

Twister Talk

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6th Grade and New Student Orientations

Team 1 and New 7th & 8th :
Tuesday, August 23rd
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Teams 2 and 3:
Wednesday, August 24th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Homeroom Teacher Assignments and Room Numbers:

On your newsletter mailing label, you will see the information designating your homeroom placement. Match your homeroom number to your homeroom teacher.

Team 1 - 6th Grade:

250 - Mrs. Ridgeway
251 - Mrs. Max-Hockett
269 - Mr. Sullivan

Team 2 - 6th Grade:

290 - Mrs. Fiore
291 - Mrs. Friedenbergl
292 - Mr. Dewan

Team 3 - 6th Grade:

277 - Mr. Reber
293 - Ms. J. Morgan
253 - Mrs. Stein

Team 3 - 7th Grade:

323 - Mrs. Bailey

Team 4 - 7th Grade:

214/Portable A - Mrs. Medvetz
123/Portable B - Mrs. Buss
239/Portable D - Ms. Mintzer

Team 5 - 7th Grade

322 - Mrs. Barron
310 - Ms. Minarcin
314 - Mrs. Lamb

Team 6 - 8th Grade:

302 - Mr. Schuerholz
304 - Mrs. Hastings
306 - Mr. Pallett

Team 7 - 8th Grade:

191 - Ms. Simms
190 - Mrs. Gill
171 - Ms. Hawkins

Team 8 - 8th Grade:

169 - Mrs. Christman
151 - Ms. DiBuono
152 - Mrs. Ferguson

The 2011-2012 Supply List can be found on the home page of the ORMS website.

<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/OMS/Supply%20List%202011-12.pdf>

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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Gregory J. Bricca
Director of Research and Accountability
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410.751.3068

REMINDER:

Donations of
Tissues are
ALWAYS
Welcome!



Message from the Principal:



WOW! It seems like only yesterday our students and staff were milling in the building enjoying time with their colleagues and friends. Where has the summer gone? The **2011-12 school year** is going to be **exciting one** at ORMS! We have so much to celebrate and for which to be thankful. In less than a month you will return to **Oklahoma Road** to find shining hallways, friendly faces, and a "twister filled" year of learning.

This school year, our **enrollment increased** creating the opportunity to add an additional academic team. Our former **Team 3 will now consist of three academic sections of 6th grade students and one section of 7th grade students**. Mrs. Penny Snader will serve as the Team Leader. We were allotted an additional .5 staff member to serve as one of the 6th grade Social Studies teachers on this team. Ms. Carangal, 7th grade Social Studies teacher will teach the one remaining section of 6th grade Social Studies on this team. Once again ORMS will experience "growing pains." As always, we are prepared for the challenge!

Our students continue to perform extremely well on their Reading and Mathematics MSAs. We were excited to learn that we also met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) limits designated by the Maryland State Department of Education. **We are very proud of our teachers and students commitment to learning and achievement.** As always, this data provides us the opportunity for celebration, reflection and future planning. Our School Improvement Team has refined our plan with a **continued emphasis on increasing the achievement of all students.** In late July we also learned that our **2010-11 8th graders met with high levels of success on the Maryland Science Assessment.** Home reports for the Science Assessment will be distributed from Liberty High School. ORMS will distribute our new 6th graders scores during the first couple of weeks of school. The HSA Algebra/Data Analysis results are typically available in late August.

Keep in mind, the success of ORMS is measured through the high level of involvement from all aspects of our learning community. In order for us to continue to move forward, we must continue to develop strong partnerships among parents, teachers and the Sykesville/Eldersburg community. One way to strengthen partnerships is keeping the community abreast of activities, events and last minute changes. We will continue to use the **ALERT NOW** system to remind and/or announce weekly activities. Please maintain accurate and up-to-date contact information with the school office in order to receive these messages in a timely manner.

Our PTA plays an important role in all that we do at ORMS. I encourage you to review the membership information included in this newsletter and make it a priority to become involved in this vital organization. The executive board met this summer to develop their budget for the 2011-2012 school year. They will soon be sharing this information with you in August and again in September.

