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Winfield Elementary

December 2011

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School Colors:
Blue & White

School Mascot:
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From the Administrators' Desk

Dear Winfield Families,

Happy Holidays from all the Winfield Elementary staff. December tends to be a very hectic time with special family events and school events placing extra demands on our time. Continuing to provide routines helps students stay focused and successful. Remember that school closes at 1:00 pm on Friday, December 23rd and reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

We have completed our fall conferences. We are excited to report that parents and teachers have held conferences on approximately 94% of our students. This is an outstanding rate and shows what a commitment our community has to education. Please remember that a final conference opportunity will be held on the evening of March 1, 2012. If you were unable to attend a fall night please schedule a meeting with the office for March 1st. As always our teachers will work with you to conference anytime during the year that you have a concern.

We have a very dedicated staff who works hard to instruct you child each day. Consider nominating a teacher for the county Teacher of the Year sponsored by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. The nomination form is attached.

December 5-9, 2011 is National Inclusive Schools Week. This week highlights and celebrates the progress schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education in an increasingly diverse student population. As a regional center for special education services we work hard to meet the needs of all students.

Our students demonstrated an increase in their activity during Project Aces. 80% of our students participating in Project Aces met the goal earning Winfield a Gold Award!

Please check our calendar information for upcoming school events. Our chorus and instrumental students have concerts coming up and there are PTA events planned for December and January as well.

Fall and early winter weather can be very changeable. Please remember that students go outside each day for recess. Make sure that your children are dressing appropriately for outside play. Also put names inside of coats, hats, etc. This makes it easy to return them to the owner if they are misplaced.

Does your family have a plan for unexpected, inclement weather closings? As winter approaches please make sure your child backup routines (ie: how to get into the house, who to check in with, etc) in case of an emergency early closing. Remember, CCPS policy states students may only ride their regular school bus.

Attendance Information for November—

The Maryland State Department of Education has established 96% as excellent attendance and 94% as satisfactory attendance. Winfield's November rate was 95.46%. Our year-to-date attendance is 95.96%. Please help us to maintain the state expectations by having your child at school every day.

Mission Statement: "Winfield School is a community of motivated learners working together to achieve each individual's highest potential."

Volunteer Training Dates - December 2011

5	William Winchester Elementary School	9:30 A.M.	410-751-3230
8	Robert Moton Elementary School	6:30 P.M.	410-751-3610



Emergency Card Updates

Have you changed your home or work telephone number or emergency contacts? In order for us to reach you in an emergency situation, it is important that we have the most current means of contacting you. Please inform the office in writing as soon as possible if you have any changes.

Thank You.

Inclement Weather Procedures

A. **School Opening One (1) Hour Late:**

Students (K-5) should report to school between 9:45-10:15 a.m. Morning Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class is cancelled. Afternoon Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will run on a regular schedule.

B. **School Opening Two (2) Hours Late:**

Students (K-5) should report to school between 10:45-11:15. Morning Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class is cancelled. Afternoon Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will run on a regular schedule.

C. **School Closing One (1) Hour Earlier Than Usual:**

Dismissal time (K-5) will begin at 2:45 p.m. Morning Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will run on a regular schedule. Afternoon Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will be cancelled.

D. **School Closing Two (2) Hours Earlier Than Usual:**

Dismissal time (K-5) will begin at 1:45 p.m. Morning Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will be transported home on their regular bus at 11:00 AM. Afternoon Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will be cancelled.

E. **School Closing To Be Three (3) Hours Earlier Than Usual:**

Dismissal time (K-5) will begin at 12:45 p.m. Morning Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will be transported home on their regular bus at 10:00 AM. Afternoon Early Childhood Special Needs (ECSN) Class will be cancelled.

F. **Planned 2 Hours 45 minutes Early Dismissals:**

Dismissal time (K-5) will begin at 1:00 p.m. All Early Childhood Special Needs Classes are cancelled.

Parents can keep youngsters safe by arranging emergency back up care. Please teach your children what to do and where to go when schools close unexpectedly and parents/guardians are not at home.

