

CRANBERRY STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter

2011

Pamela Meyers, Principal

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October Calendar

10/3	Early Dismissal 12:20 Project Aces begins
10/4	Mrs. Stories Pizza Hut field trip Gr 1 Rose Hill Manor Field Trip
10/5	Fun Run Machine Training 5:15 - 5:45 PM Volunteer Training 6:00 - 6:30 PM PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
10/6	Interim Reports for grades 1 - 5
10/11	Parent Teacher Conferences Project Aces Assembly
10/12	Gr 1 Firefighter visit 10:15 - 11:15
10/16	Project Aces ends
10/17	Art to Remember orders go home
10/18	Individual Picture Day
10/20	Flu Mist Market Day Pick up 7 - 8 pm
10/21	Schools Closed for students
10/24	Art to Remember orders due
10/28	Gr 4 Science Center field trip Gr 2 Insect Day
10/31	Gr 3 Pumpkin Pancake day



Dear Families,

I hope your family is enjoying the start of this school year. Students start entering our school building at 8:15 AM and are transitioning to their instructional school day which begins at 8:35 AM. This is an important time for them to get organized for the day by unpacking their book bags and listening to morning announcements. Thank you for sending your child(ren) ready to learn each day.

The Cranberry Elementary School staff is committed to ensuring that each student has a productive and positive school year. Our School Improvement Team meets each month to monitor the progress we are making toward our targeted goals.

2011-12 School Improvement Goals:

- 100% of students in grades 3-5 will achieve proficient or advanced on the MSA in reading and mathematics.
- 100% of students in grades K-5 will read at or above grade level as measured by the Primary Literacy Assessment or the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment.
- 100% of students in grades K-5 will score proficient in the areas of content, organization and/or style as measured by the CCPS writing rubric.
- 100% of students in grades K-5 will achieve at least 80% on his/her January and May Math Benchmark Assessment.

Thank you for valuing education and encouraging your child to put his/her best effort forth each day. Your continued partnership helps us achieve our goals as a community! We look forward to another successful school year together.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Meyers
Principal

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, CSE school hours will be 9:15 am - 3:45 pm.



To the Book Fair and Beyond!

This November the media center will be home to our annual Book Fair fundraiser. Brochures will be sent home on November 1st and students will browse the book fair and create a wish list on November 3rd and 4th during assigned media center time.

FAMILY SHOPPING will be available on Thursday, November 3rd from 12:30 to 3:30pm following early dismissal. We will also have family shopping on Wednesday, November 9th from 3:00 - 7:00pm.

Students are invited to buy books from the fair during their scheduled Media class the week of November 7th - November 11th. Teachers and staff will also post "Wish Lists" for classroom books which may be purchased and donated.

Please contact Mrs. Whitehead at mrwhite@carrollk12.org or Aimee Schultz at aschult1@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!

Attendance Notes

Parents are encouraged to report student absences as soon as possible, including the reason for the absence. Parents may send a note to school with their child, fax a note to (410) 386-4444, call the school office at (410) 386-4440 or, send an email to cseattendance@carrollk12.org. **Failure to verify a student's absence within 5 days will result in the absence being considered unlawful.**

Thank you in advance for verifying your child's absence in a timely manner.



PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BUILDING SAFE

Magnetic locks and a camera security system have been installed at the main entrance doors to promote the safety and security of all those within our building. Visitors should use the intercom system to gain entrance to our building. Once in the building all visitors must report to the office to sign in and get a visitor tag.

Students arriving late to school should be escorted into the building by an adult and signed in at the office.

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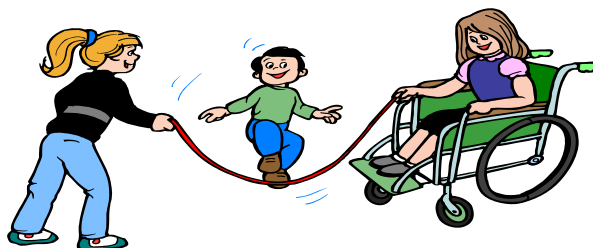


