

# East Middle School

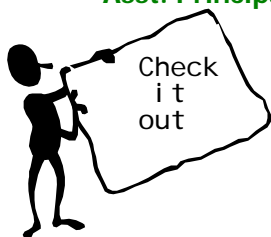
## "Bulldog Bulletin" August-October 2011

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and  
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### WELCOME BACK!

We hope you have had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the warm summer sun. The 2011-2012 school year will begin on

**Tuesday, August 30, 2011**

This newsletter will help to prepare you and your child for the upcoming school year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 410-751-3656.

### East Middle School Hours

7:20 am–7:35 am: Student Arrival  
7:35 am – 7:45 am: Homeroom/  
Morning announcements  
7:45 am – 2:20 pm: Class time  
2:20 p.m.: Bus dismissal  
2:25 p.m. Walker dismissal

### Volunteer Training and 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION

(6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Academic and Related Arts Teachers will be in attendance)

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteer Training:** Promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**Orientation:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### Volunteer Training and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

(7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Teachers will be in attendance.)

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteer Training:** Promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**Orientation:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Annual volunteer training is **REQUIRED** to volunteer in the Carroll County Public School System (whether in the school classroom or office; or as a chaperone). Volunteers are required to attend a training session at **least SEVEN school days** prior to volunteering. Listed below are training dates to be held at East Middle:

**August 24: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**September 8: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

For other trainings scheduled across the county, check the Carroll County Public School website under Parent Resources/Links:

<http://carrollk12.org/instruction/minorityach/parent/links/default.asp>

Attending required annual volunteer training prior to October 1, 2011 will maintain your eligibility to volunteer and alleviate gaps in your volunteer service. If you train at another school, please bring the paperwork here to Mrs. Dehne to be added to our East Middle volunteer manifest.

**Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 410-386-1536 or [ejfarve@carrollk12.org](mailto:ejfarve@carrollk12.org)**

## *From the Principal's Desk:*



### **Greetings from East Middle School!**

The 2011–2012 school year promises to be a super one. It will be a year of change – lots of new faces in the building, starting with two new Assistant Principals, Kim Corbel and Don Mongold. Both are experienced educators. Ms. Corbel comes to us from Sykesville Middle where she was the Assistant Principal. Before that, she served for years as a Reading and Language Arts teacher. Mr. Mongold was a Pupil Personnel Worker before joining the East Middle School staff. He, too, has years of teaching experience as a Special Educator. Change is relatively easy when it involves people of this caliber.

There are also several new faces on the faculty this year. These folks, too, are excellent and join a faculty that is second to none. Some of them bring years of experience with them; others are new to teaching with unlimited potential. This mix between “rookies” and “veterans” has produced a very dynamic staff creating a synergy possible only when a school is able to blend the wisdom created by years of experience and the innovation and ideas new team members always bring to the table. I look for a very exciting year!

Oh yes, and of course, East Middle has a new principal. He'll be OK, I guess!

The year ahead also promises to be quite challenging. While it is gratifying to me personally our overall school performance on the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) continues to meet expectations, I readily acknowledge we have work to do relative to certain segments of our student population. I look forward to working with our entire school community in developing plans to meet the needs of all of our students. I think the data provided by the MSA is fantastic, and I look forward to receiving it every year. It tells us where, as a school, we are doing well, and where we still need to improve. There will always be room for improvement, and we are constantly looking for ways to enrich the learning experience all of our students receive here at East Middle. The data provided by the MSA is invaluable in guiding our school improvement activities and initiatives.

A high level of parent involvement is a characteristic common to almost every successful school, especially at the middle school level. The middle school years are rarely easy ones. There is just so much going on in the lives and minds of middle school students that serve to distract them from their learning. Experience has taught me, though, that the students who are most successful in middle school are those with parents who remain involved. Unfortunately, parent involvement always seems to drop off precipitously as students move from elementary to middle school, and I'm not sure why. If middle school is the time of greatest challenge for most students, it's the time when parents need to be most involved in the education of their children. Sometimes just talking about school, setting high expectations about learning, and being available to provide encouragement and support is all that is necessary to create the right attitude in children about their learning. Just knowing that my doing well is important to Mom and/or Dad is sometimes all it takes to get or keep a child on track. My staff and I are always available to parents. Please allow us to think of ourselves as your partners. And we would like to consider you our partners. By working together, we will maximize the likelihood your children – our students – will be successful in middle school and beyond.

