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Carrolltowne Elementary

PTA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year! I hope 2020 is already off to a great start for you! Our PTA is easing into the new year quietly, with no large events or fundraisers planned for January, but the rest of our school year will be packed with fun you won't want to miss!

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13. Please note: this is not our typical 1st Thursday meeting date due to Parent-Teacher conferences being held on February 6. At our 2/13 meeting, the District Supervisor of HotSpots will be present to share new information about their before/after care program. Additionally, our Board will be collecting ideas for how to use our remaining funds, and seeking 3 volunteers interested in being part of a Nominating Committee (a short-term commitment) to help find candidates interested in filling upcoming Board vacancies. If you are interested in offering input or have questions, be sure to join us at the meeting, or send me a message before. See you soon!

Carolyn Coyle

"THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE" WEEK

The Great Kindness Challenge is one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and compassion on school campuses worldwide. Along with more than 24 thousand schools and 13 million students, Carrolltowne will proudly participate in this proactive and positive kindness initiative from January 27 - 31. All students will receive The Great Kindness Challenge checklist: a list of simple acts that can be done to show kindness during the school day. Please encourage your child to complete as many acts of kindness as possible and talk with them daily about their experiences!

In addition to the checklist, throughout the week, students will be invited to participate in special activities within their grade level. Details will be shared by your child's teacher(s).

Carrolltowne PTA is also happy to invite YOU to participate in the Challenge using the Family Edition Checklist (see page 4). Your family can complete the checklist anytime and anywhere; take the week, a month, or all year, and feel free to share examples of your family's participation on our Facebook page!

Together, let's show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!

More information available at: GreatKindnessChallenge.org

*"Let today be a day to let Kindness
rule all your actions."
Jonathan Lockwood Hui*

JOIN OUR PTA!

It's not too late to show your support for our PTA by becoming an annual member!

In addition to the special discounts and other benefits of National and Maryland PTA membership, all Carrolltowne PTA members receive access to our Online Family Directory!

Join today: carrolltownepta.com/join

SAVE THE DATE!

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day (Schools Closed)
Jan 27 - The Great Kindness Challenge Week Begins
Jan 29 - Schools Closed for Students
Feb 6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Feb 13 - PTA Meeting, Everyone Welcome
Feb 17 - President's Day (Schools Closed)

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

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 7PM in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome!

Free Child Care (for toilet trained children) provided by HotSpots.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search for:

*Carrolltowne Elementary
PTA Community*

WINTER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

CHESS CLUB (Grades K-5): Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm, 8 weeks, beginning January 21st.
Register here: skenrichment.com/clubs/carroll-county/product/carrolltowne-elementary-chess-club-winter-2020.html

CHALLEDON GOLF PROGRAM (Grades K-5):
Mondays, 4:00-5:00 pm, 6 weeks, beginning February 3rd. Register here:
challedon.jumbula.com/2020WinterPrograms/CarrolltowneMonday

BEYBLADES CLUB: More info coming soon! Please email bbclub@carrolltownepta.com with any questions.

TEACHERS AND STAFF: FAVORITE THINGS LIST

If you are looking for a gift idea to treat a Carrolltowne teacher or staff member during the school 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*.



SNOW ICE CREAM



Whisk Together:
1 Cup Milk (any kind)
1/3 Cup Granulated Sugar
1 tsp Vanilla Extract
Pinch of Salt

Gently Stir In:
8 Cups of Fresh Snow
Serve Immediately. Enjoy!

<https://www.gimmesomeoven.com/how-to-make-snow-ice-cream-recipe/>

YEARBOOK PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from your Yearbook Committee! This month, we began 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 5 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 soon with dates for photo opportunities.*

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



MISPLACED
SOMETHING?

Rocky Says,
"Check
The Lost &
Found!"



Carrolltowne Players Present:



February 28 & 29!

Online ticket sales begin in mid-February!

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!

Our committee is seeking additional volunteers to assist with a variety of small tasks (shopping for and/or assembling gifts, setting up or cleaning up snacks/meals, etc) over the next 5 months as we recognize our wonderful staff on their special Appreciation Days. Please email
hospitality@carrolltownepta.com if you are interested in helping!

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, if needed. **You can volunteer entirely from home!**

Our S.T.E.M. Committee has an immediate need for volunteers to help plan and run our amazing Science Fair on April 21!

**For more information, please email
volunteer@carrolltownepta.com**

**View Past Issues of Our
Newsletter at
carrolltownepta.com/newsletters**

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.

BUSINESS PRODUCTS: PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS

Did you know our PTA participates in Box Tops collections, Amazon Smile, and Martin's/Giant A+ Rewards, for donations? See pages 6-8 for more information on how you can help us earn money for Carrolltowne through these passive fundraisers!



