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East Middle School "Bulldog Bulletin"

January-February 2012



From the Principal's Desk:

Can you believe it's December?

I think my grandfather was right about time moving more swiftly as one ages. I've always been driven by a quote I read years ago attributed to Ben Franklin: *"Lost time is never found again."* We've all been given a finite number of years on this earth, and it's up to us to determine how best to use them.

I am very fortunate to work with a faculty that has the same passion for students as I have. That's not to say we're perfect. Certainly we make mistakes, but no faculty works harder for kids than the teachers and staff of East Middle School. Whatever we do, we always strive to have the best interest of our students at heart because we care a lot about your children and recognize the trust you place in us when you send them our way. It is an awesome and sometimes daunting responsibility, which is why we appreciate so much the support you give us everyday.

You know, as funny as it may sound, sometimes the best thing we can do for students is to hold them accountable for the choices they make. Certainly as adults we know there are almost always consequences for making bad choices. Most often, those consequences are much more significant for adults than they are for children. For example, if a student says something inappropriate to another student, he or she may be assigned after school detention, or Saturday School, or another form of school-based discipline; but if I say the exact same inappropriate thing to a staff member, I may very well lose my job. Same behavior. Same bad choice. Much harsher consequence. Learning these lessons, when we are young can save us a lot of trouble when we are older.

It's for this reason it is in the best interest of students that we hold them accountable for their bad choices. I think all of us expect kids will make mistakes when they are young. The key is to help children learn from those mistakes so they can avoid making the same mistakes when they are older and when the consequences are more severe. If we don't hold students responsible for their poor choices when they are young, they may very well come to the conclusion as they get older that they can get away with making poor decisions; that there are no consequences for doing the wrong thing. What a terrible thing to teach a child. You and I both know that's not the way life works.

Holding students accountable for their academic performance is important, too. Developing a strong work ethic is something that ultimately benefits everybody. As a general rule, people who work hard, who are responsible, and who can be counted on to do what they need to do – when they need to do it – are the people most likely to be successful. There is very little that life hands us for free. Most of what we acquire, whether tangible or intangible, we have to earn. If we don't teach our children this when they are young, aren't we doing them a disservice and setting them up for a life time of disappointment?

Now, none of this is to say we should treat kids like adults. They're not adults. Their brains are not fully developed. They don't think like we do, and they don't perceive the world as we do. Therefore, our expectations of them in middle school need to be appropriate for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. That's not as easy as it may sound. There is a wide range of abilities and maturity levels associated with kids at every grade level, especially those in middle school. The art is to teach students lessons they will need when they become adults, without having the same expectations we have of adults. The strategies necessary to do this are as varied as the students needing to learn those lessons.

Of course, the most powerful way to promote positive student behavior is to acknowledge when we see them doing something right. This approach of emphasizing the positive is a core tenant of East Middle's philosophy relative to shaping student behavior, and is why East Middle has again been recognized as a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Exemplar School. In the first three months of the school year, faculty and staff awarded over 30,000 "Caught Being Good Coupons" to our students. Over the same period of time, total discipline referrals dropped almost 25% compared to the same period last year.

Most of you have one or two or three children in your family – some more - and you are responsible for knowing them well enough to effectively meet their needs. We have the same responsibility, only we are charged with getting to know and meeting the needs of over 700 students. That's what we're paid to do, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with you as we strive to do our very best for your children, and I wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays!

Thanks for *everything!*
Chris Roemer

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Calendar of Events

December

23- 2 Hr 45 Min EARLY DISMISSAL (at 11:35 a.m.)

25- *Christmas*

26- *Kwanzaa*

December 26-30: SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED –Winter Holiday

31- *New Year's Eve*

January 2: SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED – Winter Holiday

January

3- Schools re-open

3- IMPACT Meeting

4- Art Club 2:30

4- Jazz Band 2:30

4- PTO MEETING 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center

6- Snow Dogs Ski Trip 3-11 p.m.

9- Jazz Band 2:30

9- Parent-Teacher Conference Night #3 4-7:30 p.m.