2011-2012 Outstanding Teacher Award

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the twenty-second annual Outstanding Teacher Awards. The deadline for nominations is January 3, 2012. The Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize the men and women of the Carroll County Public School System who represent excellence in the teaching profession. Any full-time elementary, middle, high school, career and technology, special education teacher, counselor or media specialist in the Carroll County Public School System is eligible for nomination. Any parent, student, fellow teacher or school administrator may submit a nomination. Nomination forms may be submitted electronically through the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce website at <http://carrollcountychamber.org/ota.html>. The form is also available on the Carroll County Public Schools website. Nominations received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will not be considered. Please do not mail or deliver nomination forms to Carroll County Public Schools. Nominators are urged to nominate teacher(s) who have made a difference in their lives or a student's life and to give specific examples of the teacher's impact and fully answer the form's three questions. These questions are the basis for selecting the Chamber's eight Outstanding Teachers who will receive an award at the reception and awards program on March 23, 2012. These teachers will be eligible for the Carroll County Teacher of the Year Award presented by Carroll County Public Schools. The awards are sponsored by members of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 410-848-9050 or visit www.carrollcountychamber.org

Physical Education Notes



Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Pennington

Healthy Holiday Eating Tips

- **Don't go to a party hungry:** we often eat faster and more when we are hungry - therefore eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch on the day to avoid overeating at the party.
- **Watch your portion:** treat yourself a nice drink, dessert, chocolate or sweets without guilt, but always watch your portion. Go for small portions. This way you can sample all the different foods. Moderation is always the key.
- **Make a conscious choice to limit high fat items:** high fat food items can be found in fried food, cream-based soup, cheese-filled casseroles, pies, **processed meats** such as salami and sausages, some pastries and baked goods.
- **Try different versions of egg nog:** traditional egg nog is usually made with egg yolk and thick cream. Google "low fat egg nog" and you will find lots of low fat egg nog recipes. If you buy commercial egg nog, you will be delighted to find low-fat or fat-free egg nog out there - we can even find soy nog!
- **Drink plenty of water:** You want to keep your body hydrated.
- **Physical activity:** take nice brisk walks with your loved ones and enjoy their company in the holiday season.

Taken From: <http://www.healthcastle.com/holiday-eating-tips.shtml>

Health Room News: -Annette Cremens, R.N

We would like to notify the parents that the county code permits students to carry their own Chapstick/lip balm while in school. However, please remind your child that they should never share these products with their friends.

Winfield's Winter Choral Concert**Date:** Monday, December 12th**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Location:** Winfield Cafeteria**We hope to see you there!**Media NewsMr. Vidmar & Mrs. Bricca

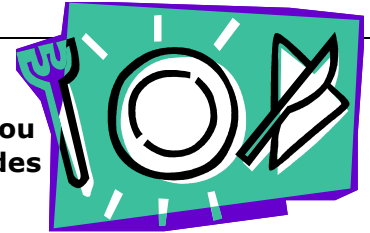
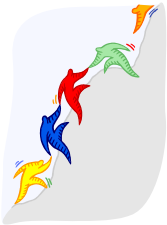
We'd like to thank the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club for their generous donation of \$300 to our Media Center. With the donation we were able to purchase 20 new books for the Media Center.

Also, the Media Center would like to remind parents that they can have free access to World Book Online by logging on to:

www.worldbookonline.com Username: winfield Password: media09

Lunch Reminders

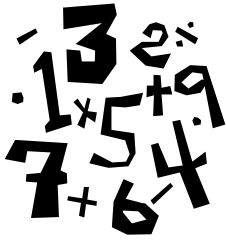
Please remember if your child brings a packed lunch to school, you should pack all necessary items they will require. The cafeteria provides paper products and utensils for purchased lunches only.

