

CRANBERRY STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 2009
On track for success!

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SEPTEMBER DATES

9/1	Volunteer Machine Training 5:45 - 6:15 pm Volunteer Training 6:15 - 6:45 pm PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
9/3	Volunteer Machine Training 5:00 - 5:30 pm Volunteer Training 5:45 - 6:15 pm Back to School Night 6:30 pm
9/7	Schools Closed - Labor Day
9/11	Back to School Family Picnic 5:00 - 7:30pm
9/14	Picnic <i>Raindate</i>
9/16	Machine Training 6:00 - 6:30 pm Volunteer Training 6:30 - 7:00 pm
9/18	Early Dismissal 12:20
9/25	Schools Closed - Yom Kippur

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten - 10:50 - 11:20
Grade 1 - 11:25 - 11:55
Grade 2 - 11:15 - 11:45
Grade 3 - 12:35 - 1:05
Grade 4 - 12:15 - 12:45
Grade 5 - 12:00 - 12:30

School hours 8:35 am - 3:05 pm
Doors Open at 8:15 am

Principal's News

Dear Families,

We're so glad to see all of our students this week - our new Kindergartners, our new students in 1st - 5th, and all of our students returning from last year. School year 2009 - 2010 has begun!

We would like to begin this year by promising that we will provide high quality instruction to your child every day if he/she is here and on time every day. Being on time means getting to their classroom BEFORE the 8:35 bell rings.

- It takes time before 8:35 to unpack at lockers or cubbies, use the bathroom, talk to friends, check in with your teacher, and start any morning work.
- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 8:15 am - 8:30 am. That isn't much time to get down to the cafeteria, pick up your food, eat, and get back to

class before the 8:35 bell rings. Bus students have time for breakfast. Children dropped off late will have to take it back to their classrooms to eat.

- The morning announcements start at 8:35 and last 5 minutes or less, so if a child is even a few minutes late, they will miss them.
- Please avoid taking your child out of class early. Students who leave before 3:05 are marked as tardy in the CCPS attendance system.
- If you are picking your child up at dismissal time, they will be dismissed to the side door for parent pick up. We are NOT dismissing students from the office unless they are leaving school early.
- Cranberry Station's atten-

dance goal is to have at least 96% attendance for the year. That allows each child to miss no more than 7 1/2 days for illness or emergencies. With your help, your child will meet or exceed this goal and can have as much learning as possible for this year!

I hope you can tell how much we want your child with us learning and growing every day.

Welcome to 2009-2010!

Sincerely,

Judith C Walker

New This Year - Students will be directed to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after using the bathroom and before lunch. Students may also bring in Purell brand hand sanitizer for their personal use.

ALERT NOW

In August, you should have received a recorded phone message from Mrs. Rohde. The Carroll County Public School System is now using the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents with information from their child's schools and the school

system. AlertNow replaces eSchoolnewsletter and is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no charge to parents. You do not have to sign up for the new system. All information is taken from emergency procedure cards. AlertNow was piloted in six schools

last year and we have had very positive feedback. We are excited about the new capabilities AlertNow offers and believe it will greatly improve our communication with parents and our school communities.



Notes from the Cafeteria

We would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families.

Should your child forget their meal money or a packed lunch from home we will allow the student to charge that day. Payment is due the next school day. **Students are allowed no more than one \$2.00 charge each school year**, if your child needs to charge lunch again during the same school year, they will be given a cheese sandwich and a carton of milk and will bring home a charge slip for \$1.00. On average we have 3 or more students who need to charge lunch each day. This amounts to \$1,400.00 or more each school year. Last year over 700 students charged during the year.

Charges are not allowed for snacks and ice cream. Students owing money to the cafeteria will not be permitted to purchase snacks or ice cream until all charges are paid.

Breakfast consists of cereal, toast, juice or fruit and milk. We also offer one different choice daily. Breakfast is served from 8:15 - 8:30 each day.

Lunch will consist of 1 or 2 daily entrees, vegetable, fruit, milk and dessert. We also offer the following substitutions each day instead of the main entree: Tuna salad sandwich, cheese sandwich, PBJ sandwich or tossed salad. These items are served with a vegetable, fruit, dessert and milk.

Breakfast: \$1.25. Families qualifying for reduced priced meals will pay .30 cents.

Lunch: \$2.00. Families qualifying for reduced priced meals will pay .40 cents.