Now, a couple of dates to keep in mind:

#### ➤ **Wednesday August 24 @ 7:00 p.m.** **6<sup>th</sup>-Grade and New Student Orientation**

- This is a great opportunity to tour the school, meet the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and related arts teachers and generally continue to become familiar with the school and its ways.
- **Volunteer Training** will take place in the gym ½ hour prior to the beginning of the orientation at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for field trips, or help teachers make copies, etc., you will need this training which must take place annually at least seven days prior to volunteering.

- *Gym uniforms can be purchased that evening for \$20.00 (shirts are \$8 and shorts are \$12).*
- *PTO Discount Cards will also be available for \$10. Please purchase one. Apart from being the bargain of the year, the money raised by the sale of these cards directly benefits the students and staff of East Middle School. So many of the programs and events and initiatives enjoyed by our students and staff are made possible only because of the generosity of the PTO and its members. Supporting the PTO financially, and with your time, is a great way to stay involved in your child's education.*

➤ **Tuesday August 30**

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**

*Our doors open at 7:20 a.m. and students dismiss at 2:20 p.m.*

➤ **Thursday September 8 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Night**

- *Volunteer Training will again be given this evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

*That's enough for now. I promise to communicate often this year. Check you emails regularly for Alert Now messages with important and timely information. And remember, our Home Access Center allows parents and legal guardians to access current information about student grades in each of their classes. Do you want to know if your son or daughter turned in that assignment on time? The Home Access Center can give you that information? Do you want to know what they got on that assignment? That information is there, too! Do you know what homework is due? Get in the habit of checking the Home Access Center daily. It's another great way to stay involved in your child's education.*

*Please enjoy the balance of your summer, and do everything you can to ensure that your child shows up for school on August 30 ready to learn. Having a positive attitude toward school is half the battle! Help them believe in themselves:*

**NOTHING CAN STOP ME!**

**I WILL LEARN!**

**I WANT TO LEARN!**

**I CAN LEARN!**

*If there is anything any of us can do for you, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to serve!*

*With my sincerest best wishes for a great school year for all!*

*Sincerely,*



*Chris Roemer, Principal*



## Calendar of Events

### August

24: Volunteer Training - 6:30 pm  
24: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – 7:00 pm  
30: First day for students

### September

5: Schools/Offices Closed  
8: Volunteer Training 6:30 pm  
8: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to  
School Night 7:00 pm  
23: Back to School Dance 2:30-4:30 pm  
27: Fall Pictures  
29: Schools/Offices Closed  
*Rosh Hashanah (Jewish Holiday)*  
30: *Eid-Ul-Fitr (Islamic Holiday)*

### October

3: Early Dismissal at 11:35 am  
13: *Sukkot (Jewish Holiday)*  
18: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
4:00-7:30 pm  
20: *Shemini Atzeret (Jewish Holiday)*  
21: Schools Closed for Students

### November

3: Early Dismissal at 11:35 am  
3: End of Quarter 1  
6: *Eid al-Adha (Islamic Holiday)*  
8: Fall picture make-ups  
14: Early Dismissal at 11:35 am  
16: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4-7:30 p.m.  
23-25: Schools/Offices Closed  
26: *Muharram/ Islamic New Year*

### December

2: BINGO!!  
8, 13, 16: Music Dept. Concerts  
21: *Hanukkah (Jewish Holiday)*  
23: Early Dismissal at 11:35 am  
Dec 24-Jan 2: Schools/Offices  
Closed  
25: *Christmas (Christian Holiday)*  
26: *Kwanzaa*

### January

3: Students return to school

### SUPPLY LISTS

Supply lists for our academic and related arts classes are included in this newsletter, are available in the Main Office during the summer, at local businesses that sell school supplies, and on our website at <http://www.carrollk12.org/ems/>.

### HOMEWORK HOTLINE

The homework hotline is available daily for students and parents between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and all day on weekends and holidays. You may access the homework hotline by:

**CALLING** 410-751-3656. Please listen carefully and follow the prompts.

– OR – **ONLINE** at

<http://members.thinkport.org/EastMiddleSchool>

The homework hotline is very useful for when a student is absent for one day, or forgot to write down his/her homework assignments.

