

ORMS Newsletter May 3 – May 7, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS:

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

We are planning to have some end-of-year activities for our 8th graders to celebrate their milestone of finishing middle school. We will have a modified version of the 8th grade picnic on Friday, June 11. Students will have a boxed picnic lunch provided by the PTA during their normal lunch period. Also, from 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. that day, they will be with their flex group and rotate among different stations outside with a variety of fun activities.

On Monday, June 14, we will recognize 8th grade students with certificates of achievement. Each team will have a dedicated time with their academic teachers to receive these certificates. The school and PTA will provide students with a small trinket to help them celebrate their accomplishments as they move on to high school.

Please understand that **both events are for students only**. We are trying our best to keep everyone safe and maintain social distancing.

Specific information about these events for parents of 8th graders who are virtual only:

Eighth grade students who are staying with virtual-only instruction are welcome to attend these events. Parents of 8th grade virtual-only students would need to RSVP to let the school know that their student plans to attend and provide transportation to and from the events. More information and instructions on how to RSVP will be provided to parents as we get closer to the end of the school year.

Announcing this week's ORMS Achievement Raffle Winners:

Anders L.
Lillian W.
Kayla S.
Sophia M.
Katelyn K.
Jacob H.

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.

Calendar Information

Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 7

Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 3 - B Day

Tuesday, May 4 - A Day

Wednesday, May 5 - B Day - All Virtual

Thursday, May 6 - A Day – Positive Mental Health Day – Staff and students wear green!

Friday, May 7 - B Day

Upcoming Dates/Testing Dates/Reminders

Wednesday, May 12

National School Nurse Day

Monday, May 17

Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

MCAP Algebra Test for in-person algebra students, 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m., cafeteria

Tuesday, May 18

MCAP Algebra Test for in-person algebra students, 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m., cafeteria

Wednesday, May 19

MCAP Algebra Test for virtual algebra students, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at ORMS in the cafeteria

Monday, May 31

Schools/Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 15

Last day of school for students – two-hour, 45-minute early dismissal

Wednesday, June 16

Last day of school for teachers

Counseling Information

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week takes place Sunday May 2-Saturday, May 8, 2021. ORMS will be initiating several activities to recognize this campaign. Please help us bring attention to the importance of children's mental health.

- There will be daily, morning announcements on TNL. Several teachers will be teaching lessons on mental health and healthy coping strategies.
- Monday, May 3 - students will receive mental health awareness business cards in homeroom.
- Thursday, May 6 - all students and staff are encouraged to wear GREEN to show their support for positive mental health.

Please visit the web site for more information about the campaign or to find support for children struggling with a mental health concern. Here is the link:

[Welcome - Children's Mental Health Matters](#)

Fundraiser – Furnace Hills Coffee from Westminster

We would like to help support our small, local businesses and have joined with Furnace Hills Coffee from Westminster for a fundraising event. For each pound of coffee purchased, ORMS receives \$5.00. You can order online, and the coffee can be picked up in the store or sent directly to you. This fundraiser will be ongoing through the end of the school year. Please feel free to pass the below link on to family and friends. We appreciate the support from our ORMS community!

[Oklahoma Road Middle School - FURNACE HILLS COFFEE®](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10076, Mt. Airy MD

The following scholarship opportunities offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10076, Mt. Airy, MD can be found at <https://mtairyvfw.com/community-programs>

“Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest” for 6th-8th graders with an entry deadline of October 31

“Counties Four VFW Post 10076 of Mount Airy Scholarship Program” with an entry deadline of May 31

“Scout of the Year”

Sources of Strength Program/Contest

In collaboration with the State’s Attorney’s Office and the Carroll County Health Department, Carroll County Public Schools created a virtual program, “Break the Stigma...Find Your Sources of Strength.” The message of the program will be to inspire and advocate for the importance of finding one’s own Sources of Strength during challenging times. Students from across the county will explain each strength of the wheel by sharing a personal story connected to a strength that has helped guide them during a challenging time.

Video

Your student (whether they do virtual or in-person instruction) will view the video, “Break the Stigma...Find Your Sources of Strength,” during the school day in flex on 5/7/21. Parents and students can also view the video by clicking on the link below:

https://www.carrollk12.org/videos/?video=CETV_SoS_04152021

Contest

As part of the program, a contest opportunity is being offered to your student to potentially receive a monetary prize. Students will have the opportunity to create an original message that will inspire and advocate to others in some type of media that clearly expresses their strength(s).

Contest information will be shared with in-person students following the viewing of the program. Here is a link to that same contest information for virtual **and** in-person students:

https://livecarrollk12-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/clwarn2_carrollk12_org/EfGROXaTckFNqcgqsjuXx4MBzZLpF5FnV_36YLMQkls73g?e=ObQAgz

- **Electronic submissions only!!!**
- **The student’s project must be submitted electronically by Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM – Instructions are in the link above.**
- One student will be chosen from each school and awarded a Chick-fil-A gift card.
- Three grand prize winners will be selected at both the middle and high school levels to receive a monetary prize.

Summer Camp Opportunity for Sixth Graders!

Carroll County Public Schools will be holding **Camp Invention** at various regional locations this summer in partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Camp Invention is a nationwide K-6 STEM summer camp providing in-person and at-home learning opportunities. Camp Invention is open to all CCPS students K-6. Students may choose to participate in-person or virtually.

[CCPS to Hold Camp Invention STEM Summer Camp - News \(carrollk12.org\)](https://www.carrollk12.org/news/2021/06/ccps-to-hold-camp-invention-stem-summer-camp)

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=FhEzcaZxr0GbpZtpyCs_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtIn5r22GNUMVA5NkIFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u

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](https://www.brainfuse.com/)