

# CRANBERRY STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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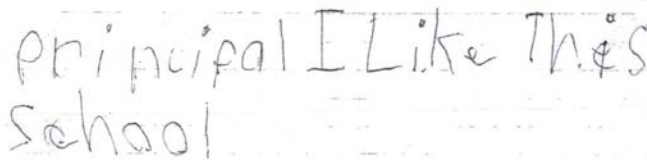
Jan 2012 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! This time of year, gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on all that has been accomplished and look forward to what is ahead.

The first part of our school year has been full of many celebrations and treasured memories. Our students continue to demonstrate many talents both in and out of the classroom. We are fortunate to be part of such a caring community where individuals work hard and help one another to make progress beyond what is expected.

Throughout the year, I hear many compliments about our school from students, parents and staff who enjoy working together to ensure our school's success. Here is one special example I received today from one of our second graders;



Principal I Like This  
School

May the rest of our school year be full of joy and learning!

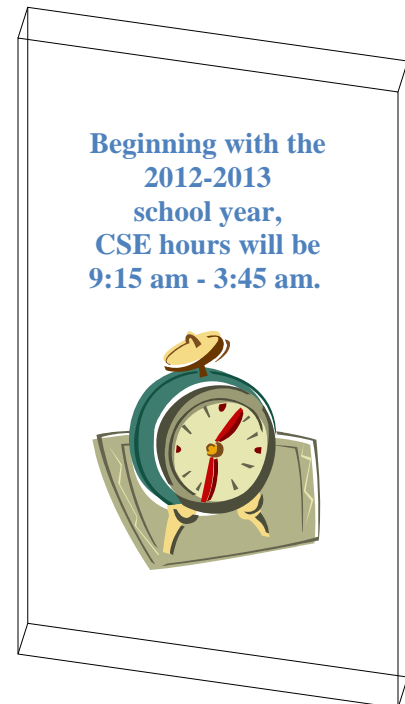
Sincerely,

Pamela R. Meyers  
Principal

**We will be advertising on the CCPS Job Hotline for two hourly assistants. We will be interviewing in early January. Both jobs will begin around Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and run through the last day of school. The tentative hours look to be 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, each day. If you are interested in being considered for one of the positions, please contact Gina Hicks at 410-386-4440.**

## January 2012 Calendar

Tues, Jan 3rd	Schools re-open. Welcome Back!
Wed, Jan 11th	Volunteer Training 6:00 pm PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
Mon, Jan 16th	Schools Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Thurs, Jan 19th	Market Day pick up 7 - 8 pm
Mon, Jan 23rd	Dental Screening for grades K & 3
Thurs, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Zoo Mobile to visit Gr 2 Second marking period ends
Fri, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed for Students
Mon, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Third Marking period begins
Wed, Feb 1st	Report Cards go home



### January Music Notes...

During the month of January, students in grades 1-5 will be learning the song, "**Champions**," to accompany the monthly character traits of integrity and trustworthiness. Please ask your child about the song and they may even sing a mini-performance for you!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students** will begin playing recorders soon and will need a signed permission slip and a recorder to do so. Please watch for a letter in your child's take home folder with important information about learning to play the recorder during music class. We are getting very excited about this new adventure!

Mrs. Miller♪



### 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.

### A KEYS for READING memo from Mrs. Love

This year the Frederick Keys has made some changes to the incentive program. The Keys for Reading 2012 Program kick-off will begin later than in past years on **FRIDAY, MARCH 26**.

The program will end on **FRIDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**. The CCPS night at the ballpark will be **SATURDAY, MAY 12** at 6:00. Students will be required to read three books in one month to earn a voucher for a free ticket to the game. More information will come in future newsletters closer to the start of the program!

*Please Note:*

Volunteer Training sessions will begin promptly at the scheduled time, so allow adequate travel time in order to arrive before the presentation begins. Attendees must be present for the entire presentation because volunteer training is an annual compliance requirement. **You will need to attend another presentation if the training session has begun when you arrive.** The trainers appreciate your understanding and regret any inconvenience this situation may cause.