### HOMEWORK REQUESTS

**By Phone Only: Mrs. Kolk: 410-751-3181**

HOMEWORK REQUESTS may be made on the SECOND day of absence, and must go through the Guidance Office to ensure all your child's teachers receive the request. Please do not call or email teachers directly. Also, the only time teachers have to gather work is **during their planning time**. Please be sure to call **BY 8:30 a.m. to ensure teachers have time to collect work by the end of the day.**

### LUNCH TIMES & PRICES

6th Gr. 10:45 – 11:15 am  
7th Gr. 11:30 am – 12:05 pm  
8th Gr. 12:15 – 12:45 pm

#### Lunch Prices

Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.25
Milk	.50¢
Ice-cream	.75¢

### PRE-PAID MEAL PLANS

If you are interested in pre-paying your child's lunches for the year, attached in the newsletter are the required forms, or you can go to the Carroll County website at:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/admin/financeservice/foodservices/mealplans/default.asp> and click on your choice of Annual Meal Plan, Installment Meal Plan, or Advanced Ticket Meal Plan. Please be sure to submit your forms and payment **before August 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### EAST MIDDLE WEB PAGE

BOOKMARK this site:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/ems/>

Please take advantage of our East Middle School website through the school year to see:

**East Middle Calendar  
Teacher Links  
Homework Links, Updates and Revisions  
And more!**



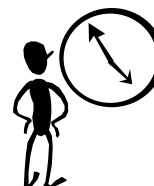
# ATTENDANCE

## TARDINESS POLICY

East Middle School expects students to arrive to school on time, and to be **seated** in their homerooms **by 7:35 a.m.** Students who report to school after 7:45 a.m. will be marked tardy and must report to the Main Office for a late pass. If the student is unaccompanied by his/her parent, a written note, signed by a parent/guardian, is requested for all tardy students.

<b>SIGN IN</b>	<b>MARKED</b>
Between 7:45 – 9:44 AM .....	TARDY-Late Arrival
Between 9:45 AM – 11:44 AM .....	1/2 DAY ABSENT
11:45 AM and after.....	FULL DAY ABSENT

<b>SIGN OUT</b>	<b>MARKED</b>
Between 7:45 – 10:20 AM.....	FULL DAY ABSENT
Between 10:21 – 12:20 PM.....	1/2 DAY ABSENT
12:21 PM and after.....	TARDY- Early Dismissal



Absent for 4 hours or more in one day.....FULL DAY ABSENT  
 Absent for 2 to 4 hours in one day..... 1/2 DAY ABSENT

## REPORTING ABSENCES

East Middle School **REQUIRES** verification for every student absence. We will accept **from the parent or legal guardian:**

- A **PHONE CALL** to 410-751-3656 on the day of absence (no follow-up note required)
- An **EMAIL** to [EMSAttendance@carrollk12.org](mailto:EMSAttendance@carrollk12.org) (no follow-up note required)
- A **FAX** to 410-751-3660 (no follow-up note required)
- OR--
- A **WRITTEN NOTE** upon return of the student

**Information** to include in your handwritten or email note should be:

- \_\_\_ Student **Name**
- \_\_\_ **Date** 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.



## PHYS ED UNIFORMS

East Middle School Physical Education Uniforms will be sold in the cafeteria on August 24th at the New Student Orientation, and during all P.E. classes during the first week of school. The cost will be \$8.00 for the T-shirt and \$12.00 for the shorts. Please make checks or money orders payable to East Middle School. They will also be available for purchase throughout the school year.

## FALL SCHOOL PICTURES

Fall School Pictures will be taken by *Lifetouch* on: **Tuesday, September 27th**

All students will be photographed for use in the yearbook. Parents/Guardians wishing to purchase picture packages may do so. Order forms will be sent home with students the week prior to picture day. Order forms along with payment are to be given directly to the photographer on September 27th.



## FUNDRAISERS



Once again, to help supplement school supplies and technology in our school, the PTO, individual grades, Science Department, and other groups will hold an assortment of fundraisers this year. Two of our BIG fundraisers are:

**PTO sponsored Discount Merchant cards** – available all year long for \$10. (They will also be available during the Back to School Nights), and...

**School sponsored BINGO** on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We'll be sending home information about these events with your children!



## BUS SCHEDULES

Bus Schedules will be available on the **Carroll County Public School webpage** on **August 12<sup>th</sup>**, and printed in the **Carroll County Times** on **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please look under "East Middle School", find the closest stop to your home, and have your child write the bus number in one of his/her binders. Be aware that many of our students are WALKERS (basically in a radius from the school out past Sheetz and toward the hospital along Center Street). Please know that each eligible student is assigned ONE morning and ONE afternoon bus and stop. Students may NOT ride other buses or change bus stops unless in cases of emergency or the need for a baby-sitter. Requests must be in writing and approved by the Principal.