This school year, we welcome Mr. Craig Reber, 6th & 7th grade Science – Team 3 and Mrs. Donna Box, Financial Secretary & Office Manager. We are excited to have these individuals join our staff.

Each year we continue to upgrade and improve our building. This summer, the carpet in the remainder of our academic classrooms was replaced with tile, the Media Center carpet was replaced, and the gymnasium will sport new wall & stage mats.

Before you set out to shop for back-to-school items, I ask that you carefully review the information regarding Student Dress Code. We consider **"school"** to be the **"place where students work!"** Clothing that is more appropriate for the beach or weekend sock-hops should **not** be worn. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining a "work" environment that reflects respect and responsibility!

Let's start the 2010-2011 year off on a successful note by carefully reviewing the information located in this newsletter. Additional items are also available in the August newsletter located on our website.

I hope each of you found time this summer to enjoy some stress-free, relaxing time with your children. If not, please take some time these last few weeks to do so!

Sincerely,

Catherine E. Hood
Principal

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, 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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A.H.E.R.A.

As a requirement of the AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County Public Schools 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 Environment 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.

NOTE: Volunteer Training Dates will be available on line by August 15, 2011

INFO FOR EVERYONE

Dressed to Learn ?

In general, all students are doing a great job following the guidelines for the county dress code. However, at times, they need to be reminded of the following:

- Skirts and shorts should not be excessively short.
- Shirts must cover the midriff area and meet the top of the lower attire at all times.
- Shirts / tops should not reveal cleavage.
- No mutilated, cutout or ragged clothing shall be worn.
- Pants shall cover undergarments at all times and not be so long that they drag on the floor.

Now is a good time to review the **complete** dress code located in the CCPS Student – Parent Handbook at: www.carrollk12.org/assets/File/CCPS%20News/studenthandbook.pdf

VOLUNTEERS - Carroll County Public Schools 2011-2012



Making a Difference Together

Volunteering is an excellent way for parents and family, community members, and business partners to build and strengthen ties with the Carroll County Public School System. Volunteers offer their time, effort, and/or talents to benefit all students in the school system.

CCPS Volunteer Program Guidelines outline consistent standards for volunteers. **Level I Volunteers** (guest readers, concession stand operators, business representatives, event ticket collectors, guest speakers, etc.) **must annually register at a school by completing a Volunteer Information Form.** **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.*

Volunteer training sessions are held at schools and regional locations throughout the school year. **Volunteer training, obtained during the 2010-2011 school year, is only valid through September 30, 2011.** As plans for the 2011-2012 school year are developed, volunteer training may be included as part of a scheduled school event or planned as a separate activity. Carefully scan school newsletters and bulletins for scheduled volunteer training dates and locations. **Attending required annual volunteer training prior to October 1, 2011 will maintain your eligibility to volunteer and alleviate gaps in your volunteer service.**

By late summer, a comprehensive list of volunteer training sessions will be available by accessing the CCPS website (www.carrollk12.org), Channel 21, and local newspapers. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 410-386-1536 or ejfarve@carrollk12.org.



TWISTER CAFÉ - MEAL PURCHASE INFORMATION

The Food Service Program is offering parents the option of purchasing an annual meal plan for the year. Please refer to the flyers in the online version of this newsletter for more information. School policy does not permit students to leave the building for lunch unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Parents should sign their student out in the office.

The necessary enrollment forms for these plans, as well as the "Advanced Ticket Meal Plan", can be found on the Carroll County website at www.carrollk12.org. On the top menu bar, click on "ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION", then "Financial and Administrative Services" and then to "Food Services". All forms will then be available through the "forms" link on the left column of the web page.

Occasionally, a student forgets to bring their lunch or loses their lunch money. Our PTA has graciously set aside a fund which enables a student to borrow money for that day's lunch. Students should stop by the office, prior to their lunch shift, to procure a ticket. We do request that all money borrowed be paid back the following day.

INFO FOR EVERYONE

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SCHOOL PICTURES

The individual school pictures date is
Wednesday, September 7th
Be sure to mark your calendars!

