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Carrolltowne Elementary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe we're in mid-December already and a new year is right around the corner! 2019 was an incredibly productive year for our PTA and it seems it flew by while we were having so much fun! Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for supporting our mission to *make every child's potential a reality!* Together, we are doing amazing work for the Carrolltowne community & we will continue our successes in 2020.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held in February (date TBD), though our Board of Directors will meet in January to plan for the 2nd half of our fiscal year. In the meantime, may you find time to reflect, relax, and start the new year refreshed & renewed! Wishing you a beautiful holiday season! See you in February!

Carolyn Coyle

NEW WATER STATIONS

Installation of our new filtered water stations began this week! Once completed, there will be 4 stations: outside the cafeteria/gym, in the hallway between 4th & 5th grades, in the hallway between 1st & 2nd grade, and in the Pre-K hallway.

Filtered water will also be available from the drinking fountain inside the gym.

Students are welcome to bring refillable water bottles, labeled with their name, for personal use.



NEW INSIDE RECESS CARTS

A supply of popular games, manipulatives, cards, and art supplies were delivered to each grade level this week! These supplies will be available to students on inside recess days, when the weather is not conducive to outside play.

This is just Phase 1 of the Recess Project we will complete this school year. New outdoor recess supplies will be ordered and available for student use shortly after we return from Winter Break!



SAVE THE DATE!

- Dec 17 - Chorus & Instrumental Winter Concert
- Dec 23 - Winter Break Begins (No School through Jan 1)
- Jan 2 - School Re-opens
- Jan 9 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Jan 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day (Schools Closed)
- Jan 29 - Schools Closed

To view our real-time, up-to-the minute Google Calendar, visit carrolltownepta.com/calendar

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Fun Run made \$23,647!** Members present voted to use \$2,500 of that to purchase indoor recess resources. The money will also go toward making improvements on outdoor recess areas & equipment (spray-painting blacktop, stencils, basketball hoops).
- 2. The Teachers Favorite Things** list has been updated so we will all have ideas of what specific teachers/staff would enjoy when you are planning to show your appreciation. View the list here:
<http://carrolltownepta.com/form/>
- 3. A Sign up Genius online form** may be used to request teacher conferences in the spring. More information to come!
- 4. The Party on the Playground** was a huge success. Box Tops Committee hopes to be able to do it again in the spring!
- 5. Mrs. Becker shared information about American Education Week**, among other exciting things happening in the building!
- 6. Marsha Herbert, Vice-president of the Carroll County Board of Education** joined us again. She comes to our meetings whenever she can!
- 7. Performing arts** (Carrolltowne Players) shared information about Frozen, Jr.
- 8. Spirit Wear Committee** shared and collected feedback about our Fall Spirit Wear
- 9. Yearbook Committee** requested pictures from parents.
- 10. Michele Scobie, our Teacher Representative**, shared feedback from our awesome staff!
- 11. Spirit committee** celebrated Trunk or Treat and the Ice Cream Social, and shared information for Spirit Week.

YEARBOOK PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from your Yearbook Committee! This month, we will begin taking pictures that **may** be used for the feature page: *Where've You Been, Carrolltowne?* or for other collages in the yearbook.

Students are invited to be photographed while wearing clothing with a LOCATION on it; anything from t-shirts from Ocean City to hoodies from Yosemite, or even Sykesville sports shirts.

Students who wish to be photographed will come to the cafeteria on their designated day (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS), during morning arrival time (8:45-9:10 am), **after** checking in with their homeroom teacher.

In the event of a two hour delay, pictures WILL STILL BE TAKEN during the adjusted arrival time. Snow Days will be rescheduled. *Please Note: PreK families will be notified of photography dates beginning in January.*

If you have any questions please contact Beth Menendez at yearbook@carrolltownepta.com.

NEXT PTA MEETING

There will be no PTA Meeting in January.

Our February PTA meeting date will be announced soon, so be on the lookout!

Join our Facebook group and be among the first to know!



Search for: *Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Community*

TEACHERS AND STAFF: FAVORITE THINGS LIST

If you are looking for a gift idea to treat a Carrolltowne teacher or staff member this holiday season, or at any time of the year, check out the Favorite Things spreadsheet that includes some of their likes and interests! This is a work in progress and the spreadsheet will be updated as additional teachers and staff submit responses. To view the spreadsheet, go to carrolltownepta.com/forms and click on Teachers Favorite Things.