## VIDEO CAMERAS ON BUSES

"Video/audio cameras are placed on school buses to protect students and staff and provide for a safe and orderly environment. The privacy of students and the recording are kept secure and are reviewed only by the authorized CCPS personnel. Thank you for your continued support of Transportation Services!"

Mike Hardesty

Director of Transportation 410-751-3229



## SAFETY CONCERN

Please be aware of all children crossing Longwell Avenue at the crosswalk. Students are typically dropped off in front of the school by parents who may be coming from Tuc Road or Longwell Avenue. Students being dropped off coming from the direction of Tuc Road need to cross over Longwell in the crosswalk area. Please help us to keep everyone safe by making sure you stop and look to see if there is anyone in the crosswalk before proceeding. Thank you.



Please be aware that searches and seizures with drug detection dogs may be used on Carroll County school property.

## SERVICE LEARNING HOURS

Summer months are a great opportunity to earn Service Learning Hours! Numerous non-profit organizations in the area have programs currently running and many are scheduling activities for the upcoming months. Blank Service Learning Reflection Forms may be picked up in the Main Office. Completed Service Learning Reflection Forms may also be returned to the Main Office. Sixth grade students will have an opportunity to earn 10 hours for attending Outdoor School this year. An additional 10 hours may be earned, if students complete one of the projects introduced to them while attending Outdoor School.

Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to earn 15 service hours once they successfully complete their F.A.C.S. class and service project. Hours for this class will be entered at the end of the year and will appear on the final report card.

Please remember that in order for volunteer hours to be counted, you must be volunteering for a non-profit organization. If you are in question as to whether or not your hours will count, please ask **before** volunteering. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Dehne, Service Learning Coordinator.

To download the form:

[http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/Student%20Services/Service\\_Learning/reflect\\_form.pdf](http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/Student%20Services/Service_Learning/reflect_form.pdf)



## OUTDOOR SCHOOL

For 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be attending Outdoor School this year in four sessions: **April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Your children will receive specific information about the camp, the cost, and the week to which they are assigned closer to the date.



## MILITARY FAMILIES

Carroll County Public Schools supports those students of military families. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was recently signed in to law by the federal government for the purpose of removing barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. As a district member of the Military Child Education Coalition, School Administrators and School Counselors have been trained on the many resources available for military families. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

## DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

## RESIDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE



Notification is **MANDATORY** and is the responsibility of the parent.

Very often, students' addresses change during the summer or during the school year, and parent/guardians are unaware of the procedures required by the state to change/update their child(ren)'s records.

**ALL** address changes must be reported to the school **IMMEDIATELY**, and must be documented by an appropriate proof of residence **WITHIN TWO WEEKS** of the move.

Please call Mrs. Kolk in the Guidance Office at 410-751-3181 for specific information about acceptable documents.

Failure to advise the school of an address change is subject to a referral to the Office of the State's Attorney for prosecution.

## CARROLL COUNTY RESIDENCY POLICY

Attendance in Carroll County Public Schools is only for bona fide residents if that child actually lives within Carroll County with a parent or other person who has legal custody or legal guardianship. Those families who live outside of the county, or move outside of the county during the school year, may continue to attend Carroll County Public Schools only with approval in advance and upon payment of tuition. In addition, any falsification of residence is subject to referral to the Office of the State's Attorney for prosecution.

Questions should be directed to the Office of Student Services at 410-751-3120.



## 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 audio-taped, 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.

## HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC): Info from Technology Services

Home Access Center is now available for parents and legal guardians to login and view information pertaining to their students. Please follow these directions to login to your account: Go to the Carroll County Public Schools website at [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org). Click on the 'Home Access Center' link.

A new page will open; click the 'Request Password' link.

Enter the email address you provided on your student's emergency card. It will be the email account where you receive AlertNow messages. You will receive an email to that account with a link to a web page. If the email message does not appear within several minutes, check your junk mail folder and make sure it wasn't delivered there. It will come from [donotreply@carrollk12.org](mailto:donotreply@carrollk12.org).

Click the link from the email message and follow the instructions on-screen. You will be prompted to answer 3 questions about one of your students. Once you have answered the questions correctly, your password will appear on-screen. Click the link on that page to be taken to the Home Access Center login screen.