STUDENT AGENDA/HANDBOOK

The first day of school all students will receive an **Agenda/Handbook** courtesy of the PTA. This book will contain information specific to Oklahoma Road Middle School and is a place to write daily assignments. Students must carry this book with them to each class and home each night. If the handbook is lost, replacements are available for a fee of \$4.00. Supplies are limited so students are encouraged to know where their handbook is at all times.

In addition, students will receive the **Carroll County Public School Student/Parent Handbook** and an **Oklahoma Road Middle School folder**. You will find these documents very helpful in answering questions about policies and procedures.



GYM SUITS

All students must wear a gym suit during P.E. class consisting of a gray t-shirt, black gym shorts and gym shoes.

The incoming 6th graders and new students will have an opportunity to purchase an ORMS gym suit the first week of school through our Physical Education Department. The cost will be \$6.00 for the shirt, \$10.00 for the shorts.

Gym suits will also be available for purchase at both 6th grade and new student orientation sessions.

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

In order to make our school the safest environment possible for both students and staff, we require that all volunteers and visitors wear an I.D. badge while in the school.

As always, everyone must check into the main office upon entering the building. Parents are not permitted to go back to the classrooms before or after school without an administrator's approval.

BOOK BAGS

Students may use book bags to transport books to and from school; **however, students must leave their book bags in their lockers during the school day.** This is for the safety of all students and staff. Students will be given sufficient opportunities to visit their locker throughout the day so that they will not need to carry all of their books. These locker visit times will be determined by each individual team. Students can carry gym bags or small plastic bags for their gym clothes.

EMERGENCY CARDS

On the first day of school each student will receive only one (1) copy of his/her emergency card. Parents of returning 7th and 8th grade students will find a great deal of their children's information preprinted on the card. **It is critical the preprinted information is carefully reviewed by a parent/guardian. If the card reflects incorrect information you are asked to make note of the revisions on the card. All emergency cards must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school, within three (3) school days.**

In addition, it is extremely important for parents to update their child's information throughout the school year. This can be done using the Home Access Center. A change of residence, however, will require proper documentation. This accurate information will allow the school nurse, guidance counselors, team leaders, administrators and classroom teachers to have the accurate information needed to remain in close communication with parents and guardians.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention to this procedure!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

State and County attendance regulations require the school to maintain accurate up to date enrollment information for each student; therefore, when you have a change of address it is mandatory you provide the school with one of the following:

- A **signed** lease/rental agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent/legal guardian is currently residing
- A current rent receipt
- A recent utility bill
- A mortgage statement/bill
- A **signed** settlement document
- A Property tax bill from the current fiscal year indicating "primary residence"
- A Deed
- A **notarized** Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residence, as indicated above for the owner/lessee of the property
- A signed contract on a home being built in Carroll County for families with approved non-resident or out of district status. (Must be followed with another acceptable form or residence once the family moves into the constructed home.)

Without proof of residency, we are unable to change your address. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

INFO FOR EVERYONE

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CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audio taped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.

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BUS RIDER INFORMATION



Video/audio cameras are placed on school buses to protect students and staff and to provide for a safe and orderly environment. The privacy of students and the recording are kept secure and are reviewed only by the authorized Carroll County Public School Personnel.

ALERTNOW

The Carroll County Public School System will continue to use the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents with information from their child's school and the school system. AlertNow is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no cost to parents. You do not have to sign up for this system. All information is taken from the emergency procedure cards. Be sure to keep your information updated.



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL TIMES

Please understand that students should not arrive before 8:05 a.m. because there is no supervision available prior to this time. Morning homeroom officially starts at 8:30 a.m. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. will be marked TARDY. The first class period begins at 8:35 a.m.

Dismissal will be as follows:

- 3:10 – First buses and walkers only will be dismissed.
- 3:13 – Parent pick-up students will be dismissed to the parking lot to the right of the school.
- 3:15 – Second buses will be dismissed.
- 3:20 – Third buses will be dismissed.

(Once the school year begins, the times may vary due to unanticipated changes in transportation routes. Future newsletters will provide updated information.)



