

Freedom Elementary  
Respect, Responsibility,  
and Right to Learn

Discipline Philosophy

\*All students have the right to learn.

\*A key factor in determining children's success is the environment in which they learn.

\*Students are expected to manage and accept responsibility for their own behavior.

Expectations for Behavior

1. Be kind and respectful at all times (K).
2. Keep body parts and objects to yourself (B).
3. Be responsible for all school and class-related work and materials (M).
4. Be an effective listener and follow directions (L).
5. Be responsible for our school environment (E).

"Braggin Dragon" Awards are distributed daily as a way of recognizing students displaying one or more of the expected behaviors. Students receiving an award also have their names entered in a prize drawing. Prize winners are announced weekly.



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~Character Trait of the Month ~

**December—Helpfulness and Service**

"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

(19th century American philosopher, lecturer, essayist, and poet)

**January—Integrity**

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!"

~Sir Walter Scott (18th Century Scottish author)

**DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

**From the Administrators:**

Dear Families,

We again had many parents and grandparents visit during American Education Week and attend conferences in both October and November. We had 130 visitors and 509 fall conferences! This large number is a strong indication of the dedication and commitment of the Freedom community to the education of our children.

We continue to appreciate the outstanding help and support we receive from our parent community. The thousands of volunteer hours given to school activities go so far to support student success. Freedom parents, along with students and staff, always do their best job!

For our wonderful volunteers and parent visitors, please notice the signs posted near our office conference room and adult restrooms. In order to maintain the confidentiality of our staff and students, only staff members are permitted beyond the secretaries' desks or the adult restrooms. Meetings in our conference room, as well as the security of student records and disciplinary issues, are highly confidential and we all must do our part to ensure the privacy of our students and staff. Thank you for your understanding.

During the months of December and January, we will assess students to monitor their progress in reading and math. Pupils will be given a variety of reading assessments and the Carroll County Math Benchmark Assessment. Although it takes time to give assessments, the information we gain from them will help to guide our instruction so we can better meet students' needs. The information can also be used to help us monitor progress on our School Improvement Plan.

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Freedom Elementary  
Guiding Question ~

*How can I show  
that I am doing my  
best job?*

**Freedom Elementary Mission Statement:** It is the mission of Freedom Elementary to provide an environment where all students become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

This is the time of year when inclement weather could disrupt schedules. Please be aware of the inclement weather policy and procedures. Make sure that your children are aware of the plans for them when school is delayed or dismissed early because of weather conditions.

As we look forward to 2012, we want to wish everyone wonderful Winter Holidays with your families! May the New Year bring much happiness, success, and joy to all Freedom families!

Sincerely,

*Richard H. Huss*

Principal

*Teresa L. Meinecke*

Assistant Principal



**...AND THE BRAGGIN'  
DRAGON AWARD GOES TO...**  
*All students who met the first quarter goal  
for Ready, Set, Read!*

The FES Leadership Team awarded a school-wide Braggin' Dragon Award to the students who met the first quarter goal for Ready, Set, Read! Three hundred twelve Freedom students reached their goals for the first quarter! We are proud of the responsible behavior the students demonstrated in order to reach the high reading and writing expectations for the program. We would like to encourage everyone to keep reading and writing!

**READING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**



To make reading a part of your holiday traditions, try some of these fun literacy activities:

- \* Encourage your child to create bookmarks to enclose in a gift book or to mark the place in your own book where you leave off during read-aloud time.
- \* Ask your child to help with holiday shopping. Have him or her write out the list and then read the items aloud as you peruse the aisles together.
- \* Give your child a companion book to traditional holiday gifts, such as a book on juggling and several brightly colored balls; a book about fossils and a bag of plaster of Paris; or a book about stamp collecting and a stamp album.
- \* When it's time for holiday baking, ask your child to read the directions aloud to you. While the cookies are in the oven, read a short book together.
- \* Help your child make his or her own holiday gifts for family and friends by following the directions in a how-to book.
- \* Ask your child to help you write out gift nametags. Use extra large gift tags for tiny hands!
- \* Encourage your child to volunteer to read to residents in a local retirement home or hospital.
- \* Give a bookstore gift certificate as a holiday present so your child can select a new book on his or her own. Read the book together.
- \* Visit the library and pick out some holiday favorites for festive family reading all season long.
- \* Place a reading lamp on your child's bed. Allow your child to stay up later as long as he or she is reading.
- \* When traveling to another state, take along a book for children to read with information about the state.

