

**FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Freedom Web Site: <http://www.carrollk12.org/fes>



**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.

**Richard H. Huss, Principal**

**Teresa L. Meinecke, Assistant Principal**

**Character Trait of the Month ~**

**JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS**

**"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."**

~Mark Twain

(19th century American writer, humorist, and lecturer.)

**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.



**Freedom Elementary  
Guiding Question ~  
*How can I show  
that I am doing my  
best job?***

**FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Families,

In March and April our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be participating in the Maryland School Assessment. This assessment meets the requirements of "No Child Left Behind" legislation that requires each state to test students in grades 3-4-5 in reading, mathematics, and science (Grade 5 only). One purpose of the test is to let us know as a school how we are succeeding in these areas. It will also give individual student scores so parents will know how their own children are performing and where their child ranks across the state. The MSA will be administered as follows:

**Reading– March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Math – March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Science - Between April 16 and May 4th (Grade 5 only)**

We look forward to our students having the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in reading, math, and science. It is important that your child(ren) is at school on testing days. Please schedule doctor appointments and dentist appointments around testing dates.

As we begin the third marking term, continue to be involved with your child's education. Start the term on the right foot:

- \* Support your child during homework time. Set a regular time for homework.
- \* Check to make sure homework is finished and ready to go back to school.
- \* Schedule regular trips to the library.
- \* Help your child with long-term assignments.
- \* Volunteer to help in your child's school.
- \* Communicate with the school about any issues or concerns.
- \* Set aside a regular time each day to read to and with your child.

We continue to appreciate the outstanding parental support enjoyed by Freedom students and staff. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Richard H. Huss*

*Teresa L. Meinecke*

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

February 1—Report Cards distributed  
 February 2—P.T. A. sponsored Cultural Program, “Alice in Wonderland”  
 February 6-10—National School Counseling Week  
 February 10—2 Hr. 45 Min. Early Dismissal  
 Freedom dismisses at 12:20 PM



February 20—Schools and Offices Closed  
 Presidents’ Day  
 February 21—Schools Closed for Students, Professional Day for Teachers  
 February 22—Instructional Assistants Day  
 February 23—Parent Conference Night, 4-7:30 PM  
 February 23—Volunteer Training, Media Center 6:00-6:30 PM



**Early Dismissal Days**

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

Freedom dismisses at  
 12:20 p.m.

**CALLING ALL 2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS!**

Do you have or know a child who plans to attend Kindergarten at Freedom Elementary School next year? Please see the information on p. 10 of this newsletter regarding Kindergarten registration.



**...AND THE BRAGGIN’**

**DRAGON AWARD GOES TO...**

*The Student Leadership Team and everyone who contributed to the “Smile Bags” created for the Carroll County Cancer Center!*

After identifying several things that make Freedom Elementary a wonderful place to work and be, the leadership team agreed that the most recent school-wide Braggin’ Dragon Award should go to the Student Leadership Team. This group of fourth and fifth graders organized donations and created “smile bags” that were delivered to the Carroll County Cancer Center. This award also recognizes the many students at Freedom Elementary who donated items for the bags. The bags were distributed to cancer patients in an effort to put smiles on their faces as they battle cancer. The employees and patients were touched and appreciative of this act of kindness!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

### To the Parents of Kindergarten Students:

The time has arrived when our Kindergarten students are showing signs of greater independence. In honor of the growth they have made, we will start selling extras (i.e. ice cream, cookies, and snacks) in the cafeteria to our Kindergarten students beginning on Jan. 30, 2012. (Prices range from \$0.25-\$0.75.) The

students will have to eat at least ½ their lunch to earn this honor, but we don't anticipate this will be a problem.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students for "Doing Your Best Job" at Freedom. Way To Go!!!!

~Ms. Ann, Cafeteria Manager



### PLEASE REMEMBER ~

Students should not bring large bills or amounts of money to school when buying lunch and/or snacks. We have had a recent influx of large bills brought to school, which adds a burden on the student to keep track of the change. It also provides a temptation to other student who may wish to beg for or borrow the money. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



## MISSING!



Many of our visitor and volunteer badges have gone missing. If you have one, please return it as soon as possible. Thank you!



