

CRANBERRY STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2009

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

The 1st Marking Period has just ended. All 1st - 5th graders will be bringing home a progress report on November 6th. (Kindergarteners will bring home their 1st progress report in January) Their grades will tell you how well they have learned the first quarter's curriculum, and how strong their work habits are. Their attendance is also reported. Usually we would contact parents if a child is absent more than 4.5 days this quarter. Because of the number of students who were absent due to illness recently, we will only contact parents if the absences are unverified or if there are many absences not due to illness. Most students are getting to school on time and are not leaving until the end of the school day at 3:05. In September, Mrs. Waldeck's class had 13 days with perfect attendance. So far October's perfect attendance days are not as high, but it seems to be just in some classes.

How can you help your child? Talking to your child's teacher or watching a lesson in the classroom can help you understand what your child's grades mean. We have 2 conference evenings in November that you can sign up for: November 9th or Nov 17th, or you can schedule another time with the teacher.

During American Education Week, you are invited to watch your child's reading and math lesson. Be watching for an invitation from your child's teacher soon with the lesson times. Each grade has picked a day for that special visit:

- Nov. 16 - 1st grade
- Nov. 17 - Kindergarten and 2nd grade
- Nov 18 - 4th grade and 5th grade
- Nov 19 - 3rd grade
- Nov. 20 - 1st Quarter Recognition Assembly - 2:15

We hope to see you at a conference, at a classroom visit, or at the assembly so you can find out how well your child is learning so far this year.

Ms. Judith C. Walker
Principal

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 2 - 5 - Book Fair Browsing Week (more information on pg 5)
 Nov 4 - School Banking Day
 Nov 5 - Volunteer Training 6:30 - 7pm, PTA Meeting at 7pm
 Nov 6 - Report card distribution date, 3rd grade Science Program
 Nov 9 - **EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:20**, Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:30 - 7:00 pm, Book Fair Family Shopping time 12:30 - 6:30 pm
 Nov 6 - 12 - Book Fair Buying Week
 Nov 11 - School Banking Day
 Nov 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:30 - 7:00 pm, DARE Program for grades 2 & 4
 Nov 18 - School Banking Day, SGA meeting 2:30
 November 19 - Market Day pickup 7:00pm -8:00 pm
 November 20 - 1st Qtr Recognition Assembly 2:15
 Nov 23 - 27 - **SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS**

SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

Students will be sent home from school with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Students are not to be sent to school the next day if they were sent home for a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. After the fever has been gone for 24 hours **without the use of medication to bring the fever down**, the student may return to school. Example: If you call us on Monday and say that you are keeping your child home because he/she has a fever, we should not see that student here in school on Tuesday, as they would not have had 24 hours without a fever yet. If a child is sent to school having had a fever the previous day, the parent will be called to come and get the student and take them home. No exceptions. If you have sent in a note for an absent child, citing that he/she has a "fever", but it is below 100 degrees, please write that in the note. Technically this would not be a fever, but just a slightly elevated temperature. Please follow these guidelines carefully. We are trying to keep all of the students as healthy as possible, and by keeping sick children home until they are no longer contagious, it helps to prevent the spread of disease. If you have any question as to whether you should send your child back to school, or keep him/her home, please call Mrs. White, RN between 8:00 am. - 3:30 pm at (410) 386-4440.

Music Notes

During the month of November, all students in grades 1-5 will be learning the song, "A Beautiful Way," which accompanies the character trait of cooperation/kindness/courtesy. Students are doing a wonderful job each month learning our new song. Be sure to ask your child to give you a performance of what they have learned!

Mrs. Miller

Reminder

Parent pick up students are dismissed at 3:05.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON NOV 9TH & 17TH FROM 3:30 - 7:00 PM. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 410-386-4440.



Inclement weather information can be found on our school webpage at www.carrollk12.org/cse/general/emergency.asp or in the Cranberry Station Student Handbook.

Parents can keep youngsters safe by arranging emergency back up care. Children should be taught what to do if schools close unexpectedly and parents/caregivers are not at home.