It is so hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner and winter is upon us! It seems impossible that already the days are so short and the darkness sets in so early. I don't know about your children, but my children sometimes have a hard time finding something to do on those cold days. However, once I suggest we play a game and have fun then the boredom is overcome. There is no doubt your kids love having fun, but incorporating education with that fun is a great way to get your kids to learn important lessons while having a great time too. Playing a game is a wonderful way to build relationships while learning! Games also make wonderful gifts! While you are shopping you might want to pick up one of these mathematical games:



### Primary Games

#### K-Grade 2

- Cranium Hullabaloo
- Blink (card game)
- Yahtzee
- Sorry
- 4-Way Count Down
- Sum Swamp Addition and Subtraction
- Candyland
- 3 Bear Family Honeycomb Hike
- Quizmo
- Pay Day
- Chutes and Ladder



### Intermediate Games

#### Grades 3-5

- Count Across
- Skip – Bo
- Polygon Game
- Mancala
- Cribbage
- Smath (Like Scrabble)
- Timing It Right
- Phase 10
- 24 Game  
(Can be purchased at Learning How in Westminster)
- Pentominoes
- Yahtzee

## Thinking about summer?



CCPS Summer Enrichment Program Booklets for the 2012 sessions have been distributed to all students. Most classes are for students completing grades K-5. Topics have a wide variety of content and interests, including music, art, math, reading, drama, history and geography. If you have children who have previously enjoyed the Summer Enrichment Program, please consider having them attend again this summer. If your children have not attended in the past, please take time to consider having them be part of an enriching, rewarding, and fun-filled experience. Each class costs \$95.00, except for the Carroll County Farm Museum Apprenticeship class which is \$100.00. Most classes meet for nine sessions at 2 ¼ hours per session. The registration deadline is February 24, 2012. The application forms, sign-up sheet, and registration fee should be returned to your child's teacher by this date.



**Ready,  
Set,  
Read!**



## FES Winter Concert

DECEMBER 8

IN-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AT

9:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. AT FES.

EVENING PERFORMANCE AT 7:00 P.M. AT

ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY

FEATURING THE 4TH GRADE CHORUS,

5TH GRADE CHORUS &

5TH GRADE INSTRUMENTALISTS

Congratulations to Joshua Zanti and Ridgley Baker, the prize recipients for the first quarter of the Ready, Set, Read Program drawing!

# Great things happen in inclusive schools™

**DECEMBER 5-9, 2011**

Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) at Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), which is held each year during the first week in December. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. The week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve.



**GOODSEARCH.COM: Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and select Freedom Elementary as**

**the non-profit you wish to support. For every internet search you do,**

**we receive a penny. Pennies make dollars! \$\$\$\$\$**

### **Late Openings on Two-Hour and Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal Days**

#### **System-wide:**

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

#### **Elementary Only:**

If weather, or another condition, warrants a late opening on days when an early dismissal is scheduled for elementary students, the Superintendent will close schools **for elementary students only** rather than bring students in on a delayed schedule and send them home on an early dismissal. **Middle and high schools will be open and operate on the announced delayed opening schedule.**



### **MSA for 2011-2012**

Please place our testing dates on your calendar and make every effort to avoid planning appointments or vacations during testing.

The Maryland School Assessments for Reading will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 14th and 15th. The Maryland School Assessment for Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 20th and 21st.

Grade 5 students will take the Science MSA between April 16th and May 4th.

