

# ORMS Newsletter March 29 – April 2, 2021

## Announcing this week's ORMS Achievement Raffle Winners:

**This raffle is to help ORMS students stay motivated and reward them for an outstanding work ethic.**

*Only those students who have handed in all assignments for the quarter in every academic and related arts class will be eligible to enter the raffle. Every Friday, we will raffle off a \$10 gift card per team. We will also raffle off one - \$25 gift card per grade at the end of the quarter. If a student wins a weekly prize, they will still be eligible for the end-of-quarter raffle. We will contact the families of any virtual students who win the raffles so that they can pick up and sign for the gift cards.*

## Important Information from the School Nurse:

### Notes from the Health Suite:

As we begin 4 day in-person learning, here are some reminders going into Spring:

- **Masks** – Each student is required to wear a cloth face mask while on the bus and in the school building. It is important that the mask fits properly and covers the nose and mouth. It is helpful to have your student to carry at least 1 extra mask in their book-bag. Masks can end up soiled, lost or broken through the course of the school day. Neck gaiters, bandanas and masks with valves are still not recommended.
- **Water Bottles** – Students are highly encouraged to bring a water bottle from home. It is important for your child to stay hydrated especially as it is becoming warmer outside. Students can refill their water bottle in the filling stations in school. Proper water intake can help prevent headache, fatigue, and increase energy levels.
- **Breakfast** – Also known as the most important meal of the day! Breakfast helps the brain and all muscles work their fullest potential. Students will focus, learn and feel their best by starting their day off with a healthy breakfast. If time is tight at home during your morning routine, please remember breakfast is free to all students until the end of the school year. Many “upset stomachs” and headaches can be prevented by a nutritional meal to start the day!
- **Medications** - Please contact me if your child has any chronic medical conditions, requires daily medications or emergency/PRN medications while at school. At this time, visitors are still not allowed in the building. Appointment only for medication drop-off and can be done by phone or email. All health questionnaires and health-related forms (including CCPS Medication Form and Allergic Reaction Emergency Plan & Medication Orders) are located here on the CCPS website: [Forms \(carrollk12.org\)](https://www.carrollk12.org/forms)
- **Medication shall be brought to school by the parent/guardian. Only under special circumstances, which are pre-arranged with the school nurse/administrator, may a designated adult other than the parent/guardian bring in medication. The parent/guardian must provide a signed consent**
- **Only a 30-day supply of medication may be accepted. Parents/guardian may consider providing less medication based on student needs during the hybrid model**
- **Each medication/treatment must have an accompanying order. CCPS Medication Form must be is completed in full**
- **The health care provider and parent/guardian signature must be present on the medication/treatment order**
- **Current pharmacy label is secured to prescribed medications**

- **Over the counter medication must be in the original, unopened container**
- **The order, prescription, and medication have not expired**
- **Students are not permitted to self-carry any over the counter medications such as Tylenol or Motrin. Please consider completing a discretionary medication form if you wish your student to have these medications on an “as needed” basis during the school day.**
- **Screening for COVID-like symptoms** – Please refer to the weekly email sent out by CCPS with symptoms related to a COVID-like illness. Screen your student daily for these symptoms before coming to school. It is extremely important to keep your student home if they are feeling ill. Virtual learning makes it possible for students to not miss an entire day of instruction. Many symptoms of a COVID-like illness resemble other ailments. I will follow up with you if your student is absent from school due to illness. If your student is exposed to COVID-19 in the home, while participating in extra-curricular activities or playing spring sports, please let the school know immediately. Working as a team to keep your student and the ORMS community healthy is the main goal moving into 4 day in-person learning.

*Kate Messier, BSN, RN*

**School Nurse**

Oklahoma Road Middle School

## **LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS!**

**March 31 is the last day for parents to send in photos of students learning from home.** Send in photos that you would like included in the yearbook, such as virtual learning, spirit days, snow days, virtual outdoor school, Battle of the Books, Related Arts classes or projects, and anything else your student has been doing this year from home. **Photos must be at least 1 mb in size, and please give the full name and grade of the student.** Send your photos to [ORMSYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ORMSYearbook@gmail.com) by March 31st!

### **Calendar Information**

**Monday, March 29**

**A Day**

**Tuesday, March 30**

**B Day**

Twister learning lab for those students participating, 3:00-4:00, media center

**Wednesday, March 31**

**A Day - All Virtual**

**Thursday, April 1**

**B Day**

Twister learning lab for those students participating, 3:00-4:00, media center

**Friday, April 2 – Monday, April 5**

**Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break**

## Upcoming Dates/Reminders

### Friday, April 9

Third Marking Period Ends – 2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal

### Friday, April 16

Marking period 3 report cards are distributed.

Last day of the Unfundraiser

### Monday, April 19

Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., a link will be sent out on April 16.

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

### Google Earth <https://www.google.com/earth/>

Although some students are not permitted to use Google Earth on their own, this is a fun site for virtual travel with guidance. Recently, the Spanish classes visited Spain and some countries in Latin America. It was so much fun to see the actual places the students had read or heard about previously. You can also see your home and neighborhood if you'd like!

## Tech Issues – Link to form for students and parents

We no longer have the mystudent@....for tech issues. Students/parents will now have to fill out a form that better informs IT as to the issue that needs to be addressed.

Link: scroll to the bottom to get to the form.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FhEpczxr0GbpZtpyCs\\_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtlN5r22GNUMVA5NkIFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FhEpczxr0GbpZtpyCs_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtlN5r22GNUMVA5NkIFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u)

## **Tutoring**

There is a new, free tutoring service available through the Carroll County Public Library called Brainfuse. It is live, online tutoring every day from 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and is available for all ages and levels. You do need a library card to access the tutoring. The website to access this is: [Welcome to Brainfuse eLearning](#)

## **Unfundraiser – P.T.A. holding an unfundraiser from March 22 – April 9**

We were unable to reach our fundraising goal in the fall; therefore, we are launching a spring UN-Fundraiser from March 22 through April 9. For every \$10 donated in your student's name either brought into school or donated via paypal online, they will be entered to win a PRIZE PACKAGE! The more you donate, the more chances they will have to win! Funds will be specifically used for 8th grade send off, teacher appreciation, and school projectors. See attached flyer for specific details!

[ORMS SPRING UNFUNDRAISER \(1\).pdf](#)

## **Yearbook Ordering Information**

Yearbook ordering is now open.

Go to [www.YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://www.YBPay.lifetouch.com)

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

Ordering will be open until the end of April 2021.

## **Carroll Hospice Bereavement Camp**

Camp T.R. F.R.O.G.S. (Fantastic Resource of Grief Support) is open to children ages 7-15 whose loved one has passed away. Camp will take place Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Hashawha. Due to COVID restrictions camp is limited to 10 children. Applications must be completed and returned by 5/10/21. Please call Jess Roschen at 410-871-7656.

[Camp T.R. flyer 2021.pdf](#)

## **2021 Celebrating Through Art:**

### **The First Lady's Mental Health Awareness Youth Art Display**

Maryland's First Lady, Mrs. Yumi Hogan, welcomes children and youth to join a statewide art project. This project helps to raise awareness about the importance of mental health. This year children are asked to create artwork expressing something that makes them feel happy, healthy, or hopeful. Deadline to submit artwork is April 9, 2021. To submit artwork, visit: [Annual Youth Art Display - Children's Mental Health Matters](#)

[First-Lady-Art-Display-Flyer.pdf \(childrensmentalhealthmatters.org\)](#)