Login using your email address and the password that was displayed on-screen. After logging in, be sure to click 'Profile' in the top right-hand corner and identify a new password for your account.

Please make sure you review the User Manual located here:

<https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/HomeAccess/HomeAccessFAQs.pdf>. It contains important information and FAQs regarding getting connected and navigating Home Access Center.

Counselors have been trained on the many resources available for military families. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

## ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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

Carey Gaddis  
Supervisor of Community & Media Relations  
125 North Court Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157  
(410) 751-3020



## FROM THE PTO

Welcome to a new school year at East Middle. My name is Russell Corbett and I am the PTO President for the school year 2011-2012. I am looking forward to working with both parents and staff to make this a successful and enjoyable year.

At the beginning of the school year, you will see volunteer sign-up sheets brought home with your child. If you would like to donate your time to the PTO and/or to volunteer in the school during school hours or during school events, please be sure to turn in the volunteer sign up sheet, **and** attend a Volunteer Training. Trainings will be held just prior to both the New Student Orientation on August 24<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can't attend either of these, please be sure to check the county's website for trainings across the county.



## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE:

### CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S MEDICATION POLICY:

Parents should make every effort to arrange for medicine to be taken outside of the school day. However, there are occasions when it is determined by a physician or a dentist that a child must receive medication during the school day, either on a regular schedule or in the event of an emergency (such as bee stings, asthma or diabetes). When these circumstances occur, the physician or dentist must give written approval and specific directions regarding administration. Forms for this purpose are available from the schools or from the Student Services Department. [See below for link to medical forms.] These medication consent forms are to be used for both prescription and over-the-counter medications. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT MEDICATIONS TO OR FROM SCHOOL.** Violations of the Medication Policies could be considered a violation of the Carroll County Public Schools Drug and Alcohol Policies, and carry the same consequences as other drug violations. No medication will be administered by the school unless it is in the original container marked for the individual student, and accompanied by the appropriate written permission and directions.

**MEDICAL and MEDICATION FORMS available at the main office or online:**

<http://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/student-services/health/forms/default.asp>

### "TO STAY HOME or NOT TO STAY HOME..."

As educators, we strive to keep our students in school so that they can get the most out of learning. We are preparing your children for higher education, where attendance is key to their success. We understand that illness unavoidably plays into a student's attendance, but we offer the following guidelines to help decide whether your child should stay at home or attempt to come to school.

#### A student should stay home if:

1. The child has a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher.
2. The child has vomited **more than once** before school starts.
3. The child has any contagious disease (e.g., pink eye, chicken pox, strep throat). The student must have a doctor's note to return to school.
4. The child has profuse diarrhea.
5. The child has lice.

#### A child may come to school if:

1. The child has a cold or sniffles. Give your child some cold medicine in the morning before school that does **not** cause drowsiness, and send them to school.
2. The child has a fever of 100.0 degrees or less. Give Tylenol before school and send them in. If a fever persists, the nurse will call home.
3. The child has poison or a rash, unless the doctor determines the child should stay home. Please send the child in with anti-itch medicine already applied.
4. The child is tired.
5. The child has a cough. Students **may have NON-mentholated** cough drops in school. A parent or guardian must supply the school with a note which states that the student has permission to carry these cough drops.

These are just a few guidelines to help. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Peters, our school nurse.



## POLICY STATEMENT ON PLACEMENT, PROMOTION, INTERVENTION, AND RETENTION:

The Board of Education endorses and encourages the belief that all students can learn, progress, and achieve when individual differences are recognized and addressed through effective instruction and intervention. It is the policy of the Board of Education of Carroll County that decisions regarding the placement, promotion, retention, acceleration of students shall be based on multiple factors related to the degree of success the individual student has achieved in completing the assigned curriculum. The final responsibility for decisions on placement, promotion, intervention, retention, and acceleration of a student rests with the principal. The decision-making process shall include parents/guardians, CCPS staff, and students when appropriate.

Grades Six, Seven, and Eight: To be promoted to the next grade, students must pass all core academic subjects (mathematics, reading/language arts, science, and social studies)

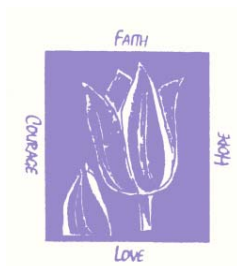
▪ A student who fails any of the core subjects for the year shall be considered for retention . A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, etc., to address the subject- area deficiencies, shall be promoted.