December 5-9—National Inclusive Schools Week

December 8— Winter Music Concert, 7:00 PM  
Eldersburg Elementary

December 9 — 2 Hr. 45 Min. Early Dismissal,  
12:20 PM

December 12—Interim Reports Go Home

December 23 — 2 Hr. 45 Min. Early Dismissal  
Last Day Before Winter Holiday,  
12:20 PM

December 26-30—Schools/Offices Closed



January 2—Schools/Offices Closed

January 3— Schools/Offices Reopen

January 16 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday,  
Schools/Offices Closed

January 26—2nd Marking Period Ends

January 27—Schools Closed for Students,  
Professional Day for Teachers

January 30—Third Marking Period Begins



**Early Dismissal Days**

December 9 (Elementary)	March 5 (System-wide)
December 23 (System-wide)	May 11 (Elementary)
February 10 (Elementary)	June 14 (System-wide)

*Freedom dismisses at  
12:20 p.m.*

**Outstanding Teacher Awards Nominations Deadline is January 3, 2012**

The Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize the men and women of the Carroll County Public School System who represent excellence in the teaching profession. Any full-time elementary, middle, high school, career and technology, special education teacher, counselor, or media specialist in the Carroll County Public School System is eligible for nomination. Any parent, student, fellow teacher, or school administrator may submit a nomination.

Nomination forms may be submitted electronically through the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce website at <http://carrollcountychamber.org/ota.html>. The form also is available on the Carroll County Public Schools website at: <http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/2010%20OTA%20nomination%20form.pdf>.

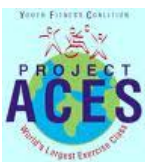
Forms must be received (not just postmarked) by Monday, January 3, 2012, before 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber office located at 700 Corporate Center Court, Suite L, Westminster, MD 21157. Nominations received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will not be considered. Please do not mail or deliver nomination forms to Carroll County Public Schools.

Nominators are urged to nominate teacher(s) who have made a difference in their lives or a student's life and to give specific examples of the teacher's impact and fully answer the form's three questions. These questions are the basis for selecting the Chamber's eight Outstanding Teachers who will receive an award at the reception and awards program on March 28, 2012. These teachers will be eligible for the Carroll County Teacher of the Year Award presented by Carroll County Public Schools. The awards are sponsored by members of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 410-848-9050 or visit [www.carrollcountychamber.org](http://www.carrollcountychamber.org).

➔ We are fortunate to have outstanding teachers at Freedom Elementary!  
Please consider nominating one who has had that special influence on your child.



**Health Classroom News from Mrs. Wunder**



Congratulations to all participants in the 2011 Project ACES. Freedom Elementary had **91% participation**. This earned us a Gold School Award. We were 3<sup>rd</sup> place in our school population division and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the county overall. This amazing accomplishment resulted in our school earning \$400.00.

The community support for Project ACES continues to be incredible! Every student who participated received a certificate and a donated prize. Thank you for the many prize donations by our Freedom families & our PTA.

We are excited to announce a student from Freedom, Gracie Fenner, won the county prize of attending a Ravens Luncheon.

Thank you again for all of your support. Keep exercising!!

The CCVESA sponsored a Fire Prevention Poster Contest for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The following students are this year's winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> place Freedom Elementary & 1<sup>st</sup> Place County: Kristen Papier

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sofia Shaddock

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sasa Maricic

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> place Freedom Elementary & 1<sup>st</sup> Place County: Anna Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jasmyn Sears

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Abigail Lewin



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> place Freedom Elementary & 3<sup>rd</sup> place County: Logan Heydon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Madaline Marland

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Beth Luther



**SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

**FREEDOM  
ELEMENTARY**

**Please note – Freedom Elementary does not distribute a separate parent/student handbook so please review the policy and procedure information found in this newsletter. We apologize in advance that it reflects so many do's and don'ts but it is necessary to make all families aware of this information related to school and county policies. The CCPS Student Handbook is available online at [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org).**



**Returning to the Classroom for  
Forgotten Items**

As a reminder, Freedom Elementary School policy states that children are not permitted to return to the classroom after the school day for forgotten items such as homework, books, etc. Hallway doors are locked immediately following our final bus dismissal. There are several purposes for this policy.