### January Volunteer Training

9	Manchester Elementary	6:00 PM	410-751-3410
10	West Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3661
11	Cranberry Station Elem.	6:00 PM	410-386-4440
11	New Windsor Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3355
12	Friendship Valley Elem.	5:45 PM	410-751-3650
12	Oklahoma Road Middle	6:00 PM	410-751-3600
18	Manchester Valley High	3:00 PM	410-386-1673
18	Sandymount Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3215
9	Manchester Elementary	6:00 PM	410-751-3410
10	West Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3661

### Booster Seats Are For Big Kids!

Did you know that Maryland law changed in 2008 for kids regarding riding in a safety seat? Those changes may impact your own child. Please review the information below, and make sure that your children are protected while riding in your vehicle.

Most kids need to ride in a booster seat from about age 4 until age 10-12. If your child isn't using a booster, try answering the simple test questions below the next time you ride together in the car. You will probably find that your child is not yet ready to use a safety belt without a booster.

#### **The 5-Step Test**

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to make both the shoulder belt and the lap belt fit right for the best crash protection. Your child will be more comfortable, too!

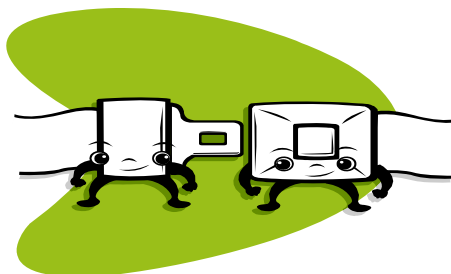
For best protection, all children should ride in the back seat until they are ready to drive. It's twice as safe as the front seat.

- Every child under 8 years old must ride in an appropriate child restraint unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds.
- Every child from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a child restraint must be secured in a vehicle seat belt.

(This information was adapted from the Kids in Safety Seats website.)

Also, just as a reminder, winter has arrived! Please consider replacing your child's extra set of clothes to be kept at school with long pants and long shirts!

Thank you so much!  
Sue White RN  
School Nurse



# Winter

## **Inclement Weather Information**

In the event that it becomes necessary to close schools for the entire day because of inclement weather (snow or heat), the announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. **Parents will receive e-mail and telephone notification through the Alert now system.** Notification of school closings or delays will also be made through the following media sources: WTTR, Channel 3 and 21 - Prestige Cable (Westminster); WHVR/WYCR (Hanover); WGET (Gettysburg); WFMD, (Frederick); WTHU (Thurmont); WBAL, WCAO, WCBM, WRBS, WPOC, Lite 102, WMIX, WMAR-TV, WBAL-TV, WJZ-TV, WQSR, WWLG AM, WASA, WANN, V103 (Baltimore); WMAL, WTOP, Fox Channel 5, WRC-TV4, WUSA Channel 9 and WJLA-TV (Washington, DC); WJEJ/WWMD (Hagerstown) ; WCRH (Williamsport); WAFY-KEY 103, WXTR (WASHINGTON).

### School OPENING Delayed 1 Hour:

School will begin at 9:35.

### School OPENING Delayed 2 or 3 Hours:

School will begin at 10:35 for a two hour delay and at 11:35 for a three hour delay.

### School CLOSING 1 Hour Early:

Dismissal time will begin at 2:05 p.m.

### School CLOSING 2 Hours Early:

Dismissal will begin at 1:05 p.m.

### School CLOSING 2hrs 45 minutes early:

Dismissal will begin at 12:20.

### School CLOSING 3 Hours Early:

Dismissal time will begin at 12:05 p.m.

### System-wide Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

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

### Elementary Students Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

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



## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school office if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.



## **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.

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. 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, may 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. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations: Raymond Prokop, Director of Facilities, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3177, or Carey Gaddis, Supervisor of Community and Media Relations, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3020.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK**  
**March 26-30, 2012**

Registration for kindergarten for the 2012 - 2013 school year will be held the week of March 26-30, 2012 in the Cranberry Station Elementary school office. Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2012.