2019-2020 PTA OFFICERS

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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>



The Great Kindness Challenge.

FAMILY EDITION

Create a kinder world.

Take a week, a month, or a year.
Have fun and complete as many
acts of kindness as you can.

Your Kindness Matters!

Presented by



Acts of Kindness

- ☐ Smile at 25 people
- ☐ Take a treat to your local firefighters
- ☐ Do a household chore without being asked
- ☐ Donate something to an animal shelter
- ☐ Take a board game to play at a senior center
- ☐ Read a book to a younger child
- ☐ Make a thank you card for your librarians
- ☐ Entertain someone with a happy dance
- ☐ Create a family gratitude jar
- ☐ Cheer for every player on both teams
- ☐ Deliver a special gift to a child in the hospital
- ☐ Make a new friend or welcome a new neighbor
- ☐ Send a card or gift to a military family
- ☐ Walk or pet an animal - but ask first!
- ☐ Go a full day without complaining
- ☐ Hold the door open for someone
- ☐ Learn to say "Thank You" in a new language
- ☐ Embrace your family with a big hug
- ☐ Teach something to a younger sibling or friend
- ☐ Write or draw a loving note for someone
- ☐ Make and display a "Kindness Matters" sign
- ☐ Raise funds and donate to your favorite cause
- ☐ Watch the sunrise or sunset together
- ☐ Breathe, stretch, and think a happy thought
- ☐ Cut out 10 hearts and leave them on 10 cars
- ☐ Donate needed school supplies
- ☐ Thank a bus driver
- ☐ Leave a flower on someone's doorstep
- ☐ Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- ☐ Call your grandparents or esteemed elder
- ☐ Walk or bike instead of driving
- ☐ Say "Thank You" to a police officer
- ☐ Bake cookies and share with your neighbors
- ☐ Say "Good Morning" to 5 people
- ☐ Pick up and recycle trash in your neighborhood
- ☐ Take a family walk outside
- ☐ Draw a heart in the sand or dirt
- ☐ Write a thank you note to your mail carrier
- ☐ Make a wish for a child in another country
- ☐ Volunteer in your community
- ☐ Say "Hi" to someone who looks sad
- ☐ Write a happy message with sidewalk chalk
- ☐ Paint a kindness rock and randomly place it
- ☐ Share food with someone who is hungry
- ☐ Sincerely compliment 5 people
- ☐ Post a positive message on social media
- ☐ Let someone go ahead of you in line
- ☐ Help plant a garden
- ☐ Reflect on kindness you witnessed during the day
- ☐ Create your own kind deed



#GKCFamily
www.greatkindnesschallenge.org



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 12: 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



From Box Tops collections, we have earned \$650.30 as of 1/3/20, plus I have counted an additional \$115 in paper clips to be redeemed next month (\$765.30)! Our goal is to earn \$1,000 by the end of the school year. We are continuing our Box Tops Winter Collection. Our Winter goal is to collect \$400 in clippings by February 22nd (\$944). 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 use the *January Winter Collection Sheet* to attach your box tops to and return them to the red Box Tops mailbox in the CES hallway (across from the Front Office). The *Box Tops Overview Sheet*, below explains the program in detail.



Thank you to all of the 267 families who have registered a Martin's card using our ID#! As of 1/3/20, we have earned \$1,053.90! 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. **The deadline for acceptance of enrollments is 1/31!**



We just received a check for \$57.29 on 12/18/19 from 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

Carrolltowne Elementary





EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR
THE NEW
LABEL:

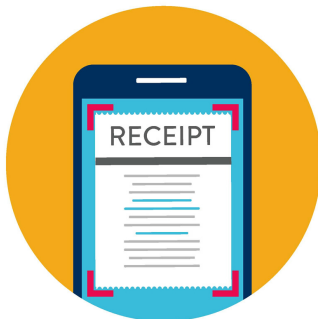


HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

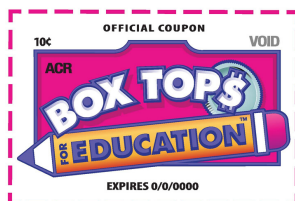
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



BUY
BOX TOPS
PRODUCTS



CUT
OUT THE BOX TOP
FROM EACH PACKAGE



SEND
YOUR BOX TOPS
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT **BTFE.COM**

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



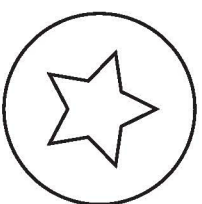


THANKS FOR SENDING IN YOUR BOX TOPS CLIPS!

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.

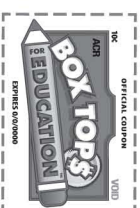


EASY WAYS TO EARN BOX TOPS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

- 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.