MULTICULTURAL DAY

The Multicultural Committee is seeking additional volunteers to help plan our first Multicultural Day event that will take place at Carrolltowne on Saturday, May 2! The event will include a variety of cultures, music, food, demonstrations, and more! If you are interested in being involved, please email: cultural@carrolltownepta.com

HELLO FROM HOSPITALITY

On December 13, the committee treated all teachers and staff to a delicious DIY Hot Cocoa Bar & other treats, in celebration of National Cocoa Day!



HELP WANTED!

Our PTA needs volunteers to help with a NEW Committee!

The *Communications Committee* will be responsible for creating the monthly newsletters, posting events on our Facebook group, setting up REMIND texts, and helping other committees create fliers, as needed.

You can volunteer entirely from home!

For more information, please email volunteer@carrolltownepta.com

SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS!

Don't miss out on any of our events, fundraisers or volunteer opportunities this year! Sign up to receive REMIND text reminders from our PTA! It's free & easy to sign up! All families and staff are invited to join & be REMINDED!

To join, download the free REMIND app or go to remind.com and join either the staff/teacher group OR the Carrolltowne Elementary PTA (CEPTA) group for your youngest student's "graduation" year from Carrolltowne (ex. this year's 5th grade is the Class of 2020). **Only join 1 group, even if you have more than 1 student.**

- **Teachers & Staff:** CEPTA21784
- **PreK Families:** CEPTA2026
- **Kindergarten Families:** CEPTA2025
- **1st Grade Families:** CEPTA2024
- **2nd Grade Families:** CEPTA2023
- **3rd Grade Families:** CEPTA 2022
- **4th Grade Families:** CEPTA2021
- **5th Grade Families:** CEPTA2020



Our occasional reminders will go directly to the phone number you designate and you may update your information or opt out at any time.

PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS

Did you know our PTA participates in Box Tops collections, Amazon Smile, and Martin's/Giant A+ Rewards, for donations? See pages 5-7 for more information on how you can help us earn money for Carrolltowne through these passive fundraisers!



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RECESS HELP NEEDED

Adult volunteers are needed to help organize and play games with K-5 students during their 30 minute recess, both inside and outside, all year long! You must be CCPS Volunteer Trained at least 1 week prior to volunteering. This is a great way for grandparents or other relatives to help out! Whether you volunteer once or once a week/month/quarter, it would be a huge help! If you are interested, instructions on how you can help are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6jw2x82>

View Past Issues of Our
Newsletter at

carrolltownepta.com/newsletters

Where've You Been, Carrolltowne?

Greetings from your Yearbook Committee!! This year we are taking pictures of students under the heading, Where've You Been Carrolltowne and we are looking for students to wearing clothing with a LOCATION on it. **Students will come to the cafeteria to have their pictures taken on the dates below between 8:45-9:10.** So get out those Ocean City (any city!) t-shirts, find the hoodies from Maryland (any state!), or wear your favorite Mt Rushmore (any place with a name) long sleeve tee. If you have questions, please contact Beth Menendez at yearbook@carrolltownepta.com. In the event of a 2 hour delay, photos are delayed 2 hours also. Pictures taken on these dates are for possible use on the feature page or in grade collages.

Dec 13: Grade 4 (Mussari, Strickland, Bost)

Jan 10: Grade 1 (Hinton, Dawson)

Jan 17: Grade 1 (Martin, Nicholson)

Jan 24: Grade 2 (Copeley, Eissele)

Jan 31: Grade 2 (Hopkins-Fisher, Pratt)

Feb 7: Grade 5 (Cherneski, Thompson)

Feb 14: Grade 5 (Neitch, Reese)

Feb 21: Kinder (Blanchfield, Blanchette, Scobie)

Feb 28: Kinder (Trotz, Kowalewski)

Mar 6: Grade 3 (Baugher, Keel)

Mar 13: Grade 3 (Rosier, Stala)

Mar 20: Grade 3 (Tombs) and MAKE UPs

Mar 27: Snow date make ups

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Box Tops:

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who helped make the Fall Party at the Playground a huge success on November 6th! The kids had so much fun playing seven organized games, like pumpkin roll race, sack race, and witch broom limbo. They also enjoyed catching bubbles and drawing with sidewalk chalk. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the kids were excited and happy.