10- SGA Meeting 2:30

10- Multicultural Club 2:30

11- LifeTouch **Spring Pictures**

11- Art Club 2:30

11- Jazz Band 2:30

12- WMHS Open House for 8th grade students & parents at [Winters Mill HS](#)

6:00-8:00 p.m. ([correction](#))

13- WMHS Counselors visit 8th grade students 8:00 a.m.

13- Snow Dogs Ski Trip 3-11 p.m.

16- SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED – MLK Day

18- Art Club 2:30

18- Jazz Band 2:30

20- Snow Dogs Trip 3-11 p.m.

23- Jazz Band 2:30

24- SGA Meeting

25- Art Club 2:30

25- Jazz Band 2:30

26- Last day of Quarter 2

26- 8th Grade Quarter 2 Reward

27- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

30- Jazz Band 2:30

February

1- Quarter 2 Report Cards sent home

1- Art Club 2:30

1- Jazz Band 2:30

2- *Groundhog Day*

3- Snow Dogs Ski Trip 3:00-11:00 p.m.

4- *Mawlid al-Nabi -- Islamic Holiday*

4- All County Orchestra Concert at North Carroll HS 11:00 a.m.

6-10: National School Counseling Week

6- Jazz Band 2:30

7- IMPACT Meeting 2:30

8- Art Club 2:30

8- Jazz Band 2:30

10- Valentine's Dance 2:30-4:30 in the gym

11- All County Band Concert at South Carroll High School 11:00 a.m.

12- *Abraham Lincoln's Birthday*

13- Faculty Meeting – **No BDLL, Study Island or after school clubs**

14- *Valentine's Day*

14- Multicultural Club 2:30

14- SGA Meeting 2:30

15- Art Club 2:30

15- Jazz Band 2:30

20- SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED

21- SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS: Professional Day

22- *Ash Wednesday – Christian Holiday*

22- Art Club 2:30

22- Jazz Band 2:30

23- Parent-Teacher Conference Night #4: 4:00-7:30 p.m.

27- Jazz Band 2:30

28- SGA Meeting 2:30

29- Art Club 2:30

29- Jazz Band 2:30

A Message from Mr. Mongold: MEETING SUCCESS

Hello East Middle School Community:

The administration and staff here at East is always looking for ways to help students to meet with success and take intervention steps that support in this effort. Here at East those interventions might include having a student stay after school for extra support, allowing a student make use of the Study Island program, or even approving a schedule change, if appropriate. The bottom line, we are always looking for ways to close the achievement gap for students.

There is an array of factors that impact student achievement, including student motivation and parent involvement, but as a former PPW (Pupil Personnel Worker) who worked directly with struggling students, I have concluded that school attendance has one of the largest impacts. Over the years, the research has been clear that there is a significant correlation between student achievement and good school attendance.

Here at East Middle, we are always looking for powerful partnerships that help us support student attendance and achievement. Having parents that reinforce school attendance goes a long way in helping the student create good habits that are centered around the value of school. I want to continue to encourage parents and relatives to have meaningful conversations with your children related to why good school attendance is important. Middle school students want to have a sense of independence, and helping them gain this does not take away their need for routine and structure. Order in a child's daily routine promotes a better use of time, the ability to be organized and prepared, and aids in getting a good night's sleep. Keeping the family in a routine helps children to make good choices with their responsibilities, while still giving them a sense of autonomy.

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another, this might be the perfect time of year to reestablish old routines or create new ones that will help your child find structure and responsibility. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make your child's experience here at East Middle more positive and powerful.

Sincerely,
Donald Mongold
Assistant Principal



Bulldog Tracks



TEAM 1

Team 1 students have been earning lots of Bulldog Tickets for demonstrating good behavior and positive character traits, and earning rewards for those tickets. We have had very special reward activities for November and December that involves "make & eat activities"!!

Also every Friday we will randomly draw a Bulldog Ticket from each homeroom, and the winning student will win a prize. Encourage your child to keep earning tickets by showing Respect, Responsibility, & good Relationships every day!

TEAM 2

"Team 2 is preparing hard for the MSA! Ask your child what they learned today!"

The "Study Island Challenge ended December 16!: "10 coconuts to attend the Luau Pizza Party!"