INFO FOR EVERYONE

IMPORTANT SERVICE-LEARNING INFORMATION

The Service-Learning Graduation Requirement requires students to earn a minimum of 75 service-learning hours prior to graduation from high school. Students in Carroll County can begin earning service-learning hours the summer after fifth grade and have until their senior year to accumulate their hours. JUNIORS must have a minimum of 55 service-learning hours by the end of their JUNIOR year in order to have SENIOR status. Students earn hours for service-learning activities within designated courses as outlined in the Carroll County Service-Learning Guidelines as well as by independently volunteering in the community.

Remember the following guidelines when choosing a volunteer opportunity:

- You may not be paid for your service.
- You may not earn service-learning hours providing service to a for-profit business. (Nursing Homes are an exception.)
- You may not earn service-learning hours for service in preparation for a worship service, or during a worship service or religious education activity. Service, such as helping with church dinners and mission work, is acceptable.
- Fulfilling family obligations, i.e., babysitting, grass cutting etc. is not acceptable.
- Service-Learning Reflection Forms must be completed and returned to the school within ONE YEAR from the time the service is completed.

Service-Learning forms can be found by accessing the following website:

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

If you are not sure whether an activity will count towards the Service-Learning Requirement, please contact Lauren Warner at ORMS, or the county coordinator at 410-751-3097.

TRANSPORTATION

***BUS**

Students riding buses should arrive at their designated bus stops at least five minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Students must ride the same bus to and from school each day. They must also get on and off at the same bus stop each day.

Permission to ride a bus other than a student's assigned bus is only granted in emergency situations. Permission to ride a different bus can be granted only by the school's administration. Both sets of parents must submit these requests in writing and in advance. Further, a written request from a parent or guardian is required whenever a student will be traveling home by a means different than what is typical for that student (i.e., walking home instead of taking the bus, parent pick up, etc.). These requests must be sent to the office first thing in the morning for administrative approval.

***WALKERS and PARENT PICK-UP**

All walkers and bike riders crossing Oklahoma Road are to cross at the crosswalk located at the north entrance of the school parking lot. Students entering from the back of the school should follow the blacktop path from Hemlock Drive. Students will not be allowed to cross Rt. 26 unless a letter of permission from a parent or guardian is on file in the school office. For safety reasons, it is always a good idea for students to walk with a friend using only the sidewalks and/or pathways provided. At no time should students "cut" across or be on private property without the owner's permission to do so.

Parent pick-up and drop-off will continue to be at the parking lot to the right of the school. For the safety of all students, please be patient and follow the instructions of the designated school staff at this location. **Student drop-off or pick-up is not permitted in the front parking lot between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. due to bus traffic in this area at these times.**

New "TWISTER" Faces:

Please give a **BIG Twister welcome** to the following new members of the ORMS staff:

Mr. Craig Reber – 6th Grade Science teacher-Team 3

Mr. Reber replaces Ms. Mintzer who moved to Team 4. He served as a long-term Science substitute at ORMS during the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Donna Box – Office Manager/Financial Secretary

Mrs. Box joins us from Westminster High School. She replaces Mrs. Linton who retired at the end of June.

"Same Faces – Different Places"

Mrs. Snader moves from Team 6 to **Team 3**. Mrs. Snader will be the Team Leader.

Mrs. Tasch moves from Team 7 to **Team 6** where she will serve as Team Leader.

Ms. Mintzer moves from Team 3 to **Team 4**.

We Will Miss You!

Mrs. Vasco has decided to stay home with her beautiful baby daughter. We wish her well!

Retirees:

Mrs. Linton, Office Manager, retired after working at ORMS for 14 years. We wish her much happiness in her retirement!

Secondary Prepaid Meal Form
(Limit – 20 meals per line)

Student's Name _____

Student's Grade _____

Regular Lunch _____ x \$2.25 = \$ _____

Super Lunch _____ x \$2.75 = \$ _____

Reduced Lunch _____ x \$0.40 = \$ _____

Regular Breakfast _____ x \$1.50 = \$ _____

Reduced Breakfast _____ x \$0.30 = \$ _____

(Only available at breakfast serving schools)

Prepaid meals purchased are non-refundable and are not carried over from year-to-year. Your child's cafeteria manager will take reasonable care to prevent a large number of unused prepaid meals for your child.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL MEAL PLANS 2010 –2011 School Year

GREAT NEWS – Lunch prices will remain the same for the 2011-2012 school year.