From Box Tops collections, we have earned \$544 so far and our goal is to earn \$1,000 by the end of the school year. It is time to begin our Box Tops Winter Collection. Our goal is to collect \$400 in clippings by February 22nd. Remember to clip (with valid date and show code) and scan, using the new Box Tops app. See how at btfe.com. When we meet our goal, we are planning to have a Spring Party at the Playground.

Please see attached Winter Collection Sheet to attach your box tops to and please return sheets to the red box tops mailbox in the CES hallway (across from the Front Office). Also attached is Product List, so you can familiarize yourself with which products contain box tops as you plan your holiday menus.

Martins A+ Rewards:

Thank you to all of the 265 families who have registered your Martin's cards using our ID #. So far, we have earned \$698! Want to help our school earn more cash? Register your store card using our ID# 20267. Visit martinsfoods.com to sign in or create an account to register your card today.

Amazon Smile:

Before you make a purchase on Amazon...remember to log in through Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) and designate Carrolltowne Elementary PTA so that we get a portion of the sale.

Thank You,

Business Products Committee

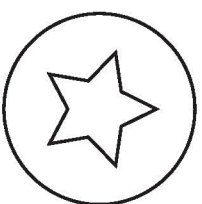


THANKS FOR SENDING IN YOUR BOX TOPS CLIPS!

Earnings checks will be sent out to schools in mid-December.

GIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR BOX TOPS RECEIPT SCANS

Want to let your school's Coordinator know how much you've earned with the Box Tops mobile app? Each time you scan a receipt, you can click on "Give Credit" if you want to tag your earnings for a specific individual, classroom or grade level.



IS YOUR BOX TOPS APP UP TO DATE?

Don't miss out on any earnings! Box Tops updates the app weekly to fix bugs and add top-requested features.

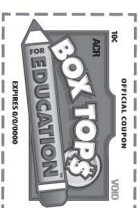


EASY WAYS TO EARN BOX TOPS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

- Keep holiday guests satisfied with Chex Mix™ & Nature Valley™ snacks
- Make baking easy with Annie's® baking mixes
- Paper Mate® Pens make great stocking stuffers!

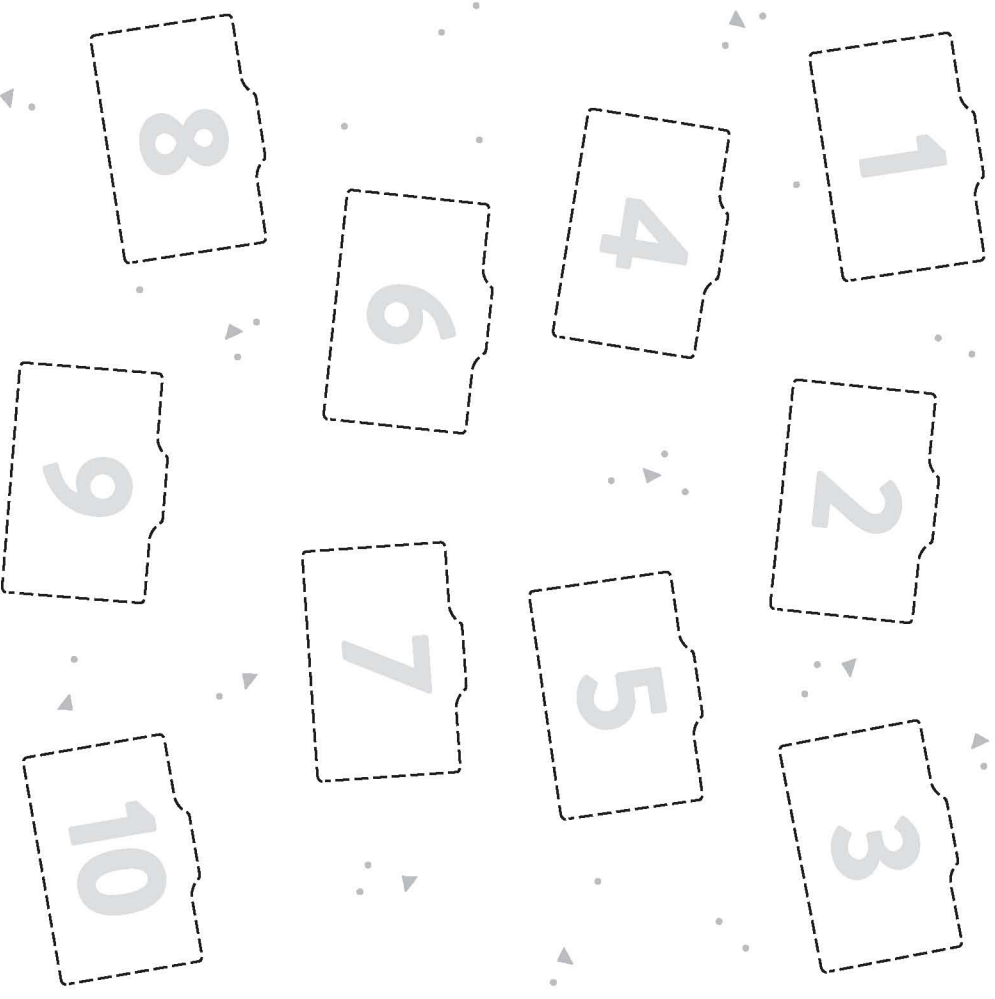
SEE A FULL LIST OF BOX TOPS PRODUCTS AT BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS

Remember, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt. **There's no need to clip Box Tops labels or send them to school!**



YOU CAN STILL SEND IN TRADITIONAL CLIPS

If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for our school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.





LOOK FOR BOX TOPS ON HUNDREDS OF PRODUCTS!

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!
DOWNLOAD THE APP:



CLIP: Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but you can still send unexpired clips to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢.



SCAN: If you see this label, **do not send it to school.** Use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.



BEVERAGES

- Nestle Pure Life Water .5-Liter 24, 28, 32,35-Packs
- Nestle Pure Life Water 8 oz. 6, 12, 24 & 56-Packs
- Nestle Pure Life Water 11.15 oz 6-Pack



HOUSEHOLD CLEANING

- Lysol® Disinfectant Spray
- Lysol® Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol® Toilet Bowl Cleaner



MEALS & SIDES

- Annie's® Baking Mix
- Annie's® Brownie Mix
- Annie's® Cake Mix
- Annie's® Cookie Mix
- Annie's® Mac & Cheese
- Annie's® One Pot Pasta
- Annie's® Soup
- Hamburger Helper™
- Chicken Helper™
- Tuna Helper™
- Old El Paso™ Beans
- Old El Paso™ Taco Kit
- Old El Paso™ Tortillas
- Old El Paso™ Shells



SNACKS

- Annie's® Bunny Cookies
- Annie's® Bunny Grahams
- Annie's® Cheddar Bunnies
- Annie's® Cheddar Squares
- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crackers
- Annie's® Fruit Snacks
- Annie's® Granola Bars
- Annie's® Popcorn
- Annie's® Snack Bars
- Annie's® Snack Mix
- Bugles™
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola Bars
- Cascadian Farm™ Protein Bars
- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex™ Mix
- Fiber One™ Bars
- Fiber One™ Brownies
- Fiber One™ Cheesecake Bars
- Fiber One™ Cookies
- Food Should Taste Good™ Chips
- Fruit by the Foot™
- Fruit Roll-Ups™
- Gardetto's™
- General Mills™ Fruit Snacks
- Gushers™
- LARABAR™ Kid
- Mott's® Fruit Snacks
- Nature Valley™ Bars
- Nature Valley™ Biscuits
- Nature Valley™ Bites
- Nature Valley™ Granola Cups
- Nature Valley™ Layer Bars
- Nature Valley™ Snack Mix
- Nature Valley™ Squares
- Nature Valley™ Wafer Bars