Ask your children! They'll know!



TEAM 3

Students on Team 3 have been earning Bulldog tickets in great numbers! Ticket rewards are held every three weeks. The next reward will be held on December 23rd, and tickets will need to be turned in to homerooms by December 16th.

Our Study Island sea creatures are swimming hard to reach Study Island! Congratulations to Lauren Robinson, Ryan Truhlicka, Blake Kelly and Nick Leahy for already completing their 30 reading blue ribbons and reaching the Island!

Our next Study Island reward will be held at the end of second quarter.

TEAM 4

ELA students on Team 4 worked hard to prepare for our field trip to the Carroll Arts Center to see "A Christmas Carol" in early December. Students read about Charles Dickens, identified important events in his life, and presented them on a storyboard. The character of Scrooge was analyzed throughout the play as students read and discussed the play in class. The students were excited to see the play at the Carroll Arts Center in order to compare it to what was read in class.

8th GRADE – Teams 5 & 6

- Mr. Greg Dubicki has completed his student teaching with Miss Kemp's afternoon French classes during November and December. He will receive his master's degree from McDaniel College this month and enter the teaching field. I has been a pleasure to have him here, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. Bonne chance!



- On November 29th, the 8th grade students toured the Carroll County Career and Technology Center where they were shown the programs that will be available to them when they are juniors. In all programs, our students were able to have hands-on experiences which ranged from making a corsage to laying brick. Students who want to attend the CCCTC apply for those programs when they are sophomores.

- Next year, our students will be in high school, so after the trip to the CCCTC, they went to Winters Mill High School. There they were able to see a film showing some of the sports and clubs which are available. They also were treated to some selections by the cast of Sweeney Todd. After lunch they heard from a panel of high school students who talked about some of the pitfalls of not completing assignments or not taking school seriously. The last activity of the day was going into classrooms to observe high school classes.



On November 30, the eighth grade was rewarded with ten extra minutes of recess to recognize their earning over 3000 blue ribbons on Study Island. This program strengthens students' skills in the math and reading objectives tested on the MSA.

- Our students are going to Washington, D.C. on December 22nd. In social studies class, they have been studying governe so at the National Archives they will see the actual Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution. In addition to they will visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Korean Conflict Memorial, and the statue that honors the nurses who have served in the military. The day will end with a visit to the Air and Space Museum.



BEST

MSA Preparation: The Academic Success Trait for the month that BEST staff and Students will be focusing on is **Perseverance**.

Best Students have earned **147** Blue Ribbons on Study Island.

Volunteer Activities: BEST Students earned service hours for making Thanksgiving placemats for the Sheppard Staff Thanksgiving dinner.



Upcoming Events: Friday activities for the month of December include: Bingo, Turkey Bowling, The Rec Center, and the Bulldog Buck Auction.



From THE PE DEPARTMENT



The second quarter is very busy in Physical Education! We are inside now for the remainder of the winter and students are in the Volleyball Unit and Fitness and Weight Training Unit. Each class has two consecutive days of volleyball and then they rotate for one day of Fitness training. This gives them a variety of activities to participate in during their PE periods.

Fitness Intramurals have begun after school and we have approximately twenty three excited kids! Students participate in activities such as warm-ups, learning dances, strength training with weights, yoga, P90X videos, and mass games such as "Tseg" Ball, Volleyball, Capture the Football, Basketball and much more.

Winter intramurals will begin in February and volleyball games will be the main focus. Students really enjoyed the intramurals last year so we are hoping for more students to sign up in the winter.

The next written assignment that is due to be written and turned in to your PE teacher is February 24th. We suggest students get a jump start on their assignment and not wait until the last minute. The report can be written about a sporting event that they participated in or were a spectator, write about a famous athlete, read a sports book and write a report or select a Health topic. We ask that the report be at least one full page long in length and that the student's name appear on the top of the page with PE period. We hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and remain active through the New Year and beyond!