- Students learn at an early age to accept responsibility, especially for their own learning.
- Our building can be a safe, secure environment for those who are working after hours.
- Expensive computer equipment and electronics can be protected. (We lost several thousand dollars worth of computer equipment in a theft last spring.)
- Staff members can complete their duties without interruptions.

Our students are given 15 minutes at the end of the school day to pack up before dismissal, which we believe is more than enough time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**CUSTODY** The school must remain as neutral as possible in situations where parents are separated, divorced or do not live in the same household. Each parent has specific legal rights in regard to school issues. A telephone call, note or letter from a parent or attorney is not sufficient to establish custody or restrict contact. An official court order is required to establish custody. A copy of the most recent custody issue should be on file at the school. When changes occur, please be sure to notify the school and provide a copy of the most recent court order.

### Homework Requests & Vacations

While we recognize that many trips provide valuable learning experiences, the increase we are seeing in lost school time due to vacations is very concerning. Teachers are receiving requests to provide 1-3 weeks worth of work in advance of trips. To prepare this work takes valuable time away from their classroom preparation and from students. When a teacher receives a parent request for homework due to a vacation (minimum 3 school days advance notice) some basic assignments will be provided. All other work will be collected during the course of the absence and will be provided upon return. Please be aware that loss of instructional time due to vacations can have a negative impact on student learning and possibly grades. Many activities are lab or discussion based and cannot be duplicated outside of the classroom.



### May I see your ID?

Whenever you come into the office to take your child early from school, please remember to carry photo identification with you. It is difficult to try to remember everyone we meet, so you may be asked to produce identification. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep each child safe.

### 2012-2013 School Time Change

As was reported previously, Freedom Elementary school hours for this school year remain the same as in previous years. However, beginning in August of 2012 our school day times will change. The student instructional day will be 9:15-3:45. If you have questions about this change, please visit the Carroll County Public Schools website [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org), where answers to frequently asked questions about the new bell schedules have been posted.



### Lost and Found

We have accumulated a large number of "Lost and Found" items. Please encourage your child to look for any lost clothing, book bags, lunch boxes, etc. All items remaining at the winter holiday break will be donated to a local charity.



### GRAB & GO BREAKFAST

We have had a very good response to the "GRAB-N-GO" breakfast. Students can pick up a "GRAB-N-GO" breakfast on the way to the classroom and get the day started on the right foot. The breakfast is easily portable in order to take it to the classroom for quick consumption as students prepare for the school day. Breakfast items that may be included are: cereal, fresh fruit, milk, juice, a bagel or hot ham & cheese sandwiches.

Full price for the breakfast is \$1.25. If the student participates in the Free and Reduced Meals program, the reduced price is \$0.30.



UNFORTUNATELY, we are not able to offer breakfast to students who arrive late to school. The breakfast line closes at 8:35 AM each morning. Also, please note, we will not be serving breakfast on days school starts late due to inclement weather.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When inclement weather conditions occur, the decision may be made to delay the opening of school by one or two hours, to close school, or to dismiss school early. An announcement will be made for delayed openings or closings by 6:00 a.m. Every effort will be made to make the announcement as early as possible. There may be an announcement made to open schools 2 hours late with a "re-evaluation" period to possibly close schools. If no re-evaluation announcement is made by 7:00 am, schools will open 2 hours late as originally announced.