Report Card Distribution Dates

11/6 for grades 1 - 5

1/29 for grades K-5

4/13 for grades 1 - 5

6/10 for grades K - 5

Kindergarten students will receive report cards on Jan 29 and June 10th.

PARENT DROP OFF REMINDER

Parent drop off students should be able to independently exit your vehicle on the passenger side. If your child needs assistance to exit your vehicle, please park the car and walk your child to the sidewalk. Please do not exit your vehicle in the parent drop off line. Students must be ready to exit the car immediately. If you need to zip jackets, sign homework, give lunch money, etc., please park your car and walk your child to the sidewalk when they are ready.

Please help us to model our 4 R's by following these rules.



Please be sure to let us know if you are moving or have changed home, cell, or work telephone numbers.



Late Opening/Early Dismissal Times

1 hour late - school starts at 9:35

2 hours late - school starts at 10:35

2 hour 45 min early dismissal - students are dismissed at 12:20

2 hour early dismissal - students are dismissed at 1:05

1 hour early dismissal - students are dismissed at 2:05



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
11/4	Linton Springs Elem	10:00 am	410-751-3280
11/5	Mechanicsville Elem	9:30 am	410-751-3510
11/5	Westminster Elem	6:00 pm	410-751-3222
11/5	Cranberry Station	6:30 pm	410-386-4440
11/9	William Winchester Elem	6:00 pm	410-751-3230
11/9	Shiloh Middle	6:30 pm	410-386-4570
11/10	Carrolltowne Elem	7:00 pm	410-751-3530
11/11	Eldersburg Elem	9:30 am 7:00 pm	410-751-32520
11/12	Spring Garden Elem	7:30 am	410-751-3433
11/12	Linton Springs Elem	4:00 pm	410-751-3280
11/12	South Carroll High	6:30 pm	410-751-3575
11/12	Linton Springs Elem	7:00 pm	410-751-3280
11/16	Winters Mill HS	9:00 am	410-386-1500
11/17	Sykesville Middle	7:00 pm	410-751-3545
11/18	Francis Scott Key HS	5:00 pm	410-751-3320
11/23	Westminster HS	2:00 pm	410-751-3630

Verifying Student Absences

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, email Mrs. Wonilowicz at lwwonil@k12.carr.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 label coats, hats, etc. with your child's name. Remind your child to check the lost & found for missing items.



ALL VOLUNTEERS, CHAPERONES, AND CLASSROOM HELPERS MUST ATTEND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP TO HELP IN THE CLASSROOM OR CHAPERONE A FIELD TRIP UNTIL YOU HAVE ATTENDED A VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION THIS SCHOOL YEAR. A COMPLETE LIST OF VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.CARROLLK12.ORG.

Family Bingo Night

Would anyone have a bingo machine that we could borrow in January for a Family Bingo Night? If so, please contact Mrs Belschner at (410) 386-4440 or JMBELSC@k12.carr.org.

News from the Health Room

In this newsletter, I would like to review some of the important ways that we can try to prevent illnesses from spreading through the school. Please adhere to these guidelines – it is especially important now - when there is already a lot of sickness going around in our school. If you send your child back before he/she is completely recovered from an illness, they are much more likely to pick up the next infection, as well as to spread their sickness to other children. According to research, the influenza virus is shed for up to two days after most symptoms of the flu are gone!

Q: If my child wakes up with a temperature above 100 degrees, and I give him Tylenol or Motrin and his temperature comes down, can I still bring him to school?

A: No. Carroll County School Policy states that a child must have a temperature lower than 100 degrees X 24 hours before returning to school. This is to help prevent the spread of disease. When you give Tylenol or Motrin to a child, it makes them feel better, and brings the temperature down, but the likelihood of spreading the illness is still there...the medicine just masks the fever.

Q: My daughter has a fever of 100.3. this morning, so I am keeping her home from school. It is okay to send her back to school tomorrow after she is home 24 hours, right?

A: No. She should still stay home the next day, as her temperature was above 100 the day before. A complete day needs to pass without Tylenol or Motrin, and without a temperature of 100 or above, before a child should return to school.

