume it is just for lunches.
2. Students are still borrowing for lunch so please check with your child periodically to see if they owe the cafeteria money. I will make every attempt to contact parents when their child has borrowed money and not repaid it. As of April 6, 2009 students who owe lunch money may not purchase snacks until they have paid back what they owe. If you are unsure of how much your child owes or are wondering if they have any prepaid lunches left feel free to call me at school and I will be happy to assist you.
3. If your child has a habit of forgetting their money at home or in the classroom you may want to consider prepaying for lunches. You may purchase any number over two and they are good for the remainder of the school year.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to serving your students again next year.

Lorrie Brown  
Cafeteria Manager

### NEED HELP?

If your financial situation has changed you may qualify for free or reduced lunch. Applications are accepted throughout the school year and are renewed annually. Applications are available by request at school. Working parents who qualified for aid won't lose eligibility during the year if their financial situation improves.

# You haven't missed the bell!



We accept  
applications for  
free and reduced-  
price meals all year  
long.



## 2009-2010 School Year Enrollment

- Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2009.
- 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.

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

## Fine Arts Team

**Physical Education**— In Physical Education, the month of May means it's time for Play Day! Our Play Day is scheduled for May 28 with a rain date of June 4. There have been materials that have been sent home regarding volunteers for Play Day. If you would like to volunteer please send in the form that was sent home with your child earlier or send an email to Mr. Brecker at [ttbreck@k12.carr.org](mailto:ttbreck@k12.carr.org). Remember that you must have had the Volunteer Training Course in order to assist with the Play Day activities.

During the month, Physical Education classes will continue to develop their skills in Hockey and Lacrosse with a variety of lead-up games and activities. Later in May, we will begin Track and Field activities in order to prepare for Play Day.

Finally, please remember to have your children wear tennis shoes on their Physical Education days. Tennis shoes provide the best support to prevent injuries during activity.

*-Mr. Brecker, Mr. Jensen,  
& Mrs. Rossi*

**Vocal Music**— CES students continue to perform with enthusiasm as they hone their music skills! All students in grades 3-5 are continuing to play recorder in music class. It is MOST IMPORTANT for students to practice their assignments at home since there is only one music class (60 minutes) per week this year instead of two 30 minute periods. Students should spend at least 25 minutes per week (5 minutes, 5 days per week) practicing. Please contact us if your child needs some extra help with note reading or playing mechanics.

Mrs. Ready's classes will all study tone color this month. The following topics will also be covered: kindergarten - cumulative songs; grade 1 - Carnival of the Animals ; grade 2 -

Peter and the Wolf; grade 3 - Recorder Karate; grade 4 - completion of theme and variation form; grade 5 - completion of chord study.

Mrs. Saxton's students will cover the following: kindergarten - game songs and dances, musical opposites (Carnival of the Animals), and rhythm icon reading; grade 1 - musical traditions, song, and dance from other cultures, rhythm dictation, melodic note reading, and Pictures At An Exhibition; grade 2 - brass family completed and Peter and the Wolf; grades 3-5 - recorder (song reading, improvisation, and composition) and new songs to reinforce concepts studied this year.

We thank you for your support for our music program this year! Please enhance your child's musical growth this summer by attending performances, and by encouraging her/him to sing, play instruments, and analyze music. Have a great summer! - Mrs. Saxton & Mrs. Ready

**Health Class**— First, a quick reminder! The parent preview for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Family Life videos will be held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-6:30pm in the Media Center. The preview for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Family Life videos is on the same evening (May 6<sup>th</sup>) from 6:30pm-7:00pm in the Media Center. The videos may also be viewed at the Resource Center located in Westminster. All permission slips for both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are due to their Health teachers by Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Family Life lessons will be held during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Specials on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of school will be here before you know it! Health classes will finish up the year with various lessons on hygiene, sun safety, alcohol/tobacco/drugs, and safety.

We would like to take this time to thank all our students and their families for another wonderful year of learning. We wish everyone a fun and healthy summer!!! For our Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, we look forward to seeing you in August! For our 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving on to Middle School, we wish you the best of luck; make us proud! - Mrs. Wright

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### Reminder:

Please remember that electronic devices, games, and toys are not allowed in school. Games and toys brought to school will be held for parent pick-up when necessary as will cell phones.