All weather-related announcements will be made through the CCPS AlertNow system, the CCPS website, CCPS CETV-Channel 21 and the following media outlets:

WTTR 1470 AM, WBAL-TV Channel 11, WJZ-TV Channel 13, WMAR-TV Channel 2, WBFF Fox 45, WPOC/WCAO/B104.3, WBAL Radio 1090 AM, Metro Network V-103 (WXTR, WWLG-AM, WGRX, WCAO, WASA, WANN, WBGR, WJHY, WNAV), Infinity Broadcasting (WQSR/WWMS/WMIX 106.5/WLIF 101.9), WRBS 95.1 FM, WAFY-KEY 103, WGET 1320 AM/WGTY 107.7 FM, WHVR 1280 AM/The PEAK 98.5 FM, WFMD 930 AM/WFRE 99.9.

Decisions to delay the opening of schools, close schools or dismiss schools early will affect the Career and Technology Center, Pre-Kindergarten and PREP Programs in the following ways:

### **SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED BY ONE (1) HOUR**

- Career & Technology Program will be shortened by one hour.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be on a regular schedule.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be delayed by one hour.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule.

### **SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED BY TWO (2) HOURS**

- Career & Technology Program will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be on a regular schedule
- A.M. & P.M. PREP Program sessions will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.

### **SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE ONE (1) HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL**

(Decision must be made by 12:00 p.m.)

- Career and Technology Program will be dismissed one hour early.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be dismissed on a regular schedule
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be dismissed one hour early.

### **SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE TWO (2) HOURS EARLIER THAN USUAL**

(Decision must be made by 11:00 a.m.)

- Career and Technology Program will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule
- P.M. PREP Program session will be canceled.

### **SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE THREE (3) HOURS EARLIER THAN USUAL**

(Decision must be made by 10:00 am)

- Career and Technology Program will dismiss at 11:00 a.m.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will dismiss at 10:00 a.m.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session students will remain at school until dismissal of all students and ride home on their a.m. bus.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be canceled.

On days when schools are closed or there is an early dismissal because of inclement weather, school activities scheduled for that evening as well as the Adult Evening Program Classes may be canceled. The school system and individual school administrators will make separate announcements regarding evening and weekend activities that may be canceled.

Any decision to close schools, delay opening or dismiss schools early due to inclement weather is not made lightly. Every effort will be made to provide an instructional school day consistent with the published school calendar, and with our foremost concern always being the safe travel of all Carroll County Public School students.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Carroll County Public Schools 2011-2012



Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc.) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering. School days are defined as days when schools are open for students.

Scheduled training sessions for the 2011-2012 are available through the CCPS website, <http://www.carrollk12.org/>. Many schools include volunteer training sessions with other school activities/events, so look for dates and times in school newsletters and Alert Now updates, too. Volunteers need to be trained annually.

Thanks in advance for supporting student achievement by volunteering in our schools. Additional information about the school system's volunteer program can be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator, at [ejfarve@carrollk12.org](mailto:ejfarve@carrollk12.org) or 410-386-1536.

DECEMBER 2011 DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	CONTACT
	+ precedes a school event/activity * follows a school event/activity # part of a school event/activity		Please call the number provided to confirm the scheduled training session.
5	William Winchester Elem.	9:30 AM	410-751-3230
8	Robert Moton Elem.	6:30 PM	410-751-3610
JANUARY 2012 DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	CONTACT
9	Manchester Elem.	6:00 PM	410-751-3410
10	West Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3661
11	+ Cranberry Station Elem.	6:00 PM	410-386-4440
11	New Windsor Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3355
12	+Friendship Valley Elem.	5:45 PM	410-751-3650
12	Oklahoma Road Middle	6:00 PM	410-751-3600
18	Manchester Valley High	3:00 PM	410-386-1673
18	Sandymount Elem.	6:30 PM	410-751-3215

#### Integrated Pest Management Program:

The integrated pest management (IPM) program employed by CCPS uses inspection, monitoring, employee education and sanitation practices to minimize the use of pesticides in our schools. Maryland law requires that parents of all elementary students be notified automatically prior to application of any pesticide. Parents of secondary students must request to be placed on pesticide notification. CCPS notifies all students and staff 24 hours prior to scheduled applications of pesticides on school property. If an emergency pest control situation arises and pesticide is used, notification will be made within 24 hours. Space-spraying of a pesticide throughout an entire room or area by a fogger or aerosol device requires one week advance notice to all students and staff. Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained in the Department of Plant Operations. Persons wishing to review this information should contact the Director of Facilities at 410-751-3177.