# Cancer Support Group

## for Middle & High School Students

Endorsed by Carroll County Public Schools



### Cancer Support Group for Middle & High School Students

- Focus is on dealing with the physical and emotional challenges facing patients coping with cancer.
- The stresses experienced by caregivers in meeting patient's needs, as well as their own.
- Support working through the grieving process.

Beginning Monday, September 19, 2011, the Baltimore Cancer Support Group, Inc. (BCSG), will start a group for middle and high school students whose lives have been touched by a family member or friend with cancer. The group will meet throughout the 2011 – 2012 school-year and during the summer of 2012. There are no costs or fees for participation, and snacks are provided. Students may attend sessions as often as needed, and all information is kept confidential.

Trained facilitators from the medical field as well as cancer survivors lead each session. Meetings include icebreakers, activities, educational lessons, speakers, and video clips from the Livestrong Foundation. Meeting times are from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Westminster United Methodist Church on the corner of Main and Center Streets in Westminster, Maryland.

For additional information, please call BCSG at 410-668-1762 or send an email to [Karenhaughey@baltimorecancersupportgroup.org](mailto:Karenhaughey@baltimorecancersupportgroup.org).



August 1, 2011

Dear Parents or Guardians:

**EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
121 LONGWELL AVENUE  
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND 21157

Each year, all Carroll County students are required to take the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) -- standardized tests that measure student achievement. The results of these tests are used to determine whether schools are meeting target goals for student achievement set by the state. The state standards are known as "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP). If a school has not reached these state standards for two years in a row the school is identified as being in "school improvement"

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is required to identify all schools in need of improvement if the school does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the same content area for two consecutive years. East Middle School has been designated as a school in need of improvement because it did not make AYP in reading for a second consecutive year. In 2011, the school did not meet AYP in mathematics. Because East Middle School did not meet AYP for more than two groups, the school has been identified as a *Developing Comprehensive Needs School*.

The following table provides the assessment and attendance results for the school as a whole, and for all groups of students at East Middle School.

**2011 AYP STATUS**

Student Group	Reading		Mathematics		Attendance
	Status	% Proficient	Status	% Proficient	Status
All Students	Met	86.8	Met	80.1	Met
Asian	Met	92.3	Met	92.3	
Black or African American	Not Met	64.9	Met	54.4	
Hispanic/Latino of any race	Met	89.3	Met	82.1	
White	Met	88.6	Met	82.2	
Two or more races	Met	91.7	Met	83.3	
Free/Reduced Meals	Not Met	74.7	Not Met	64.4	
Special Education	Not Met	61.5	Not Met	51.8	
Limited English Proficient	Met	*	Met	*	

\* indicates fewer than 10 students in category

The following websites provide additional AYP information which includes information about how academic achievement levels at East Middle School compare to those at other schools in the county and the state:

The 2011 Maryland Report Card: <http://www.mdreportcard.org>.

School Improvement in Maryland: [http://www.mdk12.org/assessments/alt\\_msa/index.html](http://www.mdk12.org/assessments/alt_msa/index.html).

East Middle School is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to address areas of low achievement, including the development of individual success plans for underperforming students, a community outreach program designed to improve the involvement of all stakeholders in the academic success of students, and the development of a mentoring program targeting struggling learners. Other initiatives include the piloting of two gender specific math classes, and the expansion of programs and interventions designed to improve the math and reading skills of struggling learners.

Further, the Carroll County Public School System (CCPS) will be providing additional instructional support to our school. District specialists have been made available to us as we develop our plan to address the issues that caused our school to miss AYP and to support our efforts throughout the school year.

Assessment data provided annually by the MSA is invaluable in helping the school focus its continuous improvement activities. Parents are an important part of the educational process. As such, we encourage all parents to become involved in the school's efforts to improve the quality of education received by every East Middle School student. Talk to your child's teachers about how you can support your son or daughter's education. And, by all means, feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about the school's MSA results, or about how you can become more involved in our school improvement efforts.

Finally, you may contact CCPS' Office of Research and Accountability at 410-751-3068 and/or the Office of Minority Achievement at 410-751-3047 for general information about how the school system is addressing issues relative to AYP.

