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# NEWS TIPS

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## School Holidays and Closings

### Monday, May 31

Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day

### Tuesday, June 8

Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students  
Last Day for Students at Westminster Elementary School

### Thursday, June 10

Last Day for Students  
Two Hour and Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal System-wide  
Professional Time for Teachers

### Friday, June 11

Professional Time for Teachers – Last Duty Day  
Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants

## Astronaut Visit – Parr’s Elementary School

Former NASA astronaut Dr. Donald Thomas will visit second grade students at Parr’s Ridge Elementary School on **Tuesday, June 1**, from 2 to 3 p.m. Dr. Thomas will give a presentation and answer questions from students about his experiences as an astronaut.

Contact: Sharon Rech, 2nd Grade Teacher, Parr’s Ridge Elementary School, 410-751-3559

## Anatomy Apron – Manchester Elementary School

Students in first grade at Manchester Elementary School will participate in an anatomy apron presentation as part of their health lessons about the human anatomy. The presentations will take place on **Wednesday, June 2**, at 11:00 a.m., **Thursday, June 3**, at 11:00 a.m., and **Friday, June 4**, at 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Lisa Kumpar; Dodi Ritz, Instructional Assistant; Martin Tierney, Principal,  
Manchester Elementary School, 410-751-3410

## Excellence Night – Oklahoma Road Middle School

The eighth grade at Oklahoma Road Middle School will celebrate their learning for the 2009-2010 school year by having an Excellence Night on **Wednesday, June 2**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the school. It is an open house for parents to review their child's portfolios and projects and to have the students share their learning with parents. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson or Mrs. Veilleux at 410-751-3600 for information or questions.

Contact: Julie Paczynski, Media Assistant, Oklahoma Road Middle School, 410-751-3600

### **Talent Show – Ebb Valley Elementary School**

Staff members and students at Ebb Valley Elementary School will present a talent show on **Wednesday, June 2**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria/gym. This second annual talent show is a fundraiser for the music department. The money raised will go directly to new instruments, music, and future field trips.

Contact: Joe Meerdter, Vocal Music Teacher, Ebb Valley Elementary School, 410-386-1550

### **Author's Celebration and Picnic – Manchester Elementary School**

Students in first grade at Manchester Elementary School will participate in an author's celebration and picnic on **Friday, June 4**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the courtyard, fields, and tot lot. They will present samples of their writing to friends and family. Following the celebration, the students will have a picnic lunch and play picnic games.

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

### **Science Fair – PRIDE Program**

Students in grades K-5 in the PRIDE Program will hold their first annual science fair on **Monday, June 7**, at 1:00 p.m. The fair will be held in the cafeteria at Carroll Springs School. Students will display their science projects and answer questions about them.

Contact: Melissa Doan, PRIDE Program, 410-751-3620

### **Early Dismissal – Westminster Elementary School**

The last day of school for students at Westminster Elementary School will be **Tuesday, June 8**. This will be a full day. The early closing will allow time for teachers to move supplies and materials so that the construction of the open space enclosures can take place. The school will be notifying parents of any changes in end-of-year activities via AlertNow.

Contact: Tracy Belski, Principal, Westminster Elementary School, 410-751-3222

### **Nature Walk – Manchester Elementary School**

Kindergarten students at Manchester Elementary School will take a spring nature walk on **Tuesday, June 8**, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Pine Valley Nature Center. They will be observing and describing different weather conditions using their senses. They also will be identifying ways people adapt to the environment, such as wearing clothing that is appropriate to the weather. The students also will be looking for features of spring.

Contact: Tammie D'Anthony, Teacher; Dodi Ritz, Instructional Assistant; Martin Tierney, Principal, Manchester Elementary School, 410-751-3410

## **Board of Education Meeting**

The Board of Education of Carroll County will hold a combined regular and administrative meeting on **Wednesday, June 9**, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 007 of the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street in Westminster. There will be time for citizen participation at this meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.

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](http://www.carrollk12.org) and clicking on CCPS Online Meeting Agenda on the home page. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 21, with rebroadcasts on Thursday, June 10, at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday, June 13, at 8:00 p.m.; and Thursday, June 17, at 8:00 p.m.

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](mailto: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.

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

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony – Ebb Valley Elementary School**

A fifth grade farewell ceremony will be held at Ebb Valley Elementary School on **Thursday, June 10**, at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria/gym.

Contact: Robert Mitchell, Principal, Ebb Valley Elementary School, 410-386-1550

## **Graduations and Certificate Ceremonies**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Tuesday, June 1 7:00 p.m.	Gateway School Certificate Program	Carroll Community College Scott Center
Wednesday, June 2 7:00 p.m.	*Century High School Graduation	McDaniel College
Thursday, June 3 7:00 p.m.	*North Carroll High School Graduation	McDaniel College
Friday, June 4 2:00 p.m.	*Westminster High School Graduation	McDaniel College
Friday, June 4 7:30 p.m.	*South Carroll High School Graduation	McDaniel College
Saturday, June 5 1:30 p.m.	*Liberty High School Graduation	McDaniel College

Saturday, June 5 7:30 p.m.	*Winters Mill High School Graduation	McDaniel College
Sunday, June 6 1:30 p.m.	*Francis Scott Key High School Graduation	McDaniel College

\* The Carroll County Public School System will be providing two sign language interpreters for the deaf at each of the high school graduations at McDaniel College. There will be a special area designated for people requiring the services of the interpreters located in the first few rows and to the right of the stage. For additional information or further accommodations, please contact the school principal or the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020.

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