# Community News:




See the classic Dickens's tale of "A Christmas Carol" with a modern twist performed at Liberty High School. This original adaptation by Daniel K. Hughes, was written specifically for Liberty High School's production and feature over 100 student actors and techies. Akin to Liberty's Award Winning Program, you certainly won't be disappointed by this wonderful, family friendly, tale performed live on Liberty's stage just for you!

Performance dates are Dec 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 7pm, and Dec 3rd at 2pm

Tickets are on sale now at the Liberty High School box office or online at [www.lhsdramaclub.com](http://www.lhsdramaclub.com). \$8 in advance. At the door, \$10 students and \$12 adults.

For more information, Contact: Tony Cimino at 410-751-3560 or [ajcimin@carrollk12.org](mailto:ajcimin@carrollk12.org).



## Piney Run Nature Center

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter for holiday activities scheduled at Piney Run Nature Center.

**A.H.E.R.A. Notice**  
 The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A.H.E.R.A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157.  
 Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

**NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory 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

**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.




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2011</h1>						
				1 7PM Market Day Pick-Up	2	3
4	5	6	7 7PM PTA Meeting	8 7PM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert at Eldersburg Elementary	9 <b>2 hour 45 minute Early Dismissal (12:20PM)</b>	10
11	12 Interim Reports Go Home	13	14 5PM Board of Ed. Mtg.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program	22	23 <b>2 hour 45 minute Early Dismissal (12:20PM)</b>	24
25	26 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	27 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	28 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	29 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	30 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	31 <b>Schools/Offices Re-Open Tuesday January 3, 2012</b>



# DECEMBER 2011



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Scrambled Egg , Juice Sausage Patty Pancake w/ Syrup <b>Baked Cinnamon Apples</b> <b>Breakfast For Lunch</b>	2 Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Vegetable Cup Fruit
5 Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Roll Mixed Fruit	6 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll French Fries Hot Vegetable Fruit	7 Cold Cut Sub Potato Rounds Green Beans Peaches	8 Holiday Nuggets w/ Sauces Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Hot Vegetable Roll Fruit   <b>Holiday Dinner</b>	9 Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Golden Carrots & Corn Applesauce  <b>Early Dismissal --- No Extras</b>
12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Soup OR Chili Hot Vegetable Peaches	13 Popcorn Chicken Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Coleslaw Roll Mixed Fruit	14 Hard or Soft Shell Taco w/ Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn Spanish Rice Fruit Cup	15 Hot Ham & Cheese on Roll OR Turkey Wrap Chicken Noodle Soup Tater Tots Fruit	16 Stuffed Crust Pizza Hot Vegetable Apple Pineapple Salad Fruit
19 Chicken Patty on Roll Vegetable Soup Cole Slaw Fruit	20 Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Roll Fruit Cup	21 Holiday Nuggets w/ Choice of Sauces Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Roll Fruit	22 Cheesesticks w/ Dipping Sauce Broccoli Hot Vegetable Peaches	23 Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Hot Vegetable Fruit  <b>Early Dismissal -- No Extras</b>





# COUNTRY HOLIDAY CRAFTS

*Piney Run Nature Center*

*Saturday, December 10, 2011*

Come join the fun at Piney Run Nature Center on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for a day of holiday workshops and demonstrations. Holiday music and the aroma of hot cider are sure to put you in the holiday spirit. All workshops are for adults age 16 and older. Times are from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Nature Shop will be open for your holiday shopping.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

To register for Country Holiday programs please call 410-795-6043. After registering, make your payment by check Within **ONE WEEK**. Make checks payable to **Piney Run Nature Center**. *After one week without payment, those on the waiting list will automatically get an opportunity to register for your spot.*