Two different meal plans will be available to students for the 2011-2012 school year. We encourage you to choose the plan that is most convenient for you. In addition to these plans, daily payment is always available. These plans are a convenient, simple way to ensure that your child will be eating a well-balanced, nutritious school lunch every day.

ANNUAL MEAL PLAN

Using this plan, parents can pay for their child's lunch in a one-time payment for the entire school year. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Money Order, Cash or Personal Check. The cost for a full year starting August 30, 2010:

Lunch:

Elementary	\$340.00*
Middle & High (Regular)	\$382.50*
High School (Super)	\$467.50*

* Reflects a 10 meal discount.

Breakfast - Only available at schools serving breakfast:

Elementary	\$206.25*
Middle & High	\$247.50*

*Reflects a 15 meal discount.

If your child attends a field trip please notify the cafeteria manager one (1) day prior to the event and a bagged lunch will be provided.

To enroll your child by cash, check or money order: complete an enrollment form (titled **Annual Meal Plan**) for each participating child. Check and money orders should be made payable to Carroll County Public Schools. Remit to CCPS, Food Service Department, 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. **(Please do not send to your child's school)**

To enroll your child using a VISA or MasterCard: call 410-751-3040 or 410-751-3087 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, beginning July 5, 2010.

If you would like to have your child's plan in effect for the first day of school, we recommend that you order prior to August 26, 2010. Please note there are no refunds on this plan unless your child moves outside the CCPS system.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

Using this plan, parents can pay for their child's lunch through an easy direct debit from a checking or savings account. Payments will be withdrawn in equal monthly installments on the 20th of each month, August thru April. The monthly installment is as follows:

Lunch:

Elementary	\$40.00/month
Middle & High (Regular)	\$45.00/month
High School (Super)	\$55.00/month

Breakfast - Only available at schools serving breakfast:

Elementary	\$25.00/month
Middle & High	\$30.00/month

If your child attends a field trip please notify the cafeteria manager one (1) day prior to the event and a bagged lunch will be provided.

Installments are debited on the 20th of each month and cover meals to be served starting on the first day of the subsequent month. Enrollment forms must be received by the 15th of the month to secure your child's start date on the 1st day of the subsequent month. Applications received after the 15th will be processed on the 20th of the following month. If your bank rejects a debit twice, this plan will no longer be available to the student.

To enroll your child in this plan, complete the enrollment forms (titled **Installment Meal Plan Student Enrollment Form & Installment Meal Plan Authorization Agreement.**) Remit the original signed forms with a voided check to: CCPS, Food Service Department, 125 N Court St. Westminster, MD 21157

The necessary enrollment forms for these plans, as well as the "Advanced Ticket Meal Plan", can be found on the Carroll County website at www.carrollk12.org. On the top menu bar, click on "ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION", then "Financial and Administrative Services" and then to "Food Services". All forms will then be available through the "forms" link on the left column of the web page.

We would like to thank you for your past participation in the Food Service Program, either through daily payment or one of our meal plans. If you have not been a past participant, please consider the options we are offering. We look forward to serving you again this year and hope that the "Lunch Program" will be a positive experience.

SCHOOL NEWS

Media Beat



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Our ***Fall Scholastic Book Fair*** will kick off **Monday, October 3 and end on Friday, October 14**. The Book Fair will be open from **8:05-3:15 daily**. Books make great gifts and fill home libraries. *Family Night at the Book Fair* will be **announced at a later date**. *If you would like to volunteer*, please sign up at the back to school nights, the PTA meetings or call the school and ask for Mrs. Kachur or Mrs. Paczynski. Thank you so much for your participation.

GET CAUGHT READING!

Were you ***caught reading*** this summer in an unusual place? Well, if so, bring in your photo to the media center the first week of school. We will post all of the pictures. I already have my picture ready to go. See you soon!

HOME ACCESS to DESTINY

Students now have access to *Destiny*, our Media Center Catalog, from home!