October Volunteer Training

10/3	Elmer Wolfe Elementary	2:00 PM	410-751-3307
10/3	Wm. Winchester Elem.	6:00 PM	410-751-3230
10/5	Oklahoma Road Middle	9:00 AM	410-751-3600
10/5	Eldersburg Elementary	9:30 AM	410-751-3520
10/5	Manchester Valley High	3:00 PM	410-386-1673
10/5	Cranberry Station Elem.	5:15 – 5:45 (machine training) 6:00 PM (volunteer training)	410-386-4440
10/11	Spring Garden Elementary	7:30 AM	410-751-3433
10/11	Winters Mill High	6:00 PM	410-386-1500
10/11	Elmer Wolfe Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3307
10/13	Mechanicsville Elementary	9:00 AM	410-751-3510
10/13	Manchester Valley High	6:00 PM	410-386-1673
10/17	New Windsor Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3355
10/19	Sandymount Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3215
10/20	Northwest Middle	8:00 PM	410-751-3270
10/24	Carrolltowne Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3530
10/26	New Windsor Middle	7:00 PM	410-751-3355

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Oct 11th, Nov 17th, Feb 13th, and March 19th. Please call the school office if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. Please call soon - late evening slots fill up quickly. We cannot schedule conferences on conference days.



Individual Picture Day

Larry Allen Company will be at our school on Tuesday, October 18th to take individual pictures.

Pre-paid picture order forms will be sent home with students as soon as we receive them.

All students will be photographed on picture day for the yearbook.

Interim Report Distribution Dates

Oct 6, 2011 (Grades 1 – 5)
Dec 12, 2011 (Grades 1 – 5)
March 5, 2011 (Grades 1 – 5)
May 9, 2011 (Grades 1 – 5)

Nov 9, 2011 (Kindergarten)
April 13, 2011 (Kindergarten)

Report Card Distribution Dates

Nov 9, 2011 (Grades 1 – 5)
Feb 1, 2012 (Grades K – 5)
April 13, 2012 (Grades 1 – 5)
June 14, 2012 (Grades K – 5)



FITNESS FUN RUN

Our annual Fitness Fun Run will be Wednesday, Oct. 5th with a rain date of Thursday the 6th. All grade levels will get to participate in this great activity. The Fun Run course will be set up around the field and in the gym with all types of activities. Students will have about an hour to do the course as many times as possible.

INTRANASAL SEASONAL FLU MIST



The confirmed date for administration of the intranasal seasonal flu vaccine to be given at Cranberry Station Elementary is Thursday October 20th. If your child needs a second dose of the vaccine, they will receive that on Thursday November 17th. (Only children under the age of 10 who never had the flu vaccine before would need a 2nd dose.)

A slip of paper will be sent home with your child in their folder that day notifying you that your child received the vaccine, or explaining why it may not have been given. (If your child is sick on the day of administration, we may decide that it is in the child's best interest not to give the vaccine.)

If your child is absent on October 20th he/she will not receive the vaccination at CSE at all, so please make other arrangements for the vaccine. (The Health Department will be holding clinics, or you could check with your child's pediatrician.)

The signed consent form (two pages) must have been received by the school nurse by Friday September 23rd. No exceptions will be made regarding consents turned in after the 23rd.



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons with regard to its employment practices and in the provision of services, programs, and activities. The CCPS does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. The CCPS provides non-discriminatory 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.

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October Reminders from Mrs.White, the School Nurse:

Acute Illnesses:

Students who were sick with vomiting or diarrhea must stay home for 24 hours AFTER the vomiting or diarrhea has ceased. This helps to prevent contamination to other students. Many students may have episodes of vomiting, and then "feel better". However, gastrointestinal illnesses often recur in cycles, and it is better to wait the full 24 hours before returning to usual activities.

Health and Care Items:

Students are allowed to bring items to school that may help to keep them well – such as Purell Hand Sanitizer, lip balm, or non-medicated cough drops. The students are NOT allowed to distribute any of the above to their friends or other students, however, and they must be kept in their desks or lockers.

Please send in lip balm if your child gets severely chapped lips in the winter, so that he/she does not miss class time coming to see the nurse for chapped lips. Please label all items sent to school with your child's name.

I would like to ask that each parent also send in a change of clothes for their child that can be kept in his/her locker. Children in school have frequent accidents that require changing their clothes – milk spills at lunch, falling into mud at recess, nosebleeds, or even toileting accidents long after they have been totally toilet trained. If they have an extra pair of clothes in their locker, they can change easily, without embarrassment, and without you needing to bring another set of clothes to the school right then.

