

What's Happening in Carroll County Public Schools



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School Holidays and Dates to Remember	
Monday, May 28	Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30	Gateway School Certificate Ceremony 7:00 p.m., Carroll Community College
Thursday, May 31	Carroll Springs School Certificate Ceremony 7:00 p.m., Carroll Springs School
Wednesday, June 13	Board of Education Meeting (5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 14	Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students
Friday, June 15	Last Day of School for Students – 2 Hour and 45 Minute Early Dismissal; Last Duty Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants

Red Nose Day Canned Food Drive – Sandymount Elementary School

Fifth grade students at Sandymount Elementary School took action to help organize their very first canned food drive in honor of Red Nose Day, a fundraising campaign run by the non-profit organization Comic Relief Inc. Red Nose Day launched in the US in 2015, and is dedicated to ending child poverty. The students in Mrs. Val Thompson’s fifth grade wanted to find an activity that would have the most impact on the school community and discovered that the school’s Food Pantry was in need of replenishing.

School secretary Joanne Norton, coordinator of the Food Pantry, visited the classroom and took students on a “field trip” to the Food Pantry. She printed out the pantry inventory and the 5th graders created a list of the specific items needed. The students then divided and conquered! One group wrote a letter to be sent home to families explaining the event, and another group wrote and performed a skit to introduce the idea on WMUNK, the school’s news program. Smaller groups of students visited each grade during their lunch times in order to help promote the event. The Sandymount community came together and donated 1,500 pounds of food.

Contact: Joanne Benson, Sandymount Elementary School, 410-751-3215

Public Meeting – Facilities Master Plan

The Board of Education of Carroll County is seeking public comment on the proposed Educational Facilities Master Plan for 2018-2027.

During their discussion at the May Board meeting, the Board agreed to revise the K-8 School Project to replace East Middle School and William Winchester Elementary School with “Undesignated Capital Project.” Currently the Redistricting and School Closure Committee is scheduled to provide the Board of

Education with facility options in September. The Board agreed to hold on project designation for those schools until the RSCC provides them with options.

A public meeting regarding the proposed Educational Facilities Master Plan will be held on **Tuesday, May 29**, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Charles I. Ecker Boardroom at the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street in Westminster. The Superintendent's staff will present the report and solicit public comment at this meeting.

The proposed plan is posted on the CCPS website at www.carrollk12.org under CCPS News and Notices. Comments and suggestions may be submitted online at <http://feedback.carrollk12.org> or by U.S. mail to the Superintendent's Office, Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

The Facilities Master Plan will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting on Wednesday, June 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board offices.

Contact: Bill Caine, Facilities Planner, (410) 386-1817

Community Listening Session – RSCC

The Redistricting and School Closure Committee (RSCC) will hold the second of two community listening sessions on **Thursday, May 31**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at South Carroll High School. In addition to attending this meeting, community members can submit their concerns and expectations to the Committee via email to rsc@carrollk12.org or by U.S. mail to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. The Committee will incorporate community input into the development of recommendations for the Board of Education. The recommendations will be presented to the public in August for comment before they are submitted to the Board.

Contact: David Lever, Facilitator, edfacplanningLLC@gmail.com

Instructional Materials on Display

The Carroll County Public School System is inviting the public to review instructional materials being considered for adoption. The materials are currently on display **through Wednesday, May 30**, in the Department of Curriculum and Instructional Resources, located in the Board of Education offices at 125 North Court Street in Westminster. The Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to visit and review the materials being proposed. An opportunity will be provided for comment.

The Curriculum Council will meet on Friday, May 11, at which time they will approve or disapprove these instructional materials. Approved materials will then go to the Board of Education of Carroll County for final adoption at the June 13 meeting. For additional information, please contact Dr. Margaret Pfaff, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Resources, at 410-751-3067.