## Fine Arts Team (continued from page 4)

**Media**— It's hard to believe the end of the year is quickly approaching. Please talk with your children about making sure their media books are returned on time, as we will be completing our inventory soon. If your child has lost a book, please make a check payable to Carrolltowne Elementary School for the amount on the overdue slip we give to your child or mail home. If you find the book later, just send the book in and our automated system will inform us that you sent a check in, and we will happily refund your money.

In other end of the year news, Mrs. Ellerbrock who has been doing a great job filling in for Mrs. Rivera will be leaving us, and Mrs. Rivera will be returning to Carrolltowne on Monday, May 11th. We send a huge "Thank You" to Mrs. Ellerbrock, and a huge "Welcome Back" to Mrs. Rivera.

Our Carrolltowne Media Festival Winners did a great job representing us at the Carroll County Media Festival. We had five first place winners! Congratulations to:

John O. - 4th Grade  
Abbi K. - 4th Grade  
Jayne E. - 4th Grade  
Madison J.- 4th Grade  
Alanna W.- 1st Grade

The Carroll County Public Library will be visiting Carrolltowne on June 5th to share some books with us, and talk to us about the Summer Reading Program. Please consider joining this reading program and visiting your public library regularly through the summer. Reading during the summer months is a wonderful way to share time and ideas with your children, as well as a great way to keep those developing skills growing.

Mrs. Voight, Mrs. Rivera, and Mrs. Ellerbrock

### You're Invited!

Please join us for our Carrolltowne Spring Concert on May 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This concert will feature our Beginning and Advanced Bands, Beginning and Advanced String Players, and our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus. There will be some special surprises for the audience in this concert, and the program will conclude with a patriotic tribute to our country. We hope to see you and your family there!

#### **Carroll County Schools ADA Compliance Statement**

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## Summer Literacy Opportunities

Dear Parents,

Summertime is here, but that doesn't mean the learning opportunities have to stop! Research shows that children experience an average summer learning loss of about 1-3 months when they do not engage in summer reading and writing. Research has also proven that reading books regularly during summer vacation can improve students' reading proficiency and eliminate summer learning loss.

Below are some resources that you and your family can use to encourage learning once school is out. Have a restful and safe summer!!

### Catch the Reading Bug at the CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY and join their great SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Keep your children reading this summer with **Catch the Reading Bug**, the CCPL Summer Reading Program for students in pre-K-12. The goal is to get kids reading over the summer by participating in the program. When children visit any CCPL this summer, they will receive rewards for reading. Go to <http://kids.carr.org/> for more information about reading and programs for kids at the library.



\* Also try [http://www.bookadventure.org/ki/bs/ki\\_bs\\_helpfind.asp](http://www.bookadventure.org/ki/bs/ki_bs_helpfind.asp) for customized book lists at your child's grade level!

### Online Resources and Programs



**Reading Planet:** <http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/> Information will be available at this site with details about how to enter the 2008 Reading Planet Summer Reading Olympics. Children can play word games, create and illustrate their own stories, and this site has great tips for kids and parents about reading!



#### **Scholastic Summer Reading Buzz**

For kids: <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>

Kids can join Scholastic's Summer Reading Buzz. Feed the Reading Meter by logging in your books. Find suggestions for great books to read, and see your favorite celebrities telling about their favorite books. Enter for a chance to win a Disney Vacation! Find out how to join Al's Book Club, and tune in to The Today Show for book talks.

For parents: <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/parents.htm>

## Reading News from Sue Abramson



### Tumble Books

<http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/>

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love.

Username: carrolltowne Password: books

### Read Write Think: Summer Learning Beyond the Classroom

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/>



Choose an age or grade level to find outstanding literacy activities. Create your own books, games and reading lists! Fun for grades K-12!

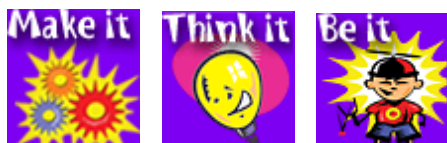
### Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program: Read to earn a free paperback book!

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/>



### Starfall.com

Mainly for children in Pre K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, this interactive site offers online stories, songs, plays, comics, and more!



Going on a summer trip? Curious to know more about an animal you saw on T.V.? World Book Kids is designed to give younger students a rewarding online learning experience. Use this site to click on the link for World Book Kids. Students can search for information, and "make it", "think it" and "be it"...

