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A Newsletter of Carrolltowne Elementary



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the students, staff, and families who participated in The Great Kindness Challenge last month! It was a wonderful week, full of kind acts! If you didn't have a chance to see the paper chain display in the lobby and adjoining hallways, showing specific kind acts students experienced or performed throughout the week, take a look at the photo below. Those hundreds of connected links are great proof that our students are exceptionally kind!

At this month's PTA meeting, our Board announced the need for 3 volunteers to be part of a Nominating Committee (a short-term commitment), to help find candidates interested in filling upcoming Board vacancies. If you would like to offer input or have questions, please send me a message (president@carrolltownepta.com) as soon as possible! Without a nominating committee to help find candidates, we may not fill the vacancies required by the By-Laws that govern us. Please consider helping our PTA in this simple way! *Carolyn Coyle*

FROZEN, JR. TICKET SALES

Tickets sales for Carrolltowne Players' production of Frozen, Jr. begin today, through the Eventbrite link below! We anticipate these will be sold out performances, so don't wait to purchase!

Tickets are \$7 per person. Children 2 and under are free. If you require handicap seating accommodations, please email carrolltowneplayers@gmail.com after purchasing your tickets.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:

carrolltowneplayersfrozenjr.eventbrite.com



NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting is Thursday, March 5th at 7PM in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome! Free Child Care (for toilet trained children) provided by HotSpots.

SAVE THE DATE!

Feb 17 - President's Day (Schools Closed)
Feb 25 - Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
Feb 28 - Frozen, Jr; Rain Date: 3/6
Feb 29 - Frozen, Jr. (2 Performances); Rain Date: 3/7
Mar 2 - Hershey Park Ticket Sales Begin! More info coming soon!
Mar 5 - PTA Meeting, Everyone Welcome
Mar 6 - Early Dismissal, No Pre-K
Mar 9 through 13 - Kindergarten Registration
Apr 21 - Annual S.T.E.M. Fair, More info coming soon!
To view our real-time, up-to-the minute Google Calendar, visit carrolltownepta.com/calendar

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten enrollment begins on March 9! Please encourage friends and neighbors to register their kindergarten students as soon as possible. It is extremely beneficial to have accurate enrollment numbers, sooner than later, as this impacts staffing.

For information and answers to FAQs, visit carrollk12.org/instruction/studentservices/Pages/EnrollingA StudentInSchool.aspx

If you have additonal questions, please do not hesitate to contact Donna Glasscock, School Registrar at 410-751-3530.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search for: Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Community

SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A

Please wear red or your favorite Carrolltowne shirt and join us for a Spirit Night fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Remember to mention Carrolltown before ordering! See flier on Page 5, for details!

Hersheypark

Discount ticket sales begin March 2nd! Order forms will be sent home with each student at the end of February!

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*.



WINTER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

BEYBLADES CLUB: Fliers with sign-up information will be going home this month! Please email bbclub@carrolltownpta.com with any questions.

CHALLEDON GOLF PROGRAM (Grades K-5): Mondays, 4:00-5:00 pm, 6 weeks, beginning February 3rd. Register here:

challedon.jumbula.com/2020WinterPrograms/Carrolltowne Monday

LEGO CLUB: Fliers with sign-up information for a Spring Session For Grades K-2 will be coming home with students soon!

YEARBOOK OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from your Yearbook Committee!! We are continuing to take pictures of students for the special feature, *Where'd You Go, Carrolltowne,* and we are looking for students to wear clothing with a LOCATION on it.

Students may come to the cafeteria to have their pictures taken on designated dates, 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! **See Page 6 for specific date information.** 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.

Don't miss your chance to pre-order a yearbook! A very limited supply will be available for purchase at delivery time. Simply go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter Yearbook ID Code 11040620. There are options for both hardback and softcover yearbooks that start at \$20. The deadline for online ordering is May 1st. We encourage online ordering because you will receive a confirmation email from Lifetouch.

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



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COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES



Our Community Service Committee will continue to collect dried up markers to be recycled. Each classroom has a bin labeled "Used Markers," where students & staff can place old markers, instead of throwing them in the trash can. We collect them throughout the school year and send them to Crayola to be recycled. Any brand/type of markers is accepted. Please encourage your children to recycle their dried up markers instead of throwing them away. If you have dried up markers at home, drop them off in the school office and we will include them with the recycling collection!

Good Stuff Backpacks

Choose your desired age and gender and fill a backpack with the basics!

- Socks Underwear
- Hat & Gloves Toothbrush &
- Reusable Water Toothpaste
- Bottle
- Outfit School Supplies
 Feminine Products
- Deck of Cards
- Snacks
- Body Wash • Lotion

Shampoo &

Conditioner

- Wipes
- Hand Warmers

donation drive at Carrolltowne, to support Together We Own It, a nonprofit organization based out of Westminster. They serve over 700 children, by providing resources, mentoring, educational enrichment, and recreational empowerment. Our PTA will be collecting items for the Good Stuff program which provides basic necessities to children in need. Be on the lookout for more information on how your family can participate!

Next month, we will hold a backpack

ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

READING WITH THE PRINCIPALS

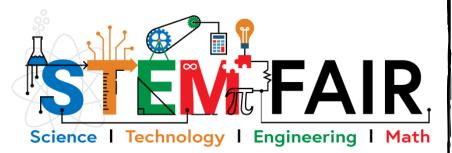
Forms for 2nd grade readers have been collected and we are working hard with the principals and teachers to schedule dates/times. Information will be sent home soon in your student's Cardinal folder to let you know their scheduled time. Please remind them to bring their book to school that day!