Please notify me if any change occurs for your child that would impact his/her health here at school. I am generally in the office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.
~ Sue White RN



October Music Notes...

We are having a great time in music class! In September, students in grades 1-5 learned the song, "Walk a Mile," which accompanied the September character trait of respect. In October, students will begin a new song, "Responsibility," to reinforce the October trait of responsibility. All fourth and fifth grade students have the opportunity to join chorus this year (which began on September 22, 2011). As a chorus member, students will attend a weekly 30 minute practice (signed permission slip required) to prepare for a holiday concert in December. Also, please remind your 4th or 5th grader to bring their recorder back to school for music class.

We are off to a great start in music class this year as Cranberry Station musicians!

Please be sure to ask your child what they have been learning in music....they might even perform for you!

Keep Singing!
Mrs. Miller

Several students in our school have food allergies as well as other health concerns like diabetes. Please check with your child's teacher before bringing in snacks for classroom parties, birthday treats, etc. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!



Art to Remember is this month!

We have been working hard on our Art to Remember projects! With this fundraiser, your child's artwork can be reproduced on a number of items, from pillows and t-shirts to night lights and calendars.

The Art to Remember order packets will be going home on October 17th. Included in this packet is your student's original artwork, a brochure of products, parent letter and order form. If you choose to order product's with your child's artwork on them, please be sure to return the original artwork, order form and payment in the original white envelope. **Orders are due back to school by October 24th.** We should be getting the original products and sending them out to you in early December.

Our goal this year is to earn enough to install an interactive whiteboard in the art room. With this learning tool, students will interact with artworks, make timelines, virtually explore museums and make their own computer art on the big screen. We were fortunate to borrow an "demo" interactive board last year. As a result, we are very excited to get a board installed in the art room so that it can become a permanent part of our learning. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser to make our art program at CSE even more exciting!

Villa Maria of Carroll County
Behavioral Health Clinic, 255 Clifton Blvd, Suite 302, Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 848-2037

Would you like your child or teenager to become more successful at school and/or home? Would you like parental support and guidance? You may want to consider giving us a call.

We are a licensed outpatient community mental health clinic servicing Carroll County. Our skilled clinicians provide caring and compassionate services with the goal of improving overall functioning in the school, home, and community by enhancing skills and building relationships.

Please call our Intake Coordinators, Mary Anne Duncan or Kelli Schlossberg, at 410-848-2037, extension 100 to inquire about services.



Parenting Workshop Positive Solutions for Families

Do you sometimes wish your kids came with a manual? Do you feel out of control? Are your child's challenging behaviors interfering with family life? A series of free parenting workshops will be held on October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Carroll Springs School in Westminster. The workshops, entitled Positive Solutions for Families, will offer a positive approach to behavior intervention and parenting in general.

The theory and techniques are based on fostering a child's social emotional development. During the four consecutive weeks, the workshops will provide ideas for helping children feel safe, loved and special; feel competent and confident; and build relationships and develop friendships. The workshops will also give ideas to parents on how to help children learn to follow directions, manage their emotions, let others know what their behavior is trying to communicate, and learn new skills to replace challenging behavior.

To register, please call Cindy Senseney at 410-751-3955. Please note that these workshops are for adults only and childcare will not be available. A light dinner will be provided.

Students arriving late to school must be walked into the building and signed in at the office by an adult. Our front door buzzer system has been installed and late students do not have access to the building without your assistance.

Parent Drop Off Reminder
Children should stay in cars and be supervised until school personnel come out of the side doors at 8:15. Please listen for when the 8:15 bell rings. We have had some students standing out by the door, unsupervised.
Thank you

Please label your children's jackets, lunchboxes, wallets, etc. with your child's name. Our lost and found is growing larger each day!

Unclaimed lost items are donated to Goodwill at the end of each month.



"There is beauty all around when there is love at home"

Q: Why is Carroll County Public Schools changing its school start and end times next school year?

A: Last year, the Superintendent asked each department head to examine their operations in an effort to improve efficiency and to look at potential cost saving measures. The Transportation Services Department, through the restructuring of school starting and ending times and the realignment of bus routes, found significant efficiencies leading to the elimination of 40 buses with an annual cost savings of at least \$1.2 million. This change led to a reorganization of school start and end times.

Q: Are the school times final?