Adult lunch \$3.25 If you plan to buy an adult lunch, please let the cafeteria know by 9:00 am.

Milk: .50 cents. Ice cream and snacks: .50 and .75 cents.

Thank you,

Mrs. Vincent, Cafeteria Manager

Gifted and Talented Program

The CCPS Gifted and Talented Program is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and maximize student achievement. Gifted and Talented teachers, in collaboration with classroom instructors, will continue to provide a continuum of services designed to meet the needs of Gifted and Talented Education Program participants. This may include in-class instruction, pullout groups, and/or resource development with classroom teachers. A Referral and Review Team will determine student eligibility for services. Indicators for participation include observational checklists, standardized test scores, work samples, and classroom performance. Although students are not formally identified until the beginning of third grade, Gifted and Talented teachers will continue to provide a range of services for grades K-5, including the Primary Education Thinking Skills for grade 2. Look for more information concerning the upcoming Gifted and Talented Education Program Orientation Night.

SHOP WITH A COP

The Westminster Police Department donated backpack and school supplies to our school through the Shop with a Cop program. They would like to thank Five Below, Chic Fil A, Target, The Greene Turtle, and the Carroll County Cannons. for donating to this program.

Please consider joining the Cranberry Station PTA. We will be hosting our annual Back to School Picnic on September 11th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Our first PTA Meeting is on September 1st at 7:00 pm. We will be making plans for the school year. Come and share your ideas!

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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, 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.

Homework Requests

Requests for missed work may be made on the second day of absence. Teachers gather make up work for students during their planning time so please be sure to call the school office at (410) 386-4440 by 8:35 am to request missed work.

Early Dismissal Schedule

Cranberry Station Elementary School students will be dismissed at 12:20 on the following days:

September 18th

October 29th

November 9th

December 3rd

December 23rd

January 22nd

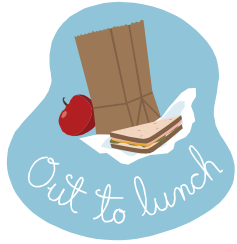
March 15th

April 1st

May 11th

June 10th

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch \$2.00 Breakfast \$1.25 Milk 50 cents Ice Cream 50 & 75 cents Snacks 75 cents	9/1 Breakfast: Pancakes w/ syrup or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Ham & Cheese sub or turkey wrap, potato rounds, watermelon, cookie, milk	9/2 Breakfast: Donut or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: "Breakfast for Lunch" Sausage Patty, scrambled eggs, French toast sticks w/ syrup, juice and fruit, milk	9/3 Breakfast: Sausage Patty, scrambled eggs w/ toast , or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Bread sticks w/meat sauce or Tuna salad on roll, broccoli, peaches, jello, milk	9/4 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick or or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Pizza (Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni) or Fish sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk
9/7 Schools Closed for Labor Day	9/8 Breakfast: Ham& Cheese on roll or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll w/butter, fruit, cookie, milk	9/9 Breakfast: Sausage on roll or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, pizza soup w/crackers, peaches, fudge bar, milk	9/10 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Turkey on roll, garlic bread, cantaloupe, fruit juice bar, milk	9/11 Breakfast: French toast sticks w/syrup or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Cheese Pizza or Fish sandwich, hot vegetable, fresh fruit, cookie, milk
9/14 Breakfast: Bagel w/ toppings or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe on roll or Bologna & cheese on roll, French fries, pears, animal crackers, milk	9/15 Breakfast: Donut or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Popcorn chicken, hot vegetable, roll w/butter, apple-sauce, cookie, milk	9/16 Breakfast: Pancakes w/ syrup or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Tuna Noodle Casse-role or Hamburger on roll, tossed salad, roll w/butter, watermelon, orange crème bar, milk	9/17 Breakfast: Waffles w/ syrup or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese sub, hot vegetable, fruit, pudding, m ilk	9/18 Breakfast: Sausage patty, scrambled eggs w/toast or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Pizza (Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni) or Fish sandwich, hot vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk
9/21 Breakfast: Donut or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Hot Dog on roll or Cheeseburger on roll, potato rounds, fruit, cookie, milk	9/22 Breakfast: Ham & cheese w/toast or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Chicken patty on roll, scalloped potatoes, fresh veggies w/dip, fruit, popcorn, milk	9/23 Breakfast: Sausage on roll or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Pizzas or Cheese sticks w/dipping sauce, hot vegetable, fresh apple, fruit juice bar, milk	9/24 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: BBQ chicken or Oven fried Chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, fruit, brownie, milk	9/25 Breakfast: French toast sticks w/syrup or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Cheese Pizza or Fish sandwich, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk
9/28 Schools Closed	9/29 Breakfast: Bagel w/ toppings or choice of cereal w/ toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Chicken nuggets, baked beans, roll w/butter, applesauce, cookie	9/30 Breakfast: Donut or choice of cereal w/toast, fruit or juice, milk Lunch: Soft or hard shell taco w/cheese, shredded lettuce, corn, fruit, pretzel twists, milk		Students may substitute one of the following choices in place of the main entrée each day: tuna salad on roll, tossed salad, cheese on roll, or PB&J sandwich.