Greetings from GuidanceMrs. Millison & Mrs. Uram

Kindergarten has recently read "The Mitten", by Jan Brett, and discussed the many ways they could show responsibility. Ask your Kindergarten child how they will take responsibility for their hats and mittens this winter. First graders have been discussing attitudes and how, by using kind words and actions, they can spread a good attitude to others. Each of these grades will be learning about cooperation in the month of December. Second and fourth grades spent

November learning about cooperation and kindness. It is fun to watch as they struggle to complete a task with one another, discovering that cooperating takes listening skills, kindness, and sometimes a lot of patience. Our Winfield families also worked together to provide food for Thanksgiving to 9 families in our community—it is refreshing to see the generosity. Third grade has begun their unit on conflict resolution, and fifth graders have started their career and decision making unit. Be sure to ask your children about their guidance lesson and what they have learned. They are often life lessons that can be carried over into friendships and other relationships.

Special congratulations to those who participated in a special craft activity for earning 20 or more ROAR tickets during the first marking period! We would also like to recognize that each quarter there are students in each class who earn very close to 20 tickets because of their wonderful behaviors. Congratulations to those children as well, and keep up the good work.



This time of year becomes very hectic for many families. As you prepare for the holidays and the cold winter months, consider including children in the planning and preparation processes. By being part of these processes, children work on problem solving skills, reasoning, time management, and application of specific skills (measurement, addition, and elapsed time). Most importantly children need to see adults modeling these skills and processes.



Planning and Preparation Ideas

- Cooking
- Shopping
- Organizing Place Settings
- Planning the departure time family trip
- Making cards

Games are Cool Gifts!

The weather is getting colder and it gets dark earlier. Not only do games entertain children, but they also provide learning opportunities.

Primary Games

K-Grade 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cranium Hullabaloo | Candy Land |
| Blink (card game) | 3 Bear Family |
| Yahtzee | Honeycomb Hike |
| Sorry | |
| 4-Way Count Down | |
| Sum Swamp Addition and Subtraction | |

Intermediate Games

Grades 3-5

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Count Across | Timing It Right |
| Skip – Bo | Phase 10 |
| Polygon Game | 24 Game |
| Blokus | Smath (Like Scrabble) |
| Mancala | |
| Cribbage | |



Congratulations to all of our A-Team, Academic Honor Roll and Respect & Responsibility Honor Roll Students! Your hard work earned you this honor and we're very proud of you and we hope that you are proud of yourself! Keep up the great work!!

CCPS Annual National Inclusive Schools Week

Carroll County Public Schools will celebrate their Annual National Inclusive Schools the week of December 5th through the 9th. This week highlights and celebrates the progress our nation's schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to all students, particularly those who have disabilities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. It also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and families to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children and youth.

Since its inception in December 2001, National Inclusive Schools Week has been celebrated in thousands of schools and communities around the country and world.

News and Notes!

Lost and Found

A reminder to parents to please check the "rapidly growing" lost & found rack when you come to school to volunteer or visit. The rack is located in the lobby area. Each year we donate a lot of lost clothing to charity. You can avoid your child's clothing ending up at a charity by clearly marking each item with his/her name.



The Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow



A very special thanks to the Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow for the donation of dictionaries to each 3rd grade student at Winfield.

Has Your Child Charged a Lunch?

Please remember that lending children lunch money is a courtesy to parents. Borrowed lunch money should be returned to the cafeteria the next school day.



5th Grade Criteria for Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

Grade 5 students are eligible in either reading or math based on the following criteria: Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in reading, 3.5 G.P.A. (ELA, math, science, social studies) for all of grade 4 and the first two marking periods of grade 5.

OR

Grade 4 MSA ADVANCED in mathematics, January grade 4, May grade 4, January grade 5 math benchmarks are 90% or higher, 3.5 G.P.A. (ELA, math, science, social studies) for all of grade 4 and the first two marking periods of grade 5.

MSA for 2011-2012

Please place our testing dates on your calendar and make every effort to avoid planning appointments or vacation during testing. Reading MSA for grades 3, 4 and 5 will be given on March 14th & 15th. Math MSA for grades 3, 4 and 5 will be given on March 20th and March 21st. Grade 5 students will take Science MSA between April 16th - May 4th.