A: Yes. The school times as published are the official start and end times for the 2012 - 2013 school year. There may be a need to make changes in future years for specific schools pertaining to student population growth, school boundary adjustments, and transportation efficiency. However, these are the final start and end times for next school year.

Q: Why are high schools starting earlier than middle and elementary schools?

A: The high school instructional day (6 hours and 50 minutes) is 15 minutes longer than the middle school day and 20 minutes longer than the elementary school day. If high schools had the later school times, elementary schools would have to start as early as 7:30 a.m. to allow high schools to start within the earliest time range of 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. With this starting time range, the high school day would not end until 4:05 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

High school boundaries are much larger in area. This means high school bus routes are also longer, and many students would not arrive home until well after 5:00 p.m. While students at all grade levels participate in after school activities, many high school students participate in extra-curricular activities and many have after school job requirements. In addition, many elementary and middle school parents rely on an older high school sibling to provide after-school care.

Q: Why wasn't I notified earlier?

A: The Transportation Efficiency Study and the proposed 2012-2013 school times were discussed at several public Board of Education meetings, beginning at the March 23, 2011 meeting. The proposed school times were published on the Carroll County Public Schools website with the opportunity for parents and community members to provide feedback. There was much public discussion about the plan and several hundred emails were received. There were also several articles printed in the Carroll County Times and other local publications regarding the proposed changes for school start times. An attempt was made by the school system to make sure that all families were informed of the proposal and received as much input as possible prior to a final decision.

Q: Was the need for daycare considered in developing the new school times?

A: There is no school schedule that would fulfill every family's personal schedule and daycare needs. The school system recognizes that the changes in school schedules will alter many families' current home schedules. As is currently the case for many families, before and after-school daycare service may be required.

Q: Will my child's bus number be the same next year?

A: Buses will be assigned to routes in the most efficient and economical manner based on the location of bus contractors and school routes. Many students staying within the same school will have a different bus number next year.

Q: You have eliminated 40 buses; does that mean my child's bus ride will be longer?

A: No, student ride times will not be made longer or shorter as a result of the reduction in the number of buses or the adjustment to school start and end times. However, because the school starting and ending times are changing for most schools, students will board buses and depart buses earlier or later depending on the change in school times. The reduction in the number of buses results from arranging the school start and end times to achieve the maximum use of each school bus every day. In most cases, each bus will complete three routes per day in school year 2012-13 allowing us to eliminate the 40 buses. We will not make any adjustments to bus routes that would impact student ride time beyond our normal adjustments for new students or students leaving.


Q: Will the changes to school start and end or the reduction in the number of buses impact special education routes?

A: No, the study that resulted in the new school times did not include special education routes. The 40 buses being eliminated are all regular education buses.

Q: When will specific information regarding next year's bus schedules be made available?

A: Bus routes and times will be published on the school system's website and given to schools in early August. The Carroll County Times normally publishes bus routes (by school) at least one full week before the start of school.