Mr. Kucharski Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Buenger

ART NEWS



6th grade just finished up creating Egyptian amulets and is beginning a clay bust of someone they admire or care about; 7th grade is completing their Medieval Art unit, glazing their clay gargoyles and finishing painting their faux stained glass windows; and 8th grade just got done their pastel candy still-life project and is beginning a plaster hand cast. Art Club continues to work on three murals around the school, one in Mr. Andrews room, one outside the cafeteria, and one in the health suite.

Another group of students in the Art Club just finished the Gettysburg Outlets Holiday Card contest and our entry will be on display through the month of December at the Outlets, along with other area schools' creations. Be sure to stop by and vote for East's card, if our school's design places, the art department could win money for art supplies.



INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL MUSIC would like to thank the East Middle School administration, staff, and most importantly the families, that came out to support the recent concerts.

8th Grade TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION classes are completing an activity related to hydraulics, and will shortly go into a Lego Robotics unit.

STEM is wrapping up a unit on photovoltaics and is preparing to move on to another alternative energy activity, wind turbines.

7th Grade HEALTH classes are to begin a unit about Life Style Diseases, and will be creating a "town" focusing on the prevention of these diseases.



SPECIAL ED

'Tis the season for inclement weather, which can lead to school delays, early dismissals, or closings. In the event that an IEP meeting is scheduled for your child on a day with an unexpected schedule change due to weather, please call your child's case manager to determine if a meeting time or date change is necessary. Even a conference call-type meeting can be appropriate at times, and can keep parents safe at home in slippery road conditions.



MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Tere Tulmast! Welkom! Bienvenidos! Velkommen! Bienvenue! Welcome!

The Multicultural Club is off to a great start! We have over 15 active members and meet once a month.

So far we have had a great time getting to know each other. We began our early club meetings by planning some upcoming events and brainstorming how we can effectively represent East Middle at school and in the community. Club members also created their own club folders and used them to introduce themselves.

The Multicultural Club was also responsible for East Middle's Mix-It-Up Day where members helped plan and organize the event, created signs to promote the event and helped get the school energized. It was a very successful event.

We recently met in November to discuss the origins of the cornucopia and we even made our own! They were delicious. We investigated Native American culture as well in support of Native American Heritage Month.

In December, we discussed what culture means and what it includes. We will be exploring the lives of several students around the world. Our meeting will culminate in the sharing of our own cultural practices and of course some treats that we enjoy as Americans during the holidays.

Additional activities include club member participation at the Leadership Seminar in New Windsor, a good game of Multicultural Survivor and our International Night. We hope to interview the founder of "Around the World in 80 Schools" in the new year.



YEARBOOK ORDERS-- Lifetouch

The 2011-2012 yearbooks are on sale. Order early and SAVE!

- The **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEFORE January 31st, 2012:**
CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to Lifetouch: **\$17.**
ONLINE at ybpaylifetouch.com: (\$17 plus \$1 online fee) = **\$18.**
- **After January 31, 2012:**
CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to Lifetouch: **\$19.**
ONLINE at ybpaylifetouch.com: (\$19 plus \$1 online fee) = **\$20.**

NEW!! This year, Lifetouch is offering a **Community Upload** option: Parents and staff may to send photos (from field trips or other school events) to the yearbook advisor that they think would be great in this year's yearbook!

Log into community.lifetouch.com, and type in the code: **XIHWLH**. This is a safe and secure site that only the yearbook advisor may look at and choose photos to use in the yearbook.



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – **Deadline February 24, 2012**

Summer Enrichment packets are now available in the School Counselors' Office. This summer's program offers two classes for middle school students: Farm Museum Apprenticeship, and Musical Theater. If you are interested in either of these classes, or would like more information, please have your child pick up a packet in the Guidance Office. You may also call the School Counselors' Office at 410-751-3181 and request a packet be given to your child.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

- * The decision to DELAY openings or CLOSE schools will be made no later than 6:00 a.m. AlertNow phone calls and emails will be made through the Board of Education.
- * If away from your phone/computer, listen to WTTR (1470 AM) for updates about DELAYS, EARLY DISMISSALS, and CLOSINGS.
- * When schools are CLOSED, either for the whole day or an early dismissal, all evening events are CANCELED.