Greetings! from Our Cafeteria!

We would like to welcome our new students and families to Cranberry Station Elementary! Our cafeteria is open daily serving breakfast and lunch. The youngest school age child in each household will bring home an application for free and reduced meals in their take home folder. Please fill it out and return to the office as soon as possible. These applications are available through our office all year long should there be a change in your income status.

Parents may purchase multiple meals in advance, through the cafeteria for Breakfast and Lunch. If purchasing a large amount of tickets purchase only what you feel your child will use by the end of the school year in June. Remaining credits cannot be carried over to the next school year and are not refundable. Please specify if purchasing breakfast and lunch tickets, if not the total will always be applied to lunch credits only. Make checks payable to Cranberry Station Cafeteria, include student's name and if tickets are for lunch or lunch and breakfast. If paying by cash, enclose in an envelope and write the student's name and number of tickets on the outside. Please note: milk, ice cream and snacks are a separate "daily cash purchase" and these items cannot be prepaid.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All volunteers and chaperones are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) days prior to volunteering. If you attend training at another school, please provide our Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Wonilowicz with the date and location the training you attended.

Machine Training is available for volunteers who will be assisting the teachers in the classroom by making copies, using the duplicator, or collating materials.

The following Volunteer Training sessions will be held at Cranberry Station Elementary School in September:

9/1	Machine Training 5:45 - 6:15 pm Volunteer Training 6:15 - 6:45 pm (Before the PTA Meeting at 7 pm)
9/3	Machine Training 5:00 - 5:30 pm Volunteer Training 5:45 - 6:15 pm (Before Back to School Night at 6:30)
9/16	Machine Training 6:00 - 6:30 pm Volunteer Training 6:30 - 7:00 pm

For other trainings scheduled across the county, check the Carroll County Public school website: <http://www.carrollk12.org/>

- click on Resources
- click on Volunteer Training and Schedule

Attending required volunteer training prior to October 1, 2009 will maintain your eligibility to volunteer and alleviate gaps in your volunteer service.

Our volunteer computer has moved!

In order to streamline the sign in process for volunteers, we have moved the volunteer computer to the office counter in front of Mrs. Kirkpatrick's desk. This will allow volunteers access to the volunteer computer without waiting in line as students are being signed in/out.

"Children are the worlds most valuable resource and it's best hope for the future."

~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Reporting Absences

Cranberry Station Elementary School REQUIRES verification of every student absence. We will accept one of the following from the parent or legal guardian:

- A **PHONE CALL** to 410-386-4440 between 9:00 am - 11:30 am on the day of the absence (no follow up note required)
- An **EMAIL** to lwwonil@k12.carr.org on the day of the absence (no follow up note required)
- **FAX** a note to (410) 386-4444 on the day of the absence (no follow up note required)
- A **WRITTEN NOTE** signed by the parent or legal guardian upon the return of the student

The following information should be included in your message/note:

- Student name
- Date(s) of absence
- Reason for Absence
- Parent/Guardian Printed Name
- Parent/Guardian Signature
- Daytime Contact Phone Number

Failure to verify a student's absence as lawful **within five school days of the student's return** will result in the absence being considered unlawful. A copy of the verification document will be kept in the student's file. Thank you for your help in verifying your child's absences in a timely manner.

VISITOR SIGN IN SHEET

The visitor sign in sheet and visitor badges will be kept behind the office counter. If you are planning to visit the school building, please let one of the secretaries know the reason for your visit. They will be happy to issue you a visitor badge and access to the visitor sign in log based on the reason for your visit. This will help us to monitor all visitors to our building as well as limit disruptions to our student's instructional time.