Just go to <https://destiny.ccps.wan/> and select Oklahoma Road.

TIDBITS

Remember to check out the new magazine subscriptions this year.



NURSES' NOTES

If you anticipate your child needing medications during school hours, please be sure to fill out a medication permission form appropriately and have an authorized adult bring the medication to school. CCPS prohibits any students transporting medication to school. Please be aware that any medications, except Advil and Tylenol, must have a doctor's order for the medication to be administered in school. Doctor's orders are also required if you wish to give your child any other dosage than what is recommended by the manufacturer. This would include giving a child under the age of 12 adult strength Advil and Tylenol, or giving a higher than recommended dosage.

Please remember that any medications not picked up from last year were destroyed and medication order forms are only good for one year. New medication forms must be completed each year and may be obtained at school or on the CCPS website at www.carrollk12.org/instruction/student-services/health/forms/default.asp. If you have urgent or serious medical concerns, please contact your school nurse.

If you are without medical care, the Carroll County Health Department can help. They provide many services for free or at reduced fees. Some services include free immunizations, reduced-fee dental programs, physician services, women's health and prevention programs. Contact the school nurse for further information or call the Carroll County Health Department at (410) 857-5000; they are a great resource for our community.

Although physicals are not required for school entrance, they are encouraged to be done every year. If your child has had a recent physical, please have an updated copy sent to school for your child's records, so the school system can better serve him/her.

As you are filling out the Emergency Cards, please do not neglect to fill out **all** medical information on the card, including your physician and dentist. This information is to benefit your child if he/she should need medical services at school or if your child needs to be transported to a medical facility.

Hope you had a great summer!

Carole Miller, RN
School Nurse



FEVER FREE for 24 HOURS

OKLAHOMA ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A GREEN SCHOOL!!!

This will be the only paper copy of the newsletter this year, all Oklahoma Road Middle School newsletters will be posted on our Oklahoma Road Middle School website www.carrollk12.org/oms.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to request a paper copy of our newsletter, please complete the information below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

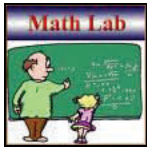
_____ I would like a paper copy of "Twister Talk" — the ORMS newsletter

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____



What is Math Lab?

Math lab is a 'Special' in which students are able to improve their math skills. It involves using a computer program called SuccessMaker Enterprise. SuccessMaker gives help in areas of math needs, with repeated practice and tutorials. After the initial testing portion, which determines the student's ability levels, the teaching part of the program helps students make significant gains in math understanding.

Students also receive small group math tutoring as well. Fact practice is important as many of the students have never memorized their facts. Regular math teachers also suggest areas of content which need to be reviewed or practiced to go along with classroom work. The learning takes place with varied and fun methods to help reach students who learn in different ways. They also make a possibly difficult subject more enjoyable.

Having a strong knowledge of math concepts will give the students more success in their regular classes, increase their confidence in math, and their self-esteem.

MARTINS, SAFEWAY, ETC.

Please remember to re-register your Martins, Safeway and Food Lion cards for the 2011-2012 school year!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Carroll County Times will publish their "Back to School" issue on Monday August 23, 2011

The Schedule for the CCPS Board of Education Meetings can be found at: <http://www.carrollk12.org/boe/meetings/default.asp>

ORMS PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again – Back to School! That also means it's time for the annual PTA Membership Drive. We are hoping for your generous support!

The PTA does many things to support your children, from providing the cultural programs that they love to attend and the agenda books which help them stay organized; just to name a couple.

What does it mean to be a PTA Member? Often, people are reluctant to join the PTA because they don't have the time to get involved. By sending in your dues, you are **supporting** the ORMS PTA. You are not obligated to attend meetings, although EVERYONE is certainly welcome, and you will not be asked to join a committee, although there are many options for those of you who **want** to get involved.

To support ORMS PTA just complete the form below, include your \$7 for a single membership or \$12 for two memberships in cash or check made payable to ORMS PTA, fold it in half, tape it up and bring it to Back to School Night or send it in to school with your child. The homeroom class in each grade with the highest percentage of members will receive a reward.