Sincerely,

Chris Roemer  
Principal, East Middle School



# SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2011-12

## SIXTH GRADE

3-Ring Binders x4 (either 1" or 1½")  
Pencil Pouch  
Pack of #2 Pencils  
Block Eraser or Cap Eraser  
2 Each: Blue, Black and Red Pens  
Pack Colored Pencils  
Sharpener  
1-Subject Spiral Notebook OR Marble Composition Book  
Pack Loose Leaf Paper  
Pack 3x5 Lined or Blank Index Cards  
Pack Sticky Notes  
Glue Stick

## SEVENTH GRADE

3-Ring Binders x3 (1" or wider)  
Pencil Pouch  
Pack of #2 Pencils  
Block Eraser or Cap Eraser  
1 Each: Blue, Black and Red Pens  
10-Pack Colored Pencils  
Sharpener  
Pack Multi-Colored Highlighters  
Pack Loose Leaf Paper  
5-Subject Spiral Notebook  
Marble Composition Books x2  
4 Packs 3x5 Lined Index Cards  
5-Tab Binder Dividers x2 sets  
Glue Stick

## EIGHTH GRADE

3-Ring Binders (2" Width) x3  
Marble Composition Book  
Pencil Pouch  
Pack of #2 Pencils (not mechanical)  
Eraser  
Blue and Black Pens – 2 each  
10-pack Colored Pencils  
Highlighters – Multiple colors  
Pack Loose Leaf Paper  
3x5 Lined Index Cards – 4 packs  
Pocket Folders x2  
2 Sets 5-Tab Binder Dividers  
3x3 Sticky Notes  
Glue Stick

## BEST

3-Ring Binder (2" width)  
Pack #2 Pencils  
Pack Loose Leaf Paper  
Binder Dividers – 1 set  
Pencil Pouch  
Pocket Folder

**OPTIONAL, but greatly  
appreciated: All Grades  
(Class donation)  
Box of Tissues  
#2 Pencils**

## RELATED ARTS:

### Health – all grades

2 Pocket Folders  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Pen / Glue Stick

### FACS – all grades

Pocket Folders with 3-Prong Center Strip x2  
Pen and Pencil

### Tech Ed -- all grades

Pocket Folder with 3-Prong Center Strip  
Loose Leaf Paper / Pencil

### Art -- all grades

Glue Stick

### Phys Ed -- all grades

Pocket Folder with 3-Prong Center Strip  
Loose Leaf Paper / Pencil

### General Music -- all grades

A section in one of your binders/notebooks

### Guitar -- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

One Pack of Guitar Picks

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band** Essential Elements 2000 Book 1

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Percussion

Drum Class Method Volume 1, by Ayn J. Heim  
AND: Music for Marimba Vol. 1, by Art Jolliff

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra** Essential Elements 2000 Book 1

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

Band Method Book: Foundations for Superior Performance

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra

Orchestra Method Book: (to be determined)

## SPECIFIC INSTRUMENTS

### Flute

Pencils, Small Soft Cloth

### Oboe / Bassoon

Pencils, Cleaning Swab, Cork Grease, 35mm film container and lid,  
at least 2 Good Reeds, Reed Case (an Altoid tin will work well)

### Clarinet / Bass Clarinet

Pencils, Cork Grease, Cleaning Swab or Pad Saver, at least 4 Good  
Reeds (#2 or higher), Mouthpiece Guard, Reed Storage Case

### Alto / Tenor / Baritone Saxophones

Pencils, Cork Grease, Cleaning Swab or Pad Saver, at least 4 Good  
Reeds (#2 or higher), Mouthpiece Guard, Reed Storage Case, Neck  
Strap

### Trumpet

Pencils, Valve Oil, Tuning Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit, Bach 7c or 5c  
Mouthpiece (or other brand equivalent)

### French Horn

Pencils, Rotary Valve Oil, Tuning Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit

### Trombone

Pencils, Slide Cream, Spray Bottle, Tuning Slide Grease, Cleaning  
Kit

### Baritone / Euphonium / Tuba

Pencils, Valve Oil, Tuning Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit

### Percussion

Pencils, 1 Pair of "2B" Drum Sticks, 6" Remo Practice Pad and  
Stand, Beginner Bell Set, Bell Mallets

### Violin / Viola

Pencils, Correct Sized Instrument, Rosin, Fine Tuner on each  
string, Good Shoulder Rest (get the kind that clamp on), an extra  
SET of Strings, Soft Cleaning Cloth

**\*\*Please note:** Teachers may request students to bring in the  
additional odd item particular to their class.