October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3 Breakfast: Cereal w/ graham crackers, fruit or juice. Milk LUNCH: 1) Scrambled eggs, Sausage Patty, Pancake w/ syrup, orange juice, fruit. 2) Turkey & cheese sub w/ chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20</p>	<p>4 Breakfast: Cereal w/ graham crackers or Steak and egg on Roll. Fruit or juice. Milk LUNCH: 1) Grilled Cheese Sand. 2) Turkey on Roll. Pizza Soup, Fresh Veggies w/ dip. Fruit</p>	<p>5 Breakfast: Cereal w/ graham crackers or Bagel w/ toppings. Fruit or juice. Milk LUNCH: 1) Chicken Nuggets 2) Bologna/cheese sand. French Fries Roll w/ butter. Peaches</p>	<p>6 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Ham and Egg on Roll. Fruit or juice. LUNCH: 1) Soft or Hard Taco 2) Chicken Patty on Roll Spanish Rice, Corn, Fruit</p>	<p>7 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Breakfast Pockets, fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Cheese Pizza 2) Fish Sand. Tossed Salad, Hot Veggie Fruit</p>
<p>10 Breakfast: Cereal w/ graham crackers, fruit or juice. Milk. LUNCH: 1) Chicken Patty on Roll 2) Steak and Cheese sub Vegetable soup, coleslaw Fresh apple</p>	<p>11 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Yogurt, fruit or juice. LUNCH: 1) Sloppy Joe on Roll 2) Chili Dog on Roll Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggies w/ dip, Fruit</p>	<p>12 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Breakfast Pockets, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Nachos w/ meat and cheese sauce 2) Ham and Cheese sub Baked Potato, Broccoli, Fruit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOBBLE UP BOOK MARK</p>	<p>13 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, or Ham, Egg and cheese on Roll, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Cheese sticks w/ dipping sauce 2) Hot Ham and Cheese on Roll, Tossed salad, Fruit</p>	<p>14 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Doughnut, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Pepperoni Pizza 2) Cheese Pizza Hot Vegetable, Fruit</p>
<p>17 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, fruit or juice. LUNCH: 1) Cold Cut Sub 2) Hamburger on Roll Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Carrott & Celery sticks with Dip Fruit</p>	<p>18 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham LUNCH: 1) Popcorn Chicken 2) Corn Dog Vegetable rice casserole, Fruit</p>	<p>19 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, or Sausage and Egg on Roll, Fruit or juice LUNCH: 1) Cheeseburger on Roll 2) Turkey/Cheese Sub Tomato soup Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>	<p>20 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or yogurt, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Cheese Pizza 2) Fish Sand. Golden corn and carrots, Fruit</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">SCHOOLS CLOSED</p>
<p>24 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers. Fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Chicken Tenders w/ Roll 2) Hamburger on Roll Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fresh veggies w/ Dip, Fruit</p>	<p>25 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Ham and Egg on Roll, Fruit ir Juice. LUNCH: 1) Baked Cheese sticks 2) Sloppy Joe on Roll Broccoli, Fruit</p>	<p>26 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers or Steak and Egg on Roll, Fruit or Juice. Lunch: 1) Soft or Hard Taco 2) Bologna & Cheese on Roll, Spanish Rice, Corn and Fruit</p>	<p>27 Breakfast: Cereal, w/ Graham Crackers or Breakfast Pockets, Fruit or Juice Lunch: 1) Spaghetti & meatballs. 2) Hot Ham and Cheese Tossed Salad, Green Beans,, Fruit</p>	<p>28 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, or Doughnut, fruit or juice. LUNCH: 1) Pepperoni Pizza 2) Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>
<p>31 Breakfast: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, or Fruit or Juice. Lunch: 1) Chicken Nuggetts 2) Tuna Salad Sub Baked Beans, Roll w/ Butter. Fruit</p>		<p>SANDWICH OF THE MONTH</p> <p>TUNA SALAD ON ROLL</p> 	<p>Lunch - \$2.00. Milk - 50 cents</p> <p>Snack prices are .25 cents to .75 cents.</p>	



Baltimore Ravens and Carroll County Public Schools

2011 Project ACES Challenge with 14,000 Elementary Students

The Baltimore Ravens and Carroll County Public Schools will kick off the Play 60 Challenge with Project ACES (Active Children Excel in School) Monday, October 3, 2011, as part of the nationwide NFL Play 60 campaign, a program designed to promote healthy and active lifestyles among today's youth.

The Ravens and the Carroll County Public Schools health and physical education departments will encourage elementary school students to engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day for a period of two weeks. Students will track their activity throughout the course of the program with provided daily activity logs, with parents and staff members also encouraged to participate as role models. Students who successfully log 60 minutes for each day of the challenge will then be entered in a raffle to win various prizes. Two lucky winners, one girl and one boy, will be invited to the Ravens vs. 49ers game (November 24th) where they will be recognized, on-field, prior to kickoff. Three additional students will be chosen to attend a Ravens Play 60 reward luncheon in the spring of 2012, alongside winning students from surrounding Baltimore-area schools taking part in the Play 60 Challenge.

Staff members are also encouraged to participate in the Challenge. The Project ACES school with the most staff participation will receive a catered luncheon, compliments of the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens will also award a financial grant to the physical education department of the school with the highest overall participation.

For 2011, 26 elementary schools throughout Carroll County will participate in the Play 60 Challenge/Project ACES program, totaling over 14,000 students. The event runs October 3-16.

Formed in 1996, Project ACES works to promote healthy nutrition and increased physical activity in children. The first physical activity challenge took place in 2000, and has since grown into an annual, two week event every fall.

For more information, call Linda Kephart, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, Carroll County Public Schools, at 410-751-3056.