1st grade parents: Be on the lookout for a sign-up form to come home in March, if your student is anxious to read!

Great job to all the 5th, 4th, and 3rd graders who have already read with our principals!

Carrolltowne's Annual Science Fair will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 21st! Information fliers for signups will be coming home with students soon. In the meantime, students should start thinking about project possibilities!

> For ideas, check out: projectbuddies.org



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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 February 26th, we will celebrate our fabulous, and much appreciated, Instructional Assistants!

Be on the look out (on our Facebook page) in early March for our next committee meeting date.

If you are interested in helping with future events, email Erin Link at hospitality@carrolltownepta.com

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 create materials for our PTA Bulletin Board in the school office.

You can volunteer entirely from home!

Our S.T.E.M. Committee has an <u>immediate</u> 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.

LAST CHANCE FOR WINTER BOX TOPS SUBMISSIONS!

Our Winter Box Tops Collection comes to an end on February 22nd! We are hoping to collect \$1,000 worth of clipped Box Tops in order to meet our goal & reward students with a Spring Party at the Playground! Please send your Box Tops as soon as possible so they can be counted. See Pages 7-9 for more information & printable collection sheets!



2019-2020 PTA OFFICERS

President: Carolyn Coyle president@carrolltownepta.com

Vice-President: Megan Daniels vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com

Secretary: Jenny Canfield secretary@carrolltownepta.com

Treasurer: Alicia Gipe treasurer@carrolltownepta.com



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

If you are interested, instructions on how you can help are available here: https://tinyurl.com/y6jw2x82



Spirit Night

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 • 4:00pm - 8:00pm



Join us for food and fun. Come support Carrolltowne Elementary School PTA and a portion of tonight's sales will be donated accordingly. (Mobile orders excluded.



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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: Grade 5*** (Cherneski, Neitch, Reese, Thompson) ***Tentative dates**

Don't Miss your chance to pre-order a yearbook! Visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter Yearbook ID Code 11040620. The deadline for online ordering is May 1st.





Show your love for Carrolltowne by turning in clipped box tops and scanning your receipts. The DEADLINE for our Box Tops Winter Collection is FEBRUARY 22nd!

From Box Tops collections, we have earned \$669.00 as of 2/9/2020, plus I have counted an additional \$165 in paper clips not turned in yet (\$834.00)! Our goal is to earn \$1,000 by the end of the school year. Our Winter goal is to collect \$400 in clippings (\$944.00). 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!

I Love My School Sweepstakes from 2/3-3/2:

Scan your receipt on the Box Tops App for a chance to win 5,000 bonus box tops for Carrolltowne!

Please see the *February 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). Also attached is an instructional sheet on scanning and clipping box tops.



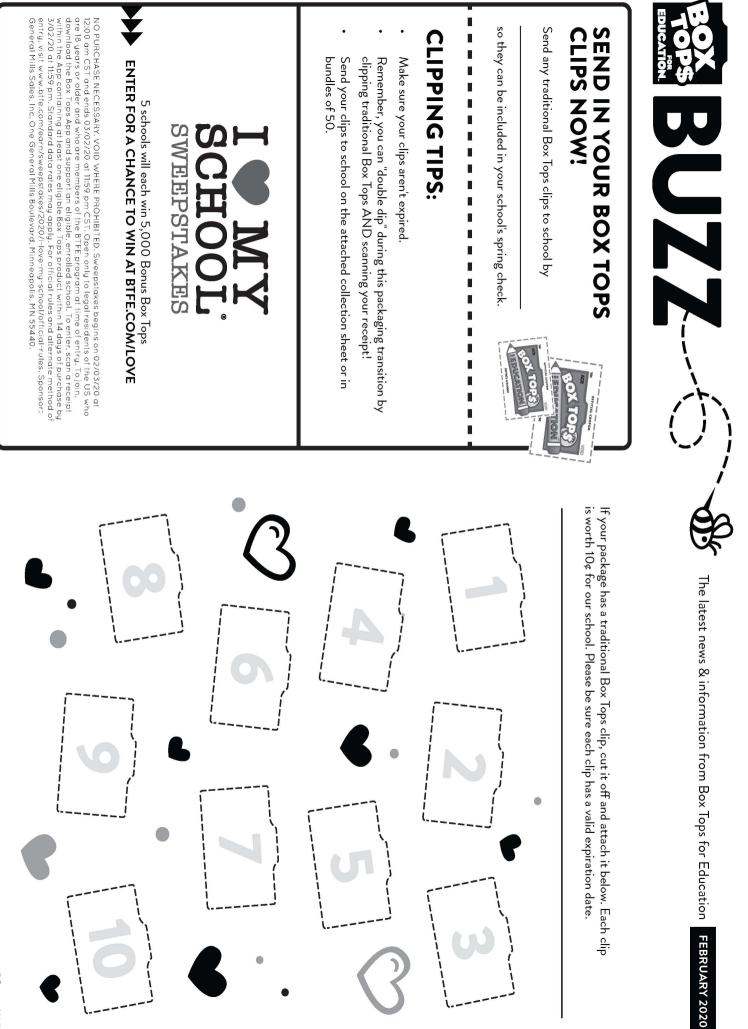
Thank you to all of the 269 families who have registered your Martin's cards using our ID#! As of 2/9/20, we have earned \$1,755.77!



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

Thank You, Business Products Committee Carrolitowne Elementary





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