THANK YOU

- Winfield would like to thank the families of Winfield for their continued support of their children, school and community.
- A special thanks to the many volunteers who dedicate many hours a week to the school. Your time and effort help tremendously!
- Thanks to everyone who donated food and other items to Neighbors in Need during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness and caring made the holiday special for others.

Board of Education Meetings

December 14th, January 11th and January 25th

The Board of Education of Carroll County will hold its regular monthly Board meetings on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 and on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and on Wednesday, January 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 007 of the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street, Westminster. The public is encouraged to attend. Agendas and back-up materials will be available for review on BoardDocs prior to each meeting. BoardDocs may be accessed by visiting the school system's website at www.carrollk12.org under CCPS Online Board Meeting and Agenda on the home page. Board meetings are broadcast live on Carroll Educational Television (CETV) - Channel 21 on Comcast Cable. Rebroadcasts air on Thursday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Sunday at 8:00 p.m., and the following Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE 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.

Raymond Prokop	Carey Gaddis
Director of Facilities Relations	Supervisor of Community & Media
125 North Court Street	125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157	Westminster, Maryland 21157

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The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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



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Next year, 2012-2013, Winfield Elementary School's hours will change. Our official school day will be from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Schedules have been adjusted county wide as a result of efficiency studies. An FAQ sheet is available on the CCPS website to answer many questions families may have about changes in school times. The link for is www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/FinalFAQfornewschooltimes092211.pdf.

Curriculum Council Committee

Hello my name is Laurel Hallman. I am a parent at Winfield Elementary and I serve on the Curriculum Council Committee.

The committee has representatives from all schools in the county; parents, principals, curriculum specialists and the Superintendent-Stephen H. Guthrie.

Our job is to ensure the quality and alignment of curriculum and instruction throughout our school system with the new **Common Core State Curriculum**.

The first meeting was held on November 4, 2011. The main focus of this meeting was to update Maryland's **Race To The Top** initiative, its influence on our curricula at the high school level and how it will change the new course sequence.

The new adopted curriculum for the state of Maryland- ELA (English Language Arts) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), will be implemented at the elementary, secondary and high school levels. The current state testing will ultimately be replaced with a new assessment.

As I receive more developing information on this new curriculum and how it will affect the students of Maryland, I will pass along the information in the upcoming newsletters.

Eating Healthy - Southwest Chicken Bake

What You Need

- 2-1/2 Tbsp. (1/2 of 1-1/4-oz. pkg.) TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 Tbsp. KRAFT Light Zesty Italian Dressing
- 1 cup canned no-salt-added black beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 cup TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Thick 'N Chunky Salsa
- 1/2 cup KRAFT Mexican Style 2% Milk Finely Shredded Four Cheese
- 2-2/3 cups hot cooked long-grain brown rice

Make It

HEAT oven to 375°F.

ADD seasoning mix to chicken in medium bowl; toss to evenly coat.

HEAT dressing in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir 5 min. or until evenly browned. Spoon into 1-1/2-qt. casserole; cover with layers of beans, corn, onions and salsa.

BAKE 20 min. Top with cheese; bake 5 min. or until melted. Serve over rice.

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Kraft Kitchens Tips

Special Extra Garnish each serving with 1 tsp. each BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream and chopped fresh cilantro.

Taken From: <http://www.kraftrecipes.com/recipes/southwest-chicken-bake-123144.aspx>

Calories 470

Cholesterol 85mg

Fat 13g

Sodium 1080



Winfield PTA's 6th Annual

Holiday Gift Shop

**December 9th from 6:00pm-8:30pm and
December 10th 10:00am-12:00pm**

The PTA would like to give your children an opportunity to shop on their own in a safe environment. Children 4 and older can purchase gifts (most under \$3.00) for everyone on their list from our expanded inventory. Gift bags included with all purchases. Volunteers will be available to assist the young shoppers. Parents may enjoy a cup of coffee in the lobby while you wait. **Please do not drop off your children. To execute our plans to improve the traffic flow this year, we will need your help!!**

It takes many volunteers to make the Winfield PTA's Holiday Gift Shop a success. If you would like to help, we need:

- ___Adults to help in the shop and refreshment stand.
(must be volunteer trained, shifts are Friday night or 2 hrs on Saturday)
- ___Baked or purchased donations for the refreshment stand.
(all proceeds donated to Neighbors in Need)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____



Any questions? Please contact Rebecca Rolfes at 410-861-5233 or rebeccarolfes@comcast.net.