Please take a moment and join the ORMS PTA to make a positive difference in your child's future. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mary Ellen Wagner at (410) 549-7727 or email at mellen617@verizon.net.

Thank you!

Member Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

For information regarding
PTA Officers and Committee Chairs
please refer to the PTA link on the
ORMS home web page:

www.carrollk12.org/oms

TWIST-A-THON!

The Ways and Means Committee is busy working on the PTA's fund raiser, the Twist-a-thon. This fundraiser allows the PTA to support the many activities that students at ORMS participate in. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd, with the rain date scheduled for Friday, September 30th. We will be asking students to collect monetary donations from family members, friends and neighbors, and in return students will pledge to do an activity during their scheduled 'Specials' time. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for an activity offered during their 90 minutes of scheduled activity time. This form stays at school so we can expedite the process of placing students in the appropriate activity.

Students will collect pledge donations in an envelope that will be provided by the PTA on September 6th. This pledge envelope will detail all the prizes and all the important dates that pertain to this fund raiser. The first prize category is the same as in past years. For every \$20.00 in donations that a student brings in, the student will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift card for Wal-Mart, Little Professor Bookstore, Game Stop, iTunes or Kohl's. Each student that brings in \$30.00 in donations will get a Twisters sports sack as well as being entered in the drawing to win a \$25.00 gift certificate. The student from each grade with the highest donation will receive a \$50.00 gift card from their choice above.

The pledge money is due on Monday, September 19th, BEFORE the Twist-a-thon event on Friday, September 23rd. This is clearly detailed on the pledge envelope that students will receive.

We need lots of volunteers on the day of the Twist-a-thon, Friday, September 23rd, (rain date Friday, September 30th) to make it a success! There will be volunteer sign up sheets available at each of the Back-To-School Nights scheduled for this year or you can email Nicole Agostino at agostino1156@yahoo.com. As always, thanks for your support!



O.R.M.S. VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

The success of our volunteer program depends on the generous donations of time and talent that the parents and grandparents give to ORMS. We realize that some of you may be able to commit to giving several hours a week, while others may not be in a position to donate time, but are more than willing to donate snacks or paper goods for an event.

Any help is greatly appreciated and all volunteers are very valuable. We try very hard to match the school's needs with the individual volunteer's abilities (both time and skill). By filling out the questionnaire completely we will be able to make a better schedule.

Volunteer Name (please print) _____

Volunteer email address: _____

Volunteer Phone # _____

Child/Children's Name(s) and Team # _____

Times of Day I'm usually available: _____

Please note: *Volunteers who come into contact with students are required to attend annual volunteer training. Training is NOT required to donate goods or provide teacher support from home.

Volunteer positions I would consider:(check all that may apply):

___ Media Volunteer (requires once a week commitment from 12-3)

Days that I am available: Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays

___ Assist my child's team teachers Which Teams(s) _____

_____ in school* (requires a weekly commitment, we will call you to schedule)

_____ Making phone calls (may be done from school or home)

___ Assist the specials team
(P.E., Art, Health, Music, FACS, Tech Ed)

_____ Play Day (usually scheduled for May)

___ Chaperone after school or evening events
(sock hops, service projects, etc.)

_____ Workroom
(clerical for any teacher)

___ Donate goods for events
(baked goods, chips, sodas, etc.)

_____ PTA committee
(specify which one: _____)

___ Book Fair

___ Tutoring/academic support: ___ During school hours ___ After school hours

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR STUDENT TO THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHER

Any questions please email mellen617@verizon.net or call 410-549-7727

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Mary Ellen Wagner

2011 - 2012 ORMS PTA Board of Directors and Committees

(as of 6/14/11)