For complete information, refer to page 24 of the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR 2012-13 (Deadline: February 1, 2012)

Out-of-district applications are currently available in school offices. 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 (available from the School Counselors' Office) 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 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.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out-of-district applications for the 2012-2013 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

- 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. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2012-2013 school year. 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
- Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **February 1, 2012** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 410-386-1520.

School Counseling News

TESTING...TESTING...TESTING...

MSA Dates:

READING: March 14 and 15

MATH: March 20 and 21

8th GRADE SCIENCE MSA: Begins April 16th. Every 8th grader will be taking this test on the computer this year.

HSA Date: May 23

HSA Assessment for students taking **ALGEBRA ONE ONLY**: This is a high school graduation requirement for these students.

CARSON SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

School counselors identified students who are qualified to participate in our Carson Scholarship Contest. Selected students needed a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75-4.0 in all academic subjects for the first marking period. Qualified students were given a letter informing them of the rules in order to try-out. Students must try-out because EMS may submit only one candidate for this \$1,000 scholarship. Students write a 500-word essay based upon one of two topics that were written in the letter. A selection of East Middle teachers and staff members will vote on the anonymous essays choosing East Middle's nomination. All participants will be notified by the School Counseling Office once the representative is selected. The winner will be required to complete the "official application", to be submitted to the Carson Scholars Committee. This application includes: a required essay (500 words), transcript, student profile, and a list of community service activities. Submission of an application does not guarantee the monetary award.

EIGHTH GRADE/WINTERS MILL NEWS:

November 29th, students toured Winters Mill and the Carroll County Career and Technology Center. It was great fun and a wonderful opportunity for us!



PARENT/STUDENT NIGHT AT WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 12

6:00-8:00

From 6:00-7:00 there will be an open house where students and parents can gather information on various clubs, organizations, etc. that Winters Mill has to offer.

From 7:00-8:00 Principal Kenney and the school counselors will discuss high school expectations, graduation requirements, and provide an overview of the course selection process.

JANUARY 13

Winters Mill counselors and Principal Kenney will come to East to speak with students, hand out course selection sheets, and their Program of Studies booklet.



COURSE SELECTION HAND-IN PROCESS

FEBRUARY 1: STUDENTS with LAST NAMES of A-L: 4:00-7:00 p.m. at WINTERS MILL HS

FEBRUARY 9: STUDENTS with LAST NAMES M-Z: 4:00-7:00 p.m. at WINTERS MILL HS

These are advisory conference nights held at Winters Mill for all grades. Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with an advisor, turn in their high school course selection sheet, and go over any questions they may have about their 9th grade schedule. You do NOT need an appointment. *(Course selections will not be accepted at East Middle School.)*

**PLEASE
TURN IN ONE
FORM PER
FAMILY**



EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Conference Request – JANUARY 9, 2012

The next Parent-Teacher Conference night will be held on Monday, January 9th, from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM. (The last conference night will be held on Thursday, February 23rd.)

We are now accepting requests for **JANUARY 9th ONLY**. If you would like a January conference, please fill out this form listing all staff members with whom you would like to meet. This form will be returned to you with assigned times written at the bottom. Also, if you have more than one child here at East Middle, please put ALL REQUESTS on ONE FORM. This way, appointments will not overlap.

Please return this form to your homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

(List ALL of your EMS children on ONE form.)

Student #1 Name _____ Team _____
 Student #2 Name _____ Team _____
 Student #3 Name _____ Team _____

Parent's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

I would like to meet with these TEACHERS:

I would also like to meet with: (Please Check ✓)

Administration:

Mr. Roemer: Principal _____

Mrs. Corbel, Asst. Princ. – Team 2 & Gr. 8 _____

Mr. Mongold, Asst. Princ. - Team 1, Gr. 7, & BEST _____

Counselors:

Mrs. McCormick Team 2 & Gr. 7 _____

Mrs. Weinberg-Hannon Team 1 & Gr. 8: _____

Ms. Whalen-Metz BEST _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION – TEACHER/OFFICE USE ONLY:
 THESE ARE YOUR ASSIGNED TIMES FOR MEETINGS:

Student 1: _____	Student 2: _____	Other Notes:
Time: _____ Teacher: _____	Time: _____ Teacher: _____	
Time: _____ Teacher: _____	Time: _____ Teacher: _____	
Time: _____ Teacher: _____	Time: _____ Teacher: _____	
Time: _____ Teacher: _____	Time: _____ Teacher: _____	

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PTO Highlights.....