2011 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce



Outstanding Teacher Awards Nomination Form

DEADLINE: January 3 2011
Nominations received after 5:00 PM will not be accepted.

Nomination forms must be received in the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce office (not just postmarked).

Mail Nomination forms to:
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Attn. OTA
P.O. Box 871 ♦ Westminster, MD 21158

FAX: 410-876-1023

Online Nominations Form available
www.carrollcountychamber.org

Nominations

Eligibility: Any full-time teacher in the Carroll County Public School System may be nominated.
Criteria: Nominations will be judged on the degree to which the candidates exhibit qualities of excellence. When answering the three questions, be sure to include specific examples of the nominee's impact on students.

After being nominated, each teacher will be required to complete a biographical form as part of the nomination process. Any teacher not completing the biographical form will not be considered for an award.

Required Questions

On a separate piece of paper please respond to the following three questions. 75 words or less per question. Your response to the questions is used by the judges to determine the winners. Please print or type.

1. Give specific examples of how this teacher inspires students to learn.
2. Give specific examples of how this teacher builds confidence and self esteem.
3. Give specific examples of the ways that this teacher helps students apply what they have learned to real world situations.

Please feel free to make additional comments.

Teacher Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field: incomplete forms will not be accepted)

*Teacher's Name: _____
First MI Last

*Nominee is a **FULL-TIME TEACHER:** Elementary School Middle School High School
Career & Technology Special Education Counselor Media Specialist

*Teacher's School: _____

*School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field: incomplete forms will not be accepted)

*Nominator Name: _____
First MI Last

*Nominator is: Parent of a student Student Teacher School Administrator

*Nominator's Mailing Address: _____

*City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone #: _____ Email: _____

***A RESPONSE TO THE THREE QUESTIONS ON THE LEFT IS REQUIRED.
AND USED BY THE JUDGES TO DETERMINE THE AWARD WINNERS**

To submit nominations online

Visit the Chamber website at www.carrollcountychamber.org
Homepage - News You Need to Know ♦ Outstanding Teacher Awards.

Nominations close on Jan. 3, 2011 at 5:00 PM

~ December 2011 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Spirit Day - Tropical Day	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NATIONAL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK		4:00—Market Day Pickup 7:00—PTA Meeting Pearl Harbor Day		1:00 PM - Early Dismissal for Elementary Students 6:00-8:30 - PTA Holiday Gift Shop	10:00-12:00 - PTA Holiday Gift Shop
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7:00 - 5th Grade Chorus Concert Interims		5:00 - Board of Education Meeting 11:30 & 3:00 - ESCN Art Show			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Hanukkah	First Day of Winter	1:00 PM - Early Dismissal System Wide	Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas	Kwanzaa					

Schools Closed - Winter Holidays
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January 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Schools Closed - Winter Holidays	3 Schools Reopen for Staff and Students	4	5	6 Spirit Day - Winter Wear Day	7
8	9	10	11 5:00 - Board of Education Mtg	12	13	14
15	16 Schools Closed - MLK Jr. Holiday	17	18 4:00 - Market Day Pickup 7:00 - PTA Meeting	19	20	21
22	23 7:00 - 4th Grade Chorus Concert	24	25 5:00 - Board of Education Mtg	26 6:30—PTA Social Group Second Marking Period Ends	27 Schools Closed for Students	28
29	30 Third Marking Period Begins	31	Please mark your calendars with the future two hour & forty-five minute early dismissal days for the 2011-2012 school year: February 10, March 5, May 11 & June 14th.			