



THE BEAR ESSENTIALS

TANEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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School Hours:

8:20 School Doors Open to Students
8:45 Instructional Day Begins
3:15 End of School Day/Dismissal
9:45-12:15 AM PreK
1:15-3:45 PM PreK

FEBRUARY 2012

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www.carrollk12.org/tes

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TESattendance@carrollk12.org

TES Makes Primetime!!!

As you are aware, our students have been actively participating in Baltimore Ravens Center, Matt Birk's reading incentive program, "Ready, Set, Read". As part of this program, students were provided journals to write to Matt about what they read and keep track of how much they read. Matt even spent an afternoon here at TES in September to kickoff the program in Carroll County Public Schools.

Each year, the NFL selects one player as the recipient of the Walter Payton Man of The Year Award. As a result of Matt's commitment to encouraging young children to dedicate themselves to reading, Matt has been nominated as one of three finalists for this year's award.

The night before Superbowl XLVI, the NFL will air a program on NBC from 9-11 PM called "NFL Honors". During the program they will cover the finalists and it is possible that footage recorded at Taneytown Elementary School could be shown. A camera crew from the NFL visited Taneytown on Thursday, January 19th. During the visit some clips of students were filmed and some even shared their journals and thoughts about reading and Matt Birk. Please try to tune in to this program and keep a sharp eye out for our Taneytown students! Go Taneytown!

P.S. During the Superbowl there may also be some footage. Keep your eyes open!! (Especially if Matt Birk is chosen as the winner).

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TES Mission

The mission of Taneytown Elementary School is to insure maximum student achievement for every student by providing:

- Quality Instruction
- A safe and nurturing environment for learning
- A strong school/parent/community partnership

TES Vision

As the students, staff members and parents, we are building a community of learners so every student will be an independent thinker, and a proficient reader, writer and problem solver.

“Just the Facts” Refrigerator Page

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2012

- Feb 2 Food Pantry (3:30-4:30pm)
- Feb 6 National School Counseling Week
- Feb 7 PTO Meeting (4:30pm in Media Center)
- Feb 8 Board of Ed Meeting – 5pm
- Feb 9 2nd Grade Social (6:30-7:30pm)
- Feb 10 **2hr.45min. Early Dismissal**
Spirit Day – Pick a Decade to Represent
- Feb 13 Art Show @ Taneytown Library (6:00-7:30pm)
- Feb 14 Student Council Meeting (3:30-4:30pm)
- Feb 16 Food Pantry (3:30-4:30pm)
- Feb 20 School/Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day
- Feb 21 Schools Closed for Students (Prof. Day/Teachers)
- Feb 22 Instructional Assistants Day
Art Show @ Taneytown Library (Snow date)
- Feb 25 “Read Across America” Westminster Townmall

MARCH 2012

- Mar 1 Food Pantry (3:30-4:30pm)
- Mar 2 Read Across America Day
- Mar 5 **2hr 45min Early Dismissal Systemwide No Pre-K (Spirit Day – PJ Day)**
Dr. Seuss Day (Kindergarten & 1st Grades)
National School Breakfast Week
- Mar 6 2nd Grade Social – 6:30pm
- Mar 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:30)
- Mar13 Student Council Meeting (3:30-4:30)
- Mar14 MSA – (Reading – Grades 3, 4 & 5)
- Mar15 MSA – (Reading – Grades 3,4 & 5)
TES Food Pantry (3:30-4:30)
- Mar16 PTO Kids Bingo (5:30-8:00pm)
- Mar20 MSA – (Math – Grades 3,4 & 5)
- Mar21 MSA – (Math – Grades 3, 4 & 5)
- Mar26 Maryland Day
- Mar28 Board of Ed Meeting – 1:00pm
- Mar29 Cpl. Washington Drug & Safety Lesson
TES Food Pantry (3:30-4:30pm)
- Mar30 Eisteddfod Concert 7:30pm-Westminster High

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten	11:30 – 12:00
Grade 1	12:15 – 12:45
Grade 2	12:00 – 12:30
Grade 3	12:40 - 1:10
Grade 4	12:55 - 1:25
Grade 5	11:20 – 11:50

REMEMBER: Lunch Schedules are altered on early dismissal days as well as the days when schools open late due to inclement weather. Also, breakfast will not be served on mornings schools open late.

Lunch Prices

Breakfast:	Free to all Students
Lunch:	\$2.00 (Reg. Price)
	\$.40 (Reduced Meal Price)
Milk:	\$.50
Ice Cream	\$.75

Report an Absence

If your child is absent, you can report the absence that day by emailing:

TESattendance@carrollk12.org



The Taneytown Elementary School Food Bank will be open the following dates from 3:30 to 4:30pm. However, we are open for emergencies during school hours. Feb. 2nd, Feb. 16th, March 1st, March 15th, March 29th, April 12th, April 26th, May 10th, May 24th and June 7th.



TES 2nd Annual Clothing Swap

TES will hold our 2nd annual clothing swap – now called “Family to Family” Event in spring 2012. Please save your clothing, toys and books for this highly successful event.



April 20, 2012

5th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game at Northwest Middle School – “Nets for Nets” Fundraiser

Please mark your home calendar with the following scheduled 2 hour & 45 minute early dismissal days:
Feb. 10, Mar 5, May 11 & June 14.
(Dismissal time: 12:30 p.m.)

Please make arrangements in advance for the supervision of your children on these afternoons. Pre-Kindergarten does not attend school on these days.