## Will we be able to reach you?

Please don't forget to keep your child's emergency information up to date. In an effort to keep our students as safe as possible, we need to know if your contact information changes during the course of the school year. If your address, telephone number, and/or email address changes, please be sure to update your child's information. You may check current information via the CCPS Home Access Center which can be accessed on the CCPS home page at <http://www.carrollk12.org>. You may also provide the new information directly to one of the secretaries in the main office at Freedom Elementary.



## Bullying or Intimidation Acts

Carroll County Public Schools will not tolerate any acts of discrimination, harassment, hazing, bullying, hostile acts or other forms of intimidation on the part of students or employees.

The staff at Freedom Elementary School believes that in order for children to be successful in their learning, they need to feel safe and comfortable in their environment. Consequently, staff members at school address bullying concerns immediately. If you feel that your child has been the victim of a bullying situation, please ask your child if he/she told the adult in charge at the time. If you feel your child is unable or unwilling to advocate for himself/herself, please contact your child's teacher, school counselor, or a school administrator. Also if you feel your child could be a bully, please contact the school as well. Steps will be taken to resolve bullying issues immediately and to provide support for the students involved.

Harassment or Intimidation (Bullying) Reporting Forms are available in the main office.



**Internet Safety**



A free filtering program promises to help parents protect their kids from cyberbullying, sexting and other dangers of the digital age. MouseMail scans a child's incoming and outgoing e-mails and text messages for inappropriate words or unknown contacts, then redirects any suspicious messages to the parents. Parents can download it at <http://mousemail.com/> Check out the MSNBC Political Roundtable video clip on the bottom right of the home page.

This FREE website allows parents to be connected to their children's cell phone, e-mail, Facebook, etc.; however, they stress that it is not spyware. Parents can set up the account to scan all incoming and outgoing texts, e-mails, etc. for inappropriate language and content. If anything unseemly is detected, that communication is forwarded to the parent and the child does not receive it. Another feature is that the parent has the ability to "shut off" the phone from being used at certain times. For instance, during school hours or from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Apparently, teachers are all in favor of students not being able to text during class!



We are continuing to collect plastic bottle caps from soda bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, etc. They can be any size and any color! Please clean them before donating them. Our vision is to create a mural in support of our green school efforts. Thank you for your help!

Mrs. Wunder (Health) & Mrs. Campbell (Art)

**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!!  
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**February 23, 2012  
Parent Conferences  
4:00-7:30 PM**



**You may call the school office between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM February 6-17 to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher(s).**

**Volunteer Training: 6:00-6:30 PM  
FES Media Center**

**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.

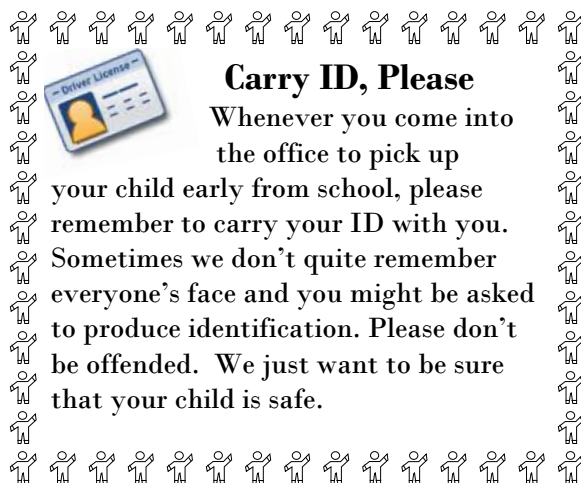




**SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

**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 the information related to school and county policies. The CCPS Student/Parent Handbook is available online.



**Carry ID, Please**

Whenever you come into the office to pick up your child early from school, please remember to carry your ID with you. Sometimes we don’t quite remember everyone’s face and you might be asked to produce identification. Please don’t be offended. We just want to be sure that your child is safe.

**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. There are several purposes behind 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.