Biological parents or legal guardians will need to present the following at the time of registration:

1. their child's birth certificate, birth registration notice, or passport
2. verification of residence - a recent utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, or land line phone bill
3. specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.



**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](http://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

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO

KATHY BARRETT, PPW AT 410-751-3108.

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **February 1, 2012** will be returned to the sender without consideration.



**JANUARY  
2012**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p align="center"><b>SANDWICH OF THE MONTH</b></p> <p align="center">Chicken Salad on Roll</p>	<p>Breakfast: Cereal w/graham crackers, juice, fruit LUNCH: 1) Grilled ham and cheese 2) Chicken patty, hot vegetable, fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: Cereal w/ 4) Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. Milk LUNCH: 1) Grilled Cheese Sand. 2) Hamburger on Roll Pizza Soup w/ Crackers, Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: Sausage 5) Patty and Egg on Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Chicken patty on Roll. 2) Fish Sand. Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: Donut or 6) Cereal w/ Graham Crackers. LUNCH: 1)Pepperoni Pizza 2) Cheese Pizza . Hot Vegetable, Fruit</p>
<p>Breakfast: (9) Cereal w/ Graham crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Popcorn Chicken 2) Cheeseburger on Roll Corn, Roll w/ Butter, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (10) Ham and, egg on roll or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Grilled Ham and Cheese on Roll 2)Turkey Wrap Chicken Rice Soup. Fresh veggies/Dip, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (11) Breakfast Pockets or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Rib-a-Que on Roll 2) Hot Dog on Roll Potato Rounds. Coleslaw, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (12) Bagel w/ toppings or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Pizzatas 2) Chicken Pot Pie/ Biscuit, Green Beans, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (13) Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Cheese Pizza 2) Fish Sand. Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>
<p align="center">(16) SCHOOLS CLOSED</p>	<p>Breakfast: (17) Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Chicken Patty 2) Meatball Sub Vegetable Soup w/ Crackers, Tossed Salad Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (18) Breakfast Pockets or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Sausage Patty, Pancake w/ Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Juice and Fruit 2) Bologna and Cheese Sand. w/ Chips</p>	<p>Breakfast: (19) Ham and Egg on Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Spaghetti w/ Meatballs 2) Corn Dog Tossed Salad Roll w/ Butter, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (20) Donut or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Pepperoni Pizza 2) Cheese Pizza. Hot Veggie, Fruit</p>
<p>Breakfast: (23) Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Chicken Tenders w/ Roll. 2) Hot Ham and Cheese Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Veggie Cup, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (24) Sausage Patty on Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1)Oven Baked Cheese sticks w/ Dipping Sauce 2)Sloppy Joe on Roll Hot Vegetable and fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (25) Bagel w/ Topping or (Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Chicken Patty on Roll 2) Breadsticks w/ Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast: (26) Breakfast Pockets or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Cheese Pizza 2) Fish Sand. Tossed Salad, Fruit</p>	<p align="center">(27) SCHOOLS CLOSED</p>
<p align="center">(30) BREAKFAST: Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice LUNCH: 1) Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll. 2) Bologna and Cheese Celery and Carrot Sticks Baked Beans and Fruit</p>	<p align="center">(31) BREAKFAST: Egg and Cheese on Roll or Cereal w/ Graham Crackers, Fruit or Juice. LUNCH: 1) Nachos w/ meat and Cheese Sauce. 2) Pizzatas Hot Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Fruit.</p>	<p>Breakfast and lunch tickets are always available for purchase in our cafeteria, payable by check or cash. Please include your child's name and grade and note if the tickets are for breakfast, lunch or both. If we don't receive a note, then the funds are applied to the lunch account.</p>		

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PACKETS

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year will be held during the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:45 am - 2:45 pm.

To request a registration packet for your child, please complete the tear sheet below and send it in to the school office. Registration packets will be sent to you during the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Students must be five years old by September 1, 2012 to attend kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year.

Parent/guardians must live in the school attendance area of the school in which they plan to enroll the student.



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### Kindergarten Packet Request

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one box below:

Please send a registration packet home with \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_'s class.

Please mail my child's registration packet.

Please call me and I will pick up a registration packet for my child.