Q: My child threw up last night in the night, but seems fine this morning. Can I send her to school?

A: No. Stomach viruses are very contagious, and spread quickly. It is important to keep a child home for 24 hours after vomiting, to be sure that the virus is out of their system. Most children who have been vomiting run a real risk of dehydration, and it is a good idea to keep them home on a day after as stomach virus and let them drink fluids as much as possible.

Q: My child has had a few bouts of diarrhea, but otherwise feels okay this morning. Can I send him to school?

A: No. Diarrhea is also a very contagious illness, and should be isolated from well students. Please keep your child home until the diarrhea has completely stopped, and refrain from giving over the counter anti-diarrhea medications, unless advised to by your child's doctor.

Q: My daughter is coughing quite a bit.....is it okay to send her to school with cough drops?

A: Yes. Please send a note in for the teacher as well, indicating that it is okay to bring in cough drops and take them at school. Remind your child not to share these cough drops with anyone else, and to use them with discretion.

Q: My son has very chapped lips. Is it okay to send Chapstick or lip balm to school with him to keep in his desk?

A: Yes, it is fine. In fact, I request that parents do that as much as possible. There are quite a few students leaving class and missing vital teaching to come to the health room to get Vaseline for their lips on a regular basis. These visits could be prevented easily, by sending lip balm to school with them during the winter months.

If you have any further questions regarding school policies for illness, please do not hesitate to call me at the main school number, and I will be glad to answer your questions. I am generally at my desk by 8 in the morning.

Thank you for helping to keep all of our students as healthy as they can be! I know these guidelines can be difficult to follow when parents have to stay home with their sick children. However, once your child is well you will be glad that other parents are also following the same guidelines and keeping their sick children home, so that your own child is not exposed again. If we all work together, we can cut down on the amount of time our children are missing school because of illness.

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HOMEWORK REQUESTS

Office: 410-386-4440

Please keep in mind that HOMEWORK REQUESTS may be made by contacting the school office between 9:00 am - 11:00 am. It is important to request the homework by 11:00 am because the only time teachers have to gather work is *during their planning time.*

RESIDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE

Very often students' addresses change during the course of the school year, and parents/guardians are unaware of the procedures necessary to change their children's records.

ALL address changes must be documented by an appropriate proof of residence as mandated by state guidelines.

Acceptable documents for proof of residence include:

- A signed rental/lease agreement on a home/apartment in which you are residing;
- Recent bill of service delivered to the residence (i.e., electric, land-line phone, cable, oil or water);
- Recent mortgage statement/bill
- A recently signed settlement document;
- A current property tax bill indicating Primary Residence;
- A notarized Residence Verification form (available in the office) accompanied by an acceptable proof of residence for the owner/lessee of the property

Once the new proof of residence document is received, the student's records will be updated. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Kirkpatrick at 410-386-4440.

The Book Fair has Arrived!! Book Fair Family Shopping Event - Monday, November 9 from 12:30-6:00pm

Your family, friends, and neighbors are all welcome! This year, our family event is scheduled on a date that is both an early dismissal day and a teacher conference evening. Try to plan a visit to the book fair while you are here!

All students will bring home a reminder flyer and wish list during browsing week, October 30-November 5. Purchases can be made by cash or checks made out to: Cranberry Station Elementary. On Family Night ONLY we can accept credit cards. In addition to the Family Shopping Day, students are also invited to buy books from the book fair during Media class from November 6-12.

If you have media on....	Browse and Create Wish List on	Buy books in Media Class on
Fridays	Friday, October 30	Friday, November 6
Mondays	Monday, November 2	Monday, November 9
Tuesdays	Tuesday, November 3	Tuesday, November 10
Wednesdays	Wednesday, November 4	Wednesday, November 11
Thursdays	Thursday, November 5	Thursday, November 12


We are always striving to increase technology integration in Cranberry Station's classrooms. This year, we plan to target book fair proceeds to purchase equipment, such as LCD projectors, that will support this goal. Please come out to support our school fundraiser.

Happy Reading!!