**Food Items and Birthday Treats**



Due to the increasing number of students with potentially life-threatening food allergies, a policy has been implemented at elementary schools, including Freedom. Parents are not to send in food items to be shared for birthday treats. Instead, we are asking that parents who wish to send items consider non-food items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. Treat certificates can still be purchased from the cafeteria for \$.75 each. That would allow students to select from any of the snack items sold in the cafeteria.



**KEEP  
READING**

**Party Invitations**

Please be sure that all invitations to private outside events (birthday parties, etc.) are delivered outside the school setting. It has caused much heartache when someone is left out and others are receiving invitations in the classroom.



**Reminder for borrowed lunch money**



The cafeteria has limited funds for children who need to borrow lunch money. If your child borrows lunch money, we appreciate your promptness in repaying that money to the cafeteria the next day. Keep in mind that you can purchase advance lunch tickets for your child. You can prepay for as few or as many lunches as needed. Lunches are \$2.00 each. Please send in a check, made payable to the Freedom Elementary cafeteria, for the number of lunches you wish to purchase times \$2.00 each. If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunches, please contact the office for an application.



### Homework Requests and 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 sometimes receive 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.



**Attendance Reporting:** We are pleased to have an e-mail address by which Freedom Elementary families may report student absences for Freedom Elementary students only. The email address is [fesattendance@carrollk12.org](mailto:fesattendance@carrollk12.org). The address is for **REPORTING ABSENCES ONLY**. Please include your child's full name, grade, homeroom teacher, date(s) of the absence(s) and the reason(s) for the absence(s).

### Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

Freedom Elementary will again participate in the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. These awards will be presented in June of 2012. Grade 5 students are eligible in either reading or math based on the following criteria:

Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in reading **OR** Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in mathematics & January Grade 4, May Grade 4, January Grade 5 Math Benchmarks are each 90% or higher  
**AND**

3.5 G.P.A. (English/language arts, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies) for all of Grade 4 and the first two marking periods of Grade 5



### Freedom Honor Roll Criteria

{Third, Fourth, & Fifth Graders Only}

#### **Principal's Honor Roll:**

Straight A's with all O's and S's (no more than 3 S's in Accepts personal responsibility for learning, Participates actively and puts forth effort in Physical Education, and Social Behaviors)

#### **Freedom Honor Roll:**

Students must meet both of the following criteria in order to qualify:

\*All A's and B's **AND**

\*All O's and S's in Accepts personal responsibility for learning, Participates actively and puts forth effort in Physical Education, and Social Behaviors



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/W MIX 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 or 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.

DATE	SCHOOL + precedes a school event/ activity * follows a school event/ activity # part of a school event/ activity	TIME	CONTACT Please call the number provided to confirm the scheduled training session.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Winfield Elementary</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>410-751-3242</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>William Winchester Elem.</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>410-751-3230</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Manchester Elementary</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>410-751-3410</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>+Piney Ridge Elementary</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>410-751-3535</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Mechanicsville Elementary</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>410-751-3510</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Oklahoma Road Middle</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>410-751-3600</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Carrolltowne Elementary</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>410-751-3530</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Elmer Wolfe Elementary</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>410-751-3307</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>#Freedom Elementary</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>410-751-3525</b>



### Summer Kids@Carroll and NEW! Teen College

Exciting enrichment summer programs at Carroll Community College capture children's attention and engage teens with a camp-like environment. Half-day programs are for ages 3 – 15 will be held June 25 thru August 10. Registrations are being taken now!

For course details go to [www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids](http://www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids) or call Continuing Education & Training at 410 386-8100.

#### Sneak a Peek at Summer 2012!

February 25

9:30 am – 12 Noon

Great Hall at Carroll Community College

Learn about the NEW! Summer Teen College

Meet and talk with camp instructors and learn about specific camps

See demonstrations and exhibits for selected upcoming programs

Meet college staff

Register early for popular camps

Hot program areas include:

Preschool Curiosity Shop

Careers

Cooking

Creativity

Digital Design & Video Games

Fitness

Performance

Reading, Writing & History

Science & Technology

Woodworking

For course details or go to [www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids](http://www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids) or call Continuing Education & Training at 410-386-8100.

**CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 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](http://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.

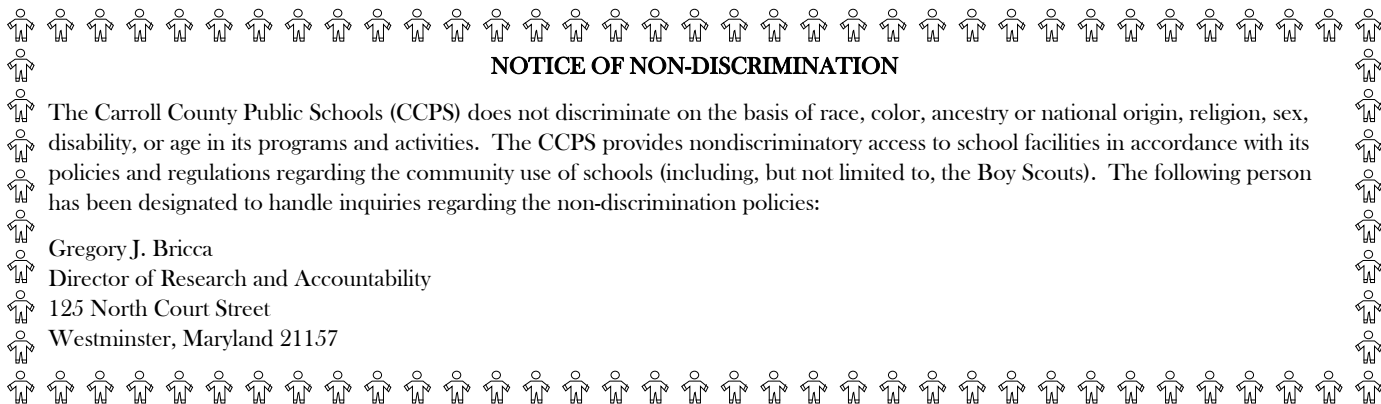
It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on December 5, 2011. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.

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 SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, MR. TOM CANFIELD AT 410-386-4446 .**



**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

**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

## 2012-2013 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION PACKET FOR KINDERGARTEN

Registration for kindergarten is scheduled for the week of **March 26<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** between **9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Kindergarten is mandatory in the state of Maryland. Every child admitted to the kindergarten program in the public schools of the state of Maryland shall be at least five years of age **on or before September 1, 2012**. A parent can apply for a "One Year Level of Maturity Kindergarten Waiver" if the parent feels this is in the best interest of the child. Forms are available from our school office. The completed "One Year Level of Maturity Kindergarten Waiver" form must be returned to the school office before the first day of the new school year.

Carroll County Public Schools has also approved early entrance to kindergarten waiver procedures for students who do not meet the state birth date cut off of September 1, 2012. Children who demonstrate **exceptional ability** and who turn 5 years old after September 1, 2012 and prior to October 1, 2012 may submit an application for early entrance to kindergarten. Kindergarten waiver packets will be available in elementary school offices beginning the week of kindergarten registration. All completed packets must be returned by **May 1, 2012**. **Any request received after May 1, 2012 will not be honored.**

If you have a child or know a neighbor, relative, or friend that may have a child entering kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year, please be sure you/they send in the form below to receive a registration information packet. Please be sure to include the name of any siblings attending our school so that this packet can be sent home with them. If no siblings currently attend Freedom Elementary, the packet will be mailed.

Students may **only** be registered by their **custodial parents** or **court appointed guardian**. (A step-parent or other family member may not enroll students.) Parents must provide identification for themselves when they come to register their child. The materials in this packet can be completed prior to coming to school in March to register a child. However, **the registration form must be signed at school in the presence of school personnel and the parent or guardian signing the registration form must present photo identification (such as a driver's license) at the time of registration.**

Parents must provide:

- Verification of birth - Acceptable documents of legal proof of age/birth are: *a birth certificate, a birth registration, a hospital certificate, a baptismal certificate, or a passport/visa.*
- Verification of residence - Acceptable documents for legal proof of residence in Carroll County are: *a recent tax bill, settlement statement, contract on a home, lease or rental agreement, or recent utility bill.*
- A specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.*

Prior to a student entering school, the parent/guardian shall provide evidence that the child is immunized. This information must include the date completed and the signature and job title of the person who completed the form. The required medical forms needed for this information will be included in your registration packet. **All required health forms (i.e. physicals, immunization record, and dental form) should be returned to the school completed in full by July 31, 2012.** Please arrange for any doctor appointments your child may need so that you can return the medical forms to us by July 31, 2012.

