

ORMS Newsletter March 15 – March 19, 2021

Dear ORMS Families,

We are preparing to transition to the 4-day in-person instructional model on Monday, March 22.

If your child is currently attending school in person 2 days a week, you do not need to contact us because they will automatically be rolled into the 4-day in-person instructional model beginning on March 22.

If you would like to change your child's current hybrid/virtual status, please email Mrs. Fosnot by this coming Monday, March 15. This is the deadline to notify us if you would like your child to begin 4-day in-person instruction on March 22.

If you contact the school after Monday, March 15, your child will be scheduled to start 4-day in-person instruction on the following dates:

Date Parent Notifies School	Date Student Can Start
March 16 – March 19	March 29
March 22 – March 26	April 6

Carroll County Public Schools has sent out emails instructing parents where they can find information about classes that are projected to be over 15 students as well as information regarding the number of students on buses. Both reports can be accessed on the Carroll County Public School website using the link below. This information is updated on a weekly basis.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(carrollk12.org\)](https://www.carrollk12.org/coronavirus)

As we prepare to transition to the 4-day in-person instruction model, we continue to ask for your patience. There may be instances when we will need to make modifications to your child's in-school routines such as where they eat lunch. If you have any questions regarding the transition to the 4-day model, please feel free to contact us.

We have reached the midterm point for 3rd quarter. Please be sure to check your child's grades in Home Access Center. If they are missing assignments, please encourage them to complete and turn them in as soon as possible. Students will be working asynchronously on March 18 and 19. They will be doing work that teachers assign them on those days, however, it might also be a great opportunity for them to catch up on missing assignments.

Home Access Center Link:

<https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess>

Tuesday, March 16

B Day

Wednesday, March 17

A Day – All Virtual

Deadline: The link to sign up for March 24 parent/teacher conferences expires today, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 18

B Day

All students will be working asynchronous and virtual today, March 18. There will be no google meets. Students are to independently complete work that their teachers have assigned.

Friday, March 19

A Day

All students will be working asynchronous and virtual today, March 19. There will be no google meets. Students are to independently complete work that their teachers have assigned.

Upcoming Dates/Reminders

Monday, March 22

4-Day In-person Instruction Begins

Wednesday, March 24

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, April 2 – Monday, April 5

Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break

Friday, April 9

Third Marking Period Ends – **2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal**

Monday, April 19

Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Conferences - Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, March 24

We will have our final parent-teacher conference night on March 24 from 3:20 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. Each conference session will be 10 minutes in length. The conferences will be held virtually over Microsoft Teams, so parents will have the opportunity to either phone in or use video to meet with the teachers. Once you have signed up for a conference, an email invite will be sent to you for each individual conference session.

The email address you use to set-up your conference will be the email used to send the invite.

Please be sure to only sign up for one time slot per teacher and include your child's name. Please click on a sign-up genius link below to sign up for a conference. Sign-ups will be closed at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17.

For 8th grade, Mrs. Hubbard (Humanities) is listed under Team 5 and Dr. Mello (Spanish) is listed under Team 6.

Team 1

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team30>

Team 2

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team31>

Team 3

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team32>

Team 4

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team33>

Team 5

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team34>

Team 6

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-team35>

Related Arts

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-related5>

PE & Health

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-pehealth5>

Resource

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-resource5>

Special Ed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-special5>

Counselors

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4A829A6F58-counselor1>

Counseling

A Virtual Event for all Families

Navigating Difficult Waters – Mental Wellness Resources

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Link To Register: <https://bit.ly/375pNA8>

This is a collaborative effort between Carroll County Public Schools and various community members to bring mental wellness resources and information to students, parents, and the community. The event will have multiple sessions hosted by C.C.P.S. staff, Carroll County agencies, and C.C.P.S. students. Keynote speaker, Robert Hackenson, will lead the group in a conversation about *Managing Stress and Finding Resilience When Life Gets Hard*.

Media Information

Carroll County Public Library Zoom Activities

Lots of Zoom activities to keep young adults engaged at the Carroll County Public Library. Here is their calendar to check into the programs. Enjoy!

https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/month?age_groups%5B5%5D=5

The Iditarod Race – “The Last Great Race”

This week the Iditarod Race continues to go on. Considered “The Last Great Race” it is one of perseverance, persistence, and strength.

There is a lot of interesting information about the race on the Iditarod site:

<https://iditarod.com/>

and a page dedicated to students:

<https://iditarod.com/edu/category/students/>

Checking Out Media Books

Check for book availability > Clever > click on the Destiny icon > search for book or audio book

Hybrid students and virtual students can request books by emailing Ms. Keffer jmkeffe@carrollk12.org or Mrs. Cherry cccherr@carrollk12.org

Virtual Students - Curbside Pickup for library materials is available on Wednesdays between 11-1.

Hybrid Students - Books will be delivered to students during homeroom or Flex. Hybrid students will return their books to the boxes located at the entrance of the Media Center

The Carroll County Public Library offers how - to videos to understand how to operate their digital collection and resources.

<https://library.carr.org/collections/howtovideo.asp>

Do you need a temporary Carroll County Public Library Card? They are free and will open the wonderful resources available to everyone in your home.

<https://catalog.carr.org/patronaccount/selfregister.aspx?ctx=17.1033.0.0.5>

Visit <https://library.carr.org/> to find new books, homework help, fun activities, databases, and more.

National Family Caregiver Support Program – Carroll County Support Groups

To register and receive a link to join the virtual support groups below, contact Mary Jane Overby at 410-386-3833 or moverby@carrollcountymd.gov. Visit our website www.carrollcountymd.gov/aging-and-disabilities for more information about our programs.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Program

Meets **VIRTUALLY** the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group offers support to grandparents who are raising grandchildren. Grandparents are given the opportunity to meet other caregivers, develop a network of support and receive information about available services. The support group is open to older adults raising grandchildren under 18 years of age. Please see the statement above for instructions to join this group.

Caregivers of Older Adults Support Program

Meets **VIRTUALLY** the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

The Caregivers of Older Adults Support Group offers support that is designed to help caregivers cope with the challenges of caring for their relatives. Caregivers will be given the opportunity to share their experiences, participate in educational discussions, and receive comfort and positive reinforcement to help guide them through what can be a difficult journey. Please see the statement above for instructions to join this group.

PTA Meeting, Monday March 15, 7:00 PM

Topic: ORMS PTA

Time: Mar 15, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Yearbook Ordering Information

Yearbook ordering is now open.

Go to www.YBPay.lifetouch.com

Enter the school code, which is **13006921**.

Ordering will be open until the end of April 2021.