-Mrs. Whitehead and Ms. Reichert

If you are planning to pick up your child on October 9th for the Book Fair, please send in a parent pick up note. You can pick up your child in the parent pick up line, get a sticker from parent pick up staff, and proceed to the media center. We will not be dismissing students from the office to the Book Fair.

November Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2. <u>Breakfast:</u> Toast or Cinnamon toast w/ choice of cereal, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Grilled cheese, pizza soup w/crackers, applesauce, fruit juice bar, milk</p>	<p>3. <u>Breakfast:</u> Sausage & egg w/toast or cereal & toast., fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Pizzas or turkey wrap, veggie soup w/crackers, fruit, popcorn, milk</p>	<p>4. <u>Breakfast:</u> Waffles w/ syrup or cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Chicken patty on roll, pasta salad, baked beans, fruit, animal crackers, milk</p>	<p>5. <u>Breakfast:</u> Ham & cheese w/toast or cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Bread sticks w/ meat sauce or tuna noodle casserole, tossed salad, fruit, jello w/whip topping, milk</p>	<p>6. <u>Breakfast:</u> Sausage patty w/toast or cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Cheese Pizza or Fish sandwich, hot vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk</p>
<p>9. <u>Breakfast:</u> French toast sticks w/syrup, cereal & toast., fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Sausage patty, scrambled eggs, pancake w/syrup, orange juice, fruit, milk</p> <p>"<u>Breakfast for Lunch</u>"</p>	<p>10. <u>Breakfast:</u> Breakfast pizza or cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Chicken nuggets, French fries, roll w/ butter, fruit, cookie, milk</p>	<p>11. <u>Breakfast:</u> Bagel w/ toppings or cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Sliced turkey w/ dressing, mashed potatoes, w/gravy, buttered corn, cranberry sauce, roll w/butter, holiday dessert, milk</p>	<p>12. <u>Breakfast:</u> Donut or cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Hot dog or Hamburger on roll, hot vegetable, fruit, pudding, milk</p>	<p>13. <u>Breakfast:</u> Pancakes w/syrup or cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza or Fish sandwich, hot vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk</p>
<p>16. <u>Breakfast:</u> Toast or Cinnamon toast w/ choice of cereal, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Oven baked cheese sticks, with dipping sauce, hot vegetable, peaches, fruit juice bar, milk</p>	<p>17. <u>Breakfast:</u> Sausage & egg w/toast or cereal & toast., fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Ham & Cheese sub or turkey on roll, chicken rice soup, fresh veggies w/dip, fruit, cookie, milk</p>	<p>18. <u>Breakfast:</u> Bagel w/ topping or cereal & toast., fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Chicken tenders, roll w/butter, potato rounds, green beans, fruit, popcorn, milk</p>	<p>19. <u>Breakfast:</u> Ham & cheese on toast or cereal & toast., fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Hard or soft taco w/cheese, shredded lettuce, corn, fruit, pretzel twists, milk</p>	<p>20. <u>Breakfast:</u> Pancakes w/syrup or cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Fish sandwich or cheese pizza, hot vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk</p>
23. Schools Closed	24. Schools Closed	25. Schools Closed	26. Schools Closed	27. Schools Closed
<p>30. <u>Breakfast:</u> Toast or Cinnamon toast w/ choice of cereal, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Hamburger on roll & Cheese burger on roll, French fries, fruit, animal crackers, milk</p>	<p>Lunch - \$2.00</p> <p>Breakfast - \$1.25</p> <p>Adult Lunch - \$3.25</p> <p>Adult Breakfast - \$1.75</p>	<p>Ice cream & snacks 50 cents & 75 cents</p> <p>Milk - 50 cents</p> <p>Reduced lunch - .40</p> <p>Reduced breakfast .30</p>		<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>  <p>NOV 25th</p>

A large number of students are coming to school without a lunch or lunch money. Students are allowed to charge lunch 1 time each school year. If your child forgets their lunch or lunch money again anytime during the school year, we will allow them to charge \$1.00 for a sandwich and milk. Purchasing advanced lunch tickets is recommended.