Hello from the PTO. This past month the PTO sponsored a soup and salad dinner for the faculty on the November Parent conference night. The PTO sends a very big thank you to all of the parents who took the time to make a dish and come out in the rain on November 16th. We are told that the dinner was a big hit with the staff.



The PTO **discount card fund raiser competition** between homerooms ran until December 14th, and was a big success. The homeroom winners are: Mr. Tozer 6th Grade, Mrs. Wilhide 7th Grade, and Miss Oberlechner 8th grade. They'll all enjoy a fun PIZZA PARTY! Thank you for supporting your child's school. Remember that over \$9.00 of the money collected on each card goes directly back to support the teachers and students at East Middle School. It's not too late to get your card if you haven't done so already. **THEY MAKE A GREAT PRESENT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

On a final note, the PTO will be sponsoring a **breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, March 24th**. Want to have your favorite teacher, administrator or staff person serve you and your family breakfast? Plan now to come out and have breakfast with us in March. Our PTO participation is growing, but we need you to attend the **next meeting**. Join us in the Media Center on **January 4, 2012**.

2012 OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

The Awards are a joint program of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County Public School, organized by the Chamber's Business and Education Committee and supported by the Chamber's member businesses.

The Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize the men and women of the Carroll County Public School System who represent excellence in the teaching profession.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2012 Outstanding Teacher Awards **November 1, 2011 thru January, 3 2012**.

Who is eligible? Any full-time elementary, middle, high school, career & technology, or special education teacher, counselor or media specialist in the Carroll County Public School System.

Who can make a nomination? Parents, students, fellow teachers and school administration may submit a nomination. Fully answer the attached form's three questions and please give specific examples of the teacher's impact. These questions are the basis for selecting eight Outstanding Teachers who will receive an award at the Outstanding Teacher Reception & Award Program on March 28, 2012.

Go to this site: <http://www.carrollk12.org/about/news/release/750> to print a **form**, or obtain one from the school's main office.

CCPS 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, 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.

East Middle Resources

REPORTING ABSENCES

East Middle School REQUIRES verification of 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 (no follow-up note required)
- **FAX** to 410-751-3660 (no follow-up note required), **OR...**
- A **WRITTEN NOTE** upon return of the student

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.

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 – Check ONLINE at <http://members.thinkport.org/EastMiddleSchool>

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

HOMEWORK REQUESTS should be made by PHONE: Guidance Ofc: 410-751-3181

Please keep in mind that HOMEWORK REQUESTS may be made on the SECOND day of absence. Also, the only time teachers have to gather work is **during their planning time**. Please be sure to call **FIRST THING IN THE MORNING to ensure teachers have time to collect work**.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE

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.

SERVICE LEARNING HOURS

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. Blank forms are available in front of the Main Office, or you can download the form at home:

http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/Student%20Services/Service_Learning/reflect_form.pdf

Carroll County Recreation & Parks is pleased to announce the release of the Winter Community Recreation Program Guide. You may access the Program Guide via the internet at www.ccrecpark.org Register online with VISA or MASTERCARD. You may also mail or drop off registration and payment to the Recreation & Parks office in the Robert Moton Center, 300 S. Center Street in Westminster. Some classes have limited registrations and all programs are filled on a first come, first served basis. Many programs are eligible for senior discounts (age 60 and older) or early bird discounts (register by November 30). Financial assistance is also available to families or individuals who may qualify based on income levels.

Program Guides will be distributed to all branches of the Carroll County Public Library, Carroll County Senior and Community Centers, Bear Branch and Piney Run Nature Centers, the Carroll County Farm Museum, and the Carroll County Office Building.

Please call 410-386-2103 if you have any questions regarding programs and services or visit www.ccrecpark.org for more information about Carroll County Recreation and Parks and to register online.