CEREAL & BREAKFAST

*Bagged cereals do not participate

- Ancient Grains Cheerios™
- Annie's® Cereal
- Annie's® Toaster Pastries
- Apple Cinnamon Cheerios™
- Apple Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Banana Nut Cheerios™
- Basic 4™ Cereal
- Big G Cereal Breakfast Pack (8 Pouches)
- Berry Berry Kix™
- Birthday Cake Cookie Crisp™
- Blueberry Cheerios™
- Blueberry Chex™
- Blueberry Toast Crunch™
- Boo Berry™
- Cascadian Farm Cereal™
- Cheerios™
- Cheerios™ Oat Crunch Cinnamon
- Chocolate Cheerios™
- Chocolate Chex™
- Chocolate Lucky Charms™
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios™
- Chocolate Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Chex™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Churros
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Shreds
- Cocoa Puffs™ Cereal
- Cookie Crisp™ Cereal
- Corn Chex™ Cereal
- Count Chocula™
- Dippin Dots™ Cereal
- Drumstick™ Cereal
- Fiber One™ Cereal
- Fillows™ Cereal
- Franken Berry™
- French Toast Crunch™
- Frosted Cheerios™
- Frosted Lucky Charms™
- Fruity Cheerios™
- Girl Scouts™ Cereal
- Golden Grahams™
- Honey Kix™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™ Crunch
- Honey Nut Chex™
- Kix™ Cereal
- Lucky Charms™
- Maple Cheerios™
- Mermaid Cereal
- Multigrain Cheerios™
- Nature Valley™ Cereal
- Nature Valley™ Granola
- Oatmeal Crisp™ Cereal
- Peach Cheerios™
- Peanut Butter Chex™
- Peanut Butter Chocolate Shreds™ Cereal
- Protein Cheerios™ Oat & Honey
- Pumpkin Spice Cheerios™
- Raisin Nut Bran™
- Reese's Puffs™
- Rice Chex™
- Star Wars™ Cereal
- Strawberry Toast Crunch™
- Sugar Cookie Toast Crunch™
- Toasted Coconut Cheerios™
- Total™ Cereal
- Trix™ Cereal
- Vanilla Chex™
- Very Berry Cheerios™
- Wheat Chex™
- Wheaties™



FROZEN

- Annie's® Bagel Pizzas
- Annie's® Pizza Bagels
- Annie's® Pizza Poppers
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Bites
- Pillsbury™ Mini Cinnis
- Pillsbury™ Pancakes
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Scambles
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Strudel
- Totino's™ Party Pizza (4-pack only)
- Totino's™ Pizza Rolls



REFRIGERATED & DAIRY

- Annie's® Biscuits
- Annie's® Cinnamon Rolls
- Annie's® Crescent Rolls
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Go-Gurt® Dunkers
- Yoplait® Kid
- Yoplait® Multipack



SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Boise® POLARIS® Premium Paper
- Boise® X-9® Paper
- Paper Mate® Arrowhead® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Clearpoint® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Colored Pencils
- Paper Mate® Comfortmate Ultra™
- Paper Mate® Correction Pens
- Paper Mate® DryLine® Products
- Paper Mate® Eagle® Pens
- Paper Mate® Eraser Mate®
- Paper Mate® Expressions® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Flair® Felt Tip Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Elite
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Ultra
- Paper Mate® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® RT
- Paper Mate® Handwriting
- Paper Mate® Holiday
- Paper Mate® Infinite Lead
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Ballpoint Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Stylus 2-in-1
- Paper Mate® Lead Refills
- Paper Mate® Liquid Flair®
- Paper Mate® Liquid Paper® Fast Dry
- Paper Mate® Markers
- Paper Mate® Mirado® Woodcase Pencils
- Paper Mate® Pens
- Paper Mate® Pink Pearl® & White Pearl® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Profile®
- Paper Mate® Profile® Elite
- Paper Mate® Quick Flip™
- Paper Mate® Sharpwriter® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Speederase
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Pens
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Mechanical Pencils

CLIP-ONLY PRODUCTS

A few brands have opted not to participate in the digital program; however, you can still find Box Tops clips on these products during the packaging transition. Be sure to send them to your school before they expire.

- Select Finish® Products
- Select Hefty® Products
- Select Kleenex® Products
- Select Reynolds® Products
- Select Scott® Products
- Select Ziploc® Products