

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Carrolltowne Players cast, crew & production team on the outstanding performances of Frozen, Jr. last month! The display of talent was impressive on and off stage! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who shared countless hours of their time to help our young actors and crew members to shine! Well done, everyone!

Spring is around the corner and plenty of outside recess days are on the horizon! If your child wears a jacket to school on cooler mornings, they will likely remove that jacket on the playground as the afternoon warms up. Please remember to label (include a last name) your child's jacket so it won't end up in our overflowing Lost & Found!

Our Board is still seeking 2 additional 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

## \*\*\*PTA EVENT UPDATES DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSING\*\*\*

Our Committee Chairs, along with the Executive Board, will do our best to reschedule what we can, once school re-opens. For now, please note the following:

- The Spirit Night Fundraiser scheduled at Panera for Monday, March 16th is CANCELLED. There is no reschedule date at this time.
- The Reptile World in-school assemblies scheduled for Monday, March 16th are CANCELLED. There is no reschedule date at this time.
- Spirit Committee will try to reschedule our Spirit Week for later in the spring.
- Yearbook "Where'd You Go" photos for 5th grade & Make-ups will be rescheduled.
- HersheyPark ticket sales are suspended until further notice. If we can not get an extension from HersheyPark, all orders/payments will be returned (no checks have been cashed at this point) in April.
- The Annual Science (STEM) Fair will likely be cancelled. We will let you know as soon as we can if there is a possibility of a reschedule.
- After school clubs: We will work with the providers to arrange for make-up dates.
- The *Together We Own It* Back Pack Drive this month and the assembling event on March 25th will be rescheduled.
- Reading with the Principals days will be rescheduled for students who have already signed up.
- Reimbursement Requests & Teacher/Staff Reimbursement checks will be prepared and distributed after we return to school. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause.
- Our April 2nd PTA Meeting may be rescheduled. More details will be provided as we get closer to that date.
- Lifetouch pictures will be rescheduled by the school office staff and they will share details when available.

Thanks for your patience as we work through the plans. In the meantime, don't forget to wash your hands! 😊



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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open! Please encourage family, friends and neighbors to register their kindergarten-aged students as soon as possible. It is extremely beneficial to have accurate enrollment numbers, sooner than later, as this impacts staffing & class sizes. For information and answers to FAQs, visit

[carrollk12.org/instruction/studentservices/Pages/EnrollingAStudentInSchool.aspx](http://carrollk12.org/instruction/studentservices/Pages/EnrollingAStudentInSchool.aspx)

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Donna Glasscock, School Registrar, at 410-751-3530.

## 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

## 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!*

For more information, please email  
volunteer@carrolltownepta.com

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If you are interested in helping with future Hospitality Committee events (teacher appreciation week, etc), email Erin Link at  
hospitality@carrolltownepta.com

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

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.

## WE COLLECT BOX TOPS ALL YEAR LONG!

Our Winter Box Tops Collection is over, but we are still collecting clipped Box Tops, and encourage you to check out the Box Tops app for digital clipping! A Spring Party at the Playground is being planned for late April, as a school-wide reward for moving us toward our goal! Questions?  
businessproducts@carrolltownepta.com



## 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 on how you can help are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6jw2x82>

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## Carrolltowne Elementary PTA

To order DISCOUNT tickets for 2020 (valid during the summer season May 1st – Sept. 27th), complete this form and return to school with payment by: **Possible, Rescheduled Date TBD**

Please submit form with one check payable to: Carrolltowne Elementary PTA

(Returned checks subject to bank fees)

### 2020 Group Order Form

Contact: [fundraising@carrolltowneptpta.com](mailto:fundraising@carrolltowneptpta.com)

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDS GRADE & HOMEROOM \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The PTA will distribute tickets on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm in the Carrolltowne lobby. **Possible, Rescheduled Date TBD**  
**Tickets will not be sent home with students.**

**ADD-ON** Discount Meal Tickets to your order @ \$14.00 each. Pre-purchase and save \$1.00 off of the regular price! Meal ticket is valid at select locations and includes one entree, one side, and a choice of a large fountain beverage or regular hot beverage. (Select locations only – Please see Hersheypark.com for more details)  
Snack Tickets are \$4.50 per voucher – Valid for one snack at select food locations.

Quantity	Type	Gate Price	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	Hersheypark Admission (All Ages 3 & up)	\$ 74.80	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	46% discount	<b>\$</b>
	Meal Tickets	\$14.00	<b>\$13.00</b>	\$1.00	<b>\$</b>
	Snack Ticket	School Group Exclusive	<b>\$4.50</b>		<b>\$</b>
	All-Day Drink Plan	School Group Exclusive	<b>\$17.75</b>		<b>\$</b>
	All-Day Dining Plan	School Group Exclusive	<b>\$31.75</b>		<b>\$</b>
GRAND TOTAL					<b>\$</b>





## CARROLLTOWNE ELEMENTARY SCIENCE AND MATH EXPO 2020

Children are natural scientists and enjoy observing and questioning the world around them. We hope to tap into this natural curiosity and foster a lifelong love for the sciences by having the students investigate a problem or question. The ability to investigate scientific questions and problem-solve will serve them well across disciplines and throughout life. So let's get to it!

The Science and Math Expo is set for the evening of Tuesday, April 21, 2020 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. Each student will make a display for this event outlining his/her/their project. This will be a non-competitive event because the goal is to foster passion and curiosity. I hope you will join us!

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Walsh at [sarahringlewalsh@gmail.com