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September, 2011 - Breakfast









Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>5</p> <p>SCHOOLS/ OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>(3) French Toast Sticks with Syrup Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Sausage, Egg and Cheese on a Roll Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Breakfast Pocket Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>
<p>12</p> <p>(2) Pancakes with Syrup Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>(1) Bagel with Toppings Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Cinnamon Biscuit Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Waffles with Syrup Fruit Or Juice Milk</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pancakes Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>(3) French Toast Sticks with Syrup Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ham, Egg and Cheese Muffin Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Sausage and Egg on a Roll Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Breakfast Pocket Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>
<p>26</p> <p>(2) Pancakes with Syrup Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ham, Egg and Cheese on a Roll Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cinnamon Biscuit Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Waffles with Syrup Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>
<p>29</p> <p>SCHOOLS/ OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Breakfast Pocket Fruit OR Juice Milk</p>			

Carroll County Secondary Schools
 ½ Pint of Milk Served with each Lunch
 Choice of Fruits and/or Vegetables

Lunch: \$2.25
 ½ Pint of Milk: 50¢
 Ice Cream: 75¢

September, 2011 - Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 SCHOOLS/OFFICED CLOSED Labor Day 	August 30 Hamburger OR Cheeseburger on a Roll, OR a Hot Dog on a Roll French Fries Green Beans Watermelon	August 31 Chicken Nuggets with a Roll OR Manager's Choice Wrap Baked Beans Fresh Veggies with Dip Cantaloupe	1 Soft OR Hard Shell Tacos with Cheese OR a Chicken Patty on a Roll Shredded Lettuce Corn Peaches	Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza OR Ham and Cheese on a Roll Tossed Salad Vegetable Cup Fresh Fruit
5 SCHOOLS/OFFICED CLOSED Labor Day 	6 Chicken Patty on a Roll OR Rib-B-Que on a Roll Vegetable Soup Zesty Bean Salad Peaches	7 Pizzata OR Sliced Turkey on a Roll Rice Hot Vegetable Fruit	8 Breadsticks with Meat Sauce OR Corn Dog Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit	9 Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza OR Fish on a Roll Hot Vegetable Fresh Veggies with Dip Fresh Fruit
12 Chicken Tenders with a Roll OR Ham and Cheese Sub Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Hot Vegetable Fresh Fruit	13 Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Asian Chicken Bowl Pizza Soup Fresh Veggies with Dip Fresh Fruit 	14 Pizza Casserole OR Turkey Wrap Tossed Salad Hot Vegetable Fresh Fruit	15 Cheesesticks with Dipping Sauce OR Hot Dog on a Roll Hot Vegetable Pasta Salad Fruit 	16 Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza OR Manager's Choice Tossed Salad Fresh Veggies with Dip Fresh Fruit
SEPTEMBER 12th to the 16th				
19 Popcorn Chicken with a Roll OR a Hot Dog on a Roll Vegetable Rice Casserole Colelaw Watermelon	20 Pizzata OR Sloppy Joe on a Roll Tossed Salad Hot Vegetable Fruit	21 Sausage and Egg Sandwich OR Manager's Choice Orange Juice Potato Rounds Baked Cinnamon Apples Breakfast for Lunch	22 Chicken Pot Pie with a Biscuit OR Ranchero Pizza Green Beans Fruit	23 Stuffed Crust Pizza OR Turkey Wrap Hot Vegetable Fresh Fruit
26 Cheesesticks with Dipping Sauce OR Chef's Salad with a Roll Hot Vegetable Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit	27 Chicken Nuggets with Roll OR Mexican Beef Wrap French Fries Watermelon Sliced Apples	28 Hard or Soft Shell Tacos with Cheese OR Ham & Cheese Sub Shredded Lettuce Spanish Rice Corn Cantaloupe	29 SCHOOLS/OFFICED CLOSED 	30 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza OR Fish on roll Tossed Salad Fresh Veggies with Dip Fresh Fruit

SEPTEMBER, 2011

SU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA
				1	2	3
	 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – TUESDAY, AUGUST 30th WELCOME BACK!!					
4	 SCHOOLS and OFFICES CLOSED	6	7	8	9	10
			 PICTURE DAY!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Training: 5:45-6:15 Cafeteria Back-to-School Night 7 th & 8 th Grade 6:30 to 8:30 pm		
11	PTA Meeting Media Center 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18		20	21	22	23	24
					TWIST-A-THON ALL DAY 	
25		27	28	29	30	
			 SCHOOLS and OFFICES CLOSED	TWIST-A-THON Rain Date ALL DAY		