***Staffing for classes is determined by the school's official enrollment of students as of July 31, 2012. It is very important that all children be enrolled by July 31<sup>st</sup> in order to receive the best possible staffing to keep class sizes small.***

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT UNTIL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN.**

### Preliminary Information Packet Request for Kindergarten

Please complete this form and return to Freedom Elementary School office as soon as possible.

Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_





Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_(day)\_\_\_\_\_ (evening)

Sibling currently attending Freedom \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2012</h1> <p>Math Benchmarks 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>  Math Benchmarks Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup></p>						
1	2 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	3 <b>Schools/Offices Reopen</b>	4 7PM PTA Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  5PM Board of Ed. Mtg.	12 7PM Market Day Pick-Up	13	14
15	16 <b>Schools/Offices Closed</b>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  5PM Board of Ed. Mtg. 6PM FY13 Budget Hearing 7PM Work Session	26  Marking Period Ends	27  <b>Schools Closed for Students</b>	28
29	30	31				



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>1</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce &amp; Breadstick Or Pizza Or Hot Dog or Salad Plate Green Beans Carrots w/ Dip Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Pizza Soup Seasoned Corn Diced Pears Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheese, Or Pepperoni Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Crinkle Cut Potatoes Tossed Salad Rainbow Apple Sauce Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Pizzata Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Seasoned Oven Fries Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cup Chilled Milk</p> <p><b>Fruity Eraser GiveAway</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hard or Soft Shell Taco Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Spanish Rice Steamed Corn Shredded Lettuce Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/Roll Or Hot Dog Or Pizza Or Salad Plate Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mixed Fruit Chilled Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Or Pizza or Hot Dog or Salad Plate Macaroni &amp; Cheese Baked Beans Tossed Salad Chilled Peaches Chilled Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Fresh Veggies w/Dip Hash Brown Potato Patty Chilled Pineapple Chilled Milk</p> <p><b>Early Dismissal</b> --- No Extras</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Mexican Pizza Or Cheese Sticks w/ Dipping Sauce Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Veggies w/Dip Fruit Cup Chilled Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Valentine's Day</b> Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Tater Tots Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fresh Apple Sugar Cookie Chilled Milk</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Scrambled Egg And Sausage Patty Pancake Or Waffle w/Syrup Or Hot Dog , Pizza , Or Salad Plate Juice Baked Cinnamon Apples Chilled Milk</p> <p><b>Breakfast For Lunch</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Balls Or Hot Dog or Salad Plate Dinner Roll Green Beans Tossed Salad Apple Sauce Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Crinkle Cut French Fries Fresh Carrot Sticks Chilled Pears Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>
<p>20</p>  <p><b>President's Day</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Seasoned Oven Fries Beef Vegetable Soup Shredded Lettuce Fresh Orange Chilled Milk</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rotini w/ Meatsauce &amp; Bread Stick Bread Sticks and Meat Sauce Green Beans Tossed Salad Apple Pineapple Salad Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cheese Or Pepperoni Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Mashed Potatoes Tossed Salad Carrots w/ Dip Apple Sauce Chilled Milk</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Hard or Soft Shell Tacos Or Taco Salad Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Shredded Lettuce Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Chilled Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza Or Chicken Tenders w/ Sauces Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Crinkle Cut French Fries Mixed Vegetables Veggies with Dip Fresh Apple Salad Chilled Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Or Macaroni and Cheese Or Pizza Or Hot Dog Or Salad Plate Steamed Broccoli Chilled Pears Baked Apples Slices Chilled Milk</p>	<p><b>Happy Valentines Day</b></p>	