Contact: Margaret Pfaff, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Resources, 410-751-3067

Community Care Forum

The CCPS Office of Special Education will sponsor a Community Care Forum on **Thursday, June 7**, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Non-Profit Building, located at 255 Clifton Boulevard, Westminster. This informal event is for community before/after school care providers, child care providers, respite care providers, and community agencies. The goal of the forum is to identify ways in which CCPS can help support the seamless transition of students with disabilities in the community. An informal needs analysis will be completed with each care group to determine ways in which CCPS could help provide potential training and support for students. Please RSVP to Ruth Arney at 410-751-3033 or reaney@carrollk12.org.

Contact: Nick Shockney, Director of Special Education, 410-751-3033

Big Country Breakfast – Carroll County Career and Technology Center

Rise and dine! The SkillsUSA Boosters will sponsor a big country breakfast on **Saturday, June 9**, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center, located at 1229 Washington Road in Westminster. The menu will include sausage gravy with biscuits, eggs, home fries, scrapple, hominy and puddin', French toast, sausage, pancakes, baked apples, and coffee and juice. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for ages 6-12. Kids 5 and under eat free. Call the Career and Technology Center at 410-751-3669 or email tanorwo@carrollk12.org.

Contact: Tim Norwood, Culinary Arts Instructor, Carroll County Career and Technology Center, 410-751-3669

Board Meeting

The Board of Education of Carroll County will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 13**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Charles I. Ecker Boardroom at the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street, Westminster. The public is encouraged to attend. There will be time for citizen participation at this meeting.

Citizen participation will be held following administrative items and presentations. Citizens who wish to address the Board during Citizen Participation are encouraged to check the agenda prior to the meeting to determine what time the public comment portion of the meeting will begin. The agenda and back-up materials for the meeting can be found by going to the school system's website at www.carrollk12.org and clicking on Agendas and Documents under Board of Education.

The meeting will be streamed live on the Carroll County Public Schools website at www.carrollk12.org. Click on CETV under News and Media at the bottom of the home page or go directly to: <https://www.carrollk12.org/admin/commedia/cetv/Pages/CCPS-CETV-Webstreaming.aspx>.

The Board meeting also will be broadcast live on Channel 21, with rebroadcasts on Thursday, June 14, at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 16, at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday, June 17, at 8:00 p.m.; and Thursday, June 21, at 8:00 p.m.

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Wall of Excellence Award Nominations – Francis Scott Key High School

The Francis Scott Key High School Advisory Council is accepting nominations for the 2018 Wall of Excellence Award. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize men and women who have exhibited excellence through the foundations taught at FSK. The members of the Wall of Excellence have displayed unparalleled dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the values taught at the school. The hope is that the success of the inductees will inspire students to strive for excellence while in high school and beyond.

Nominees must be a graduate of Francis Scott Key High School, may be living or deceased and must have and continue to maintain a strong, positive, ongoing record of conduct and behavior as an expectation of the FSK community and Carroll County Public Schools. Honorees will be recognized at an appropriate school function during the 2018-2019 school year. Nominations must be received by July 1, 2018. For more information or to request a nomination form, please contact Michelle Brillhart, FSK Advisory Council member, at mdbrilh@carrollk12.org.

Contact: Michelle Brillhart, FSK Advisory Council Member, mdbrilh@carrollk12.org

Graduations and Certificate Ceremonies

Date and Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, May 30, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Gateway School Certificate Ceremony	Carroll Community College
Thursday, May 31, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Carroll Springs School Graduation	Carroll Community College
Monday, June 4, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Francis Scott Key High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Century High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Westminster High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Thursday, June 7, 2018 7:00 p.m.	South Carroll High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Friday, June 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Liberty High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Saturday, June 9, 2018 1:00 p.m.	Winters Mill High School Graduation *	McDaniel College
Saturday, June 9, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Manchester Valley High School Graduation *	McDaniel College

All high school graduations will be streamed live online at:

<https://portal.stretchinternet.com/mcdanieladmin/>. This link will be posted on the homepage of the Carroll County Public Schools website at www.carrollk12.org.

* The Carroll County Public School System will be providing two sign language interpreters for the deaf at each of the high school graduations at McDaniel College. There will be a special area designated for people requiring the services of the interpreters located in the first few rows and to the right of the stage. For

additional information or further accommodations, please contact the school principal or the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020.

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