

**Mechanicsville Elementary School  
School-to-Home Connection  
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**10/30/09**

**Principal: Nicholas Shockney**

**Assistant Principal: Natalie Crist**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our November conference nights are rapidly approaching. This is a great opportunity to learn more information about your child's growth in the classroom. During each conference, teachers will share student strengths, areas of focus, extra supports being provided, and suggestions for how parents and guardians can help support the learning taking place in the classroom. We have set aside two evenings for parent/guardian and teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM to 7:15 PM. To schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please contact school between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM starting Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to meeting with you!

American Education Week is November 16<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. American Education Week is a special week in which schools invite parents and guardians into school to experience the learning taking place first hand. We welcome our parents and guardians to visit MES this week and become part of the learning process. There is no set schedule, just please sign in upon entering the building. We will have a special sign-in/out sheet in the lobby.

We have several items in lost and found. If your child is missing an item like a jacket, sweatshirt, or lunchbox, please check the boxes located outside of the cafeteria. We will keep these unclaimed items until Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. After that date, we will donate any unclaimed items.

Thanks,  
Nick Shockney and Natalie Crist

**CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs, or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or [publicinfo@carrollk12.org](mailto:publicinfo@carrollk12.org), or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

**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 Shaeffer 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.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER**

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. Many schools include volunteer training sessions with other school activities/events, so look for dates and times in school newsletters and AlertNow updates. Volunteer training obtained during the 2008-2009 school year is valid through September 30, 2009. Plan to attend a volunteer training session before October 1, 2009 to avoid a break in your volunteer service. Listed below are the training dates/times for Mechanicsville:

November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.

November 18<sup>th</sup>@ 6:30 p.m.

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.

### **CAFETERIA NEWS**

Please remember to return any borrowed lunch money the **NEXT SCHOOL DAY**.

If your child buys lunch, the only drink included with the meal is milk. If your child would like water, they need to bring in \$.50 cents. If your child is allergic to milk, we can substitute milk with water only if we have a note from their doctor. These are dietary guidelines that we have to follow by the State of Maryland. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Susan Quinn, Cafeteria Manager.

**BREAKFAST:** The cost is \$1.25 and will be served from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Breakfast is also available for free and reduced.

#### **Cafeteria Lunch Menu: 11/02 – 11/06**

Mon. 11/02 – grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, applesauce, fruit juice bar

Tues. 11/03 – chicken nuggets w/sauce, vegetable, roll, mix fruit

Wed. 11/04 – breadsticks w/meat sauce, tossed salad, peaches, jello

Thur. 11/05 – chicken tenders, cheesy mashed potatoes, fresh veggies w/dip, pears, animal crackers

Fri. 11/06 – pizza, green beans, fruit and cookie

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

11/02: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip to Summers Farm

11/05: Volunteer training at MES @ 9:30 a.m.

11/06: Report Cards

11/09: Early Dismissal

11/12: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Musical Program @ 7 p.m.

11/13: Spirit Day (be sure to wear blue and white)

11/16: Picture Retake Day

11/18: Volunteer training at MES @ 6:30 p.m.

**OCT. 26 -30TH IS A BLUE WEEK FOR SPECIALS**

**NOV. 2 – 6TH IS A RED WEEK FOR SPECIALS**

### **REQUEST FROM SCHOOL NURSE**

When sending in absent notes, please be sure to provide us the detailed information regarding the illness (i.e.: fever, sore throat, stomach ache, cough, etc). Sending a note telling us your child "did not feel well" is not enough information. Thank you for your cooperation. **Please remember that your child must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication(s) before returning to school.**

### **VERIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES**

Whenever your child will not be in school, CCPS requires an explanation of the absence. Parents are strongly encouraged to report their child's absence as soon as possible, including the reason for the absence. Failure to verify a child's absence as a lawful reason, within five (5) school days, will result in the absence being considered unlawful. A copy of the verification document will be kept on file. Follow-up checking on an abnormally large number of unverified and/or unlawful absences will be handled by the principal, assistant principal, or pupil personnel worker. Thank you for your help in verifying your child's absences in a timely manner.

### **WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Listed below are the procedures for closing schools for late openings on two-hour & forty-five minute early dismissal days.

#### System-wide Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

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

#### Elementary Students Two-hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissals

If weather, or another condition, warrants a late opening on days when an early dismissal is scheduled for elementary students, Dr. Ecker 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.**

### **RE-TAKE PICTURE DAY**

Picture re-takes will be November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 a.m.

### **BOX TOP UPDATE**

Many thanks for all those box tops that were turned in so far this year. As a result, we have earned \$915.20. Keep up the good job sending them in.

WOLFGANG FUNDRAISER TOP SELLERS  
CONGRATULATIONS!

- #1 **Jacob McCampbell** sold \$534.25! (K - Wineke)
- #2 **Austin Bainbridge** sold \$308.00! (1 - Clements)
- #3 **Danielle Reisberg** sold \$297.00! (5 - Darnley)
- #4 **Meghan Moeller** sold \$281.25! (2 - Lynch)
- #5 **Angela Franzino** sold \$252.75! (3 - Thurston)

*These students will get a free ice cream coupon this week!*