CCPS Announces New School Bell Schedule for 2012-2013 School Year

Carroll County Public Schools has announced the new bell schedule for the 2012-2013 school year, which will begin in August 2012. The schedule and Frequently Asked Questions are posted on the CCPS website at:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/admin/transportation/default.asp>.

The new schedule for Taneytown Elementary School will be as follows:

School day begins at 8:35 a.m.

School day ends at 3:05 p.m.

This is a 10 minute time change from this school year.



INCLEMENT WEATHER PRE-K AND PREP SCHEDULES

The following schedules for PREP and Pre-K Programs will be followed for delayed openings and early dismissals related to inclement weather related announcements:

Schools Delayed Opening by 1 or 2 Hours:

- All A.M. PREP and all A.M. Pre-K Programs are canceled
- All P.M. PREP and all P.M. Pre-K Programs will run on their regular schedules

Schools Dismissing Early by 1, 2, or 3 Hours:

- For all early dismissals, there will be no P.M. PREP or P.M. Pre-K Programs
- For a 1 hour early dismissal, A.M. PREP and A.M. Pre-K Programs will dismiss on their regular schedules
- For a 2 hour early dismissal, A.M. PREP and A.M. Pre-K Programs will dismiss at 11:00 a.m.
- For a 3 hour early dismissal, A.M. PREP and A.M. Pre-K Programs will dismiss by 10:00 a.m.



Taneytown Elementary School Annual Art Show

Mark your calendars to attend the school art show that will be displayed for the month of *February* at the *Carroll County Public Library, Taneytown Branch*.

The show of student work from lessons in their art classes will adorn the walls of the children's section of the library. You can visit the show during the regular library operating hours.

We have such creative and talented artists at our school and it is unfortunate that there is not space for a piece of art from each student every year but it is our hope that, sometime during a child's six years at the school, they will have a piece of art in the show.

If a child has a piece of art in the show they will receive notification. Please feel free to attend the reception on February 13th at the library from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. (snow date on Feb. 22nd). Refreshments will be served in the large meeting room.



2012 Read Across America

The NEA Project "Read Across America" has been planned this year for Saturday Feb. 25th from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Townmall of Westminster. There will be many free activities, lots of great entertainment, and a free breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham for the first 200 children aged 2-12 years. Everyone is invited so please plan to join in the fun.

Volunteers are needed or if you know a student that might need service hours, please email Kim Robeson at klobes@carrollk12.org or Rebecca Waldeck at rcwalde@carrollk12.org.



Gertrude Hawkes PTO Fundraiser

The brochures for the Gertrude Hawkes Candy PTO fund raiser will be sent home on Friday, Feb. 3rd, with the sale running through March 2nd. The candy will arrive at TES the last week of March. A notice will be sent home with the pickup date and time.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten is mandatory in the State of Maryland. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012 (born on or before September 1, 2007).

Registration for Kindergarten is the week of March 26-30. We have designated the hours of 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM for registration and the evening of March 27 from 4:00-7:00. Parents who are concerned about their child's readiness for Kindergarten can apply for a "One Year Level of Maturity Waiver". This form is available in the school office and must be completed before the first day of the 2012-2013 school year.

Staffing for Kindergarten will be determined by the official enrollment of students. It is very important that children be enrolled as soon as possible in order to adequately plan for staffing and to keep classes to an appropriate size.

In an effort to shorten your time spent at registration, packets will be available to parents/guardians on March 19th. Please bring the completed packet with you during the week of March 26-30. **Enrollment forms must be signed in the presence of the school official.** Be prepared to provide the following documentation:

Photo ID (ONLY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY REGISTER CHILD)

Proof of birth Birth certificate, hospital certificate, baptismal certificate, birth registration, or passport/visa.

Verification of Residence One of the following forms showing proof of residence

***Documents must be dated within 60 days**

- A SIGNED contract on a home being built in Carroll County for families with approved non-resident or out-of-district status and must be followed by

another acceptable proof of residence once the family moves into the county or district;

- A SIGNED lease/rental agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent/legal guardian is currently residing;
- A rent receipt; *
- A bill for a **service delivered to the residence** (e.g., BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil, water **NO TERMINATION NOTICES ACCEPTED**)*;
- A mortgage statement/bill; *
- A SIGNED settlement document; *
- A property tax bill from the fiscal year noted above indicating "Primary Residence";
- A Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residency for the owner/lessee of the property;

Deed (must show house number and street name – plat information is not acceptable);

Specific address where your child will be transported to school and from school.

It would also be helpful if you could also provide us with your child's current immunization record. **Health forms included in the registration packet should be completed and returned to the school nurse no later than August 20th.**

Prekindergarten Information

A **PreKindergarten Interest flyer** will be available during kindergarten registration and can be picked up at any elementary school. Children of families who qualify under the Free and Reduced Meal income guidelines, as well as children who are homeless or in foster care, are eligible for the Prekindergarten Program. All eligible children must be residents of Carroll County and 4 years old by September 1, 2012 (born on or before September 1, 2008).



2012 Eisteddfod Concert

Congratulations to the following TES students who will perform at the 2012 Eisteddfod Concert being held at Westminster High School on March 30th at 7:30pm. The concert is free and open to the public: Devin B., Precious B., Tyler C. Sophia E., Kaesey G., Amanda H., Jacksun L., Isabella N., and E. Smith.

Parent Notification

State and federal legislation provides parents with a right to know information about teachers, including, a teacher's Maryland State Department certification and the teacher's college major and degree. If you would like information regarding your child's teacher, please write to:

Clyde Sterner

Carroll County Public Schools

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, 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 Relations.

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