- You may register for one morning and one afternoon workshop.
- For most workshops, bringing your own scissors, hot glue gun, glue sticks, pruners, gloves and wire cutters will come in handy
- When calling to register, please let us know if you will be joining us for lunch.
- Plan to share a hot "Pot Luck" lunch for \$2 donation. The Nature Center provides the paper goods, utensils, and beverages. Participants with last names beginning from A – I, please bring a dessert; J – R, please bring a side salad or side dish, S – Z, please bring a main dish (casserole, soup, etc.). Remember to label your dish and bring an ingredient list/recipe to share.



## MORNING WORKSHOPS 10 – 12 pm

### *Mr. or Mrs. Santa Claus Gourd Decoration*      *Instructor: Mary Lewis*

We will start with a banana gourd. Then, for an added three dimensional effect, we'll sculpt a Santa face, hat and decorations onto the gourd with wood filler putty. After the wood filler dries, we'll paint the gourd, and attach a hanging ribbon.

Fee: \$20/member; \$25/non-member

### *Fresh Greens Candle Centerpiece*      *Instructor: Kate Van Fossen*

Using fresh greens create a beautiful centerpiece for your holiday table. Add a candle, a bow, pinecones, other natural decorations, and you're all set with a festive table decoration. Remember to bring pruners for this workshop.

Fee: \$20/member; \$25/non-member

### *Rustic Dried Fruit and Cinnamon Swag*      *Instructor: Faye Worley*

Construct a beautiful evergreen swag. Then adorn it with dried oranges, cinnamon cookies, leaves, pinecones, and more. With its beautiful colors and aromatic fragrances, this yesteryear swag will be a perfect accent piece for any room this holiday season.

Fee: \$20/member; \$25/non-member

### *Hanging Kissing Ball*

*Instructor: Max Bukowitz*

The holiday would not be complete without a traditional Victorian Kissing Ball! Kissing Balls represent romance, friendship and good will, and bring fragrance and festive spirits to the home. Embellish our kissing ball with fresh boxwood, other greens and a bow to top things off.

Fee: \$25/member; \$30/non-member



**AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1 – 3 pm**

***Festive Evergreen Wreath***

***Instructor: Polly Tomlinson***

Everyone needs a fresh wreath to brighten their door or wall for the holidays, so make your hearty holiday wreath with a variety of greens. Afterward, use your own sense of style to decorate your wreath with a variety of dried naturals, cones, pods, and ribbon.

Fee: \$25/member; \$30/non-member

***Wreath of Lemons***

***Instructor: Lorri Voytek***

Using a pre-cut frame, you will use large speckled Acuba leaves, a variety of greens and lemons, nuts and pods to complete this beautiful Williamsburg style decoration for the holidays. You can save the form and use it again next year! Bring a staple gun (if you have one) and a hammer.

Fee: \$25/member; \$30/non-member

***Holiday Door Swag***

***Instructor: Lynette Lenz***

With a combination of fresh pine, spruce and other evergreens, you will create a beautiful arrangement for your door. Add a bow to top off this beautiful arrangement. Bring pruning shears!

Fee: \$20/member; \$25/non-member

***Rustic Dried Fruit and Cinnamon Garland*** ***Instructor: Faye Worley***

Dried citrus, cinnamon cookies, chili peppers, and more will adorn this beautiful garland. With its beautiful colors and aromatic fragrances, this yesteryear swag will be a perfect accent piece for any room this holiday season.

Fee: \$20/member; \$25/non-member



*We hope you join us for these fun and festive workshops  
sponsored by the  
Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council!*



One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney

**Calling all kids!**

For our saplings ages 6 – 12 – Piney Run Park will be holding a Children's holiday workshop. Saturday, December 17, from 10:00 – 12:00. Children will be able to make decorations and ornaments using the best supplies from nature! From making a special present, holiday decorations, and ornaments children will enjoy all their own creations - and you will too!  
Fee: \$10.00