<http://online.k12.carr.org/worldbook/index.html>

Username: ccps

Password: media99

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## Dress Code Reminder



As the warmer weather approaches, please remember that students of Carroll County Public Schools are required to groom themselves in a manner that is modest, clean, appropriate, decent and not disruptive to the educational process. Students are expected to abide by this dress code upon arrival to the school building through the end of the school day. The requirements include, but are not limited to:

### Head Coverings:

Hats, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind, including bandanas and visors, shall not be worn in the school building unless approved for religious or medical reasons.

Certain headbands, scrunchies, etc. which are used to hold hair in place and do not cover the entire head are permitted.

### Shirts:

Shirts cover the entire back i.e., no cutout backs, not shirts that tie in back).

Cover the undergarments (i.e. muscle shirts, under armor shirts, and tank tops are considered undergarments and must have a shirt over them).

Cover the midriff area (bottom of the shirt must meet the top of the lower attire at all times).

Not be see-through

Fit modestly so that cleavage area is covered.

Have two straps, one on each shoulder (no tube tops or halter tops).

### Skirts/Skorts/Shorts/Pants:

**Should not be excessively short.**

Pants shall cover undergarments at all times and not be excessively long as to drag on the floor.

A student found wearing inappropriate clothing shall be asked to change or remove the item. Should the student not be able to change or remove the item, clothing may be provided by the individual school is necessary.

**2 HOUR AND 45 MINUTE**

**EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS:**

**(ECSN students do not attend classes on these days)**

May 12—Elementary Only  
June 11 and June 12—System Wide  
June 12—Last Day of School for Students

Doors Open at 8:45 AM  
Morning bell rings at 9:15 AM  
Dismissal bell rings at 3:45 PM



**3 Ways to Report your Child's Absence**

1.—You may now report your child's absence via email! This special email address is only for reporting absences, not any form of change in dismissal notifications. Include your child's full name, grade/teacher, date of absence(s) and reason for the absence to:

[cesattendance@k12.carr.org](mailto:cesattendance@k12.carr.org)

This method will also act as your written document for your child's absence.

2.—You may also continue to contact the Absence Hotline (410-795-5673) to leave a message that your child is absent. The call can be placed during non-school hours between 4:00 pm and 8:30 am. You are still required to submit a written note once your child returns to school if using this method of reporting your child's absence.

3.—A third method of reporting your child's absence is to send in a written note to your child's teacher once your child has returned to school from an illness, or prior to any pre-planned vacations to allow time for the principal to approve the request in advance. Forms are also available on the school website if you wish to use them.

[http://www.carrollk12.org/assets/File/CES/dismissal\\_note.pdf](http://www.carrollk12.org/assets/File/CES/dismissal_note.pdf)

**Daily Lunch Schedule**

2nd Grade—11:20—11:50  
5th Grade—11:45—12:15  
3rd Grade—12:05—12:35  
Kindergarten—12:20—12:50  
1st Grade—12:40—1:10  
4th Grade—1:00—1:30

**Two Hour and 45 Minute**

**Early Dismissal  
Lunch Schedule**

Kindergarten—10:30—11:00  
Fourth Grade—10:45—11:15  
First Grade—11:10— 11:40  
Fifth Grade—11:20—11:50  
Second Grade—11:45—12:15  
Third Grade—11:55—12:25

**DIRECTORY OF WEBSITES**

Carrolltowne Elementary/Newsletters  
<http://www.carrollk12.org/ces/>

Carrolltowne Elementary Parent Handbook:  
<http://www.carrollk12.org/ces/handbook/default.asp>

Carrolltowne Elementary PTA/Newsletters  
<http://www.carrolltownepta.com/>

Carroll County Public Schools:  
<http://www.carrollk12.org/default.asp>

Volunteer Training Schedule:  
<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/volunteer-march-may09.pdf>

Eschoolnewsletter:  
<http://www.eschoolnewsletter.com/>

**Delayed Opening/Early Dismissal Schedule**

Grade Level	1 Hour Late Opening	2 Hour Late Opening	1 Hour Early Dismissal	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Prep A.M.	Schedule 10:15 - 11:45	Schedule 11:15 - 12:50	Dismiss as usual	Dismiss as usual
Prep P.M.	Schedule 1:10 - 3:45	Schedule 2:10 - 3:45	Dismissal at 2:45	Canceled
Gr. K thru 5	Schedule 10:15 - 3:45	Schedule 11:15 - 3:45	Dismissal at 2:45	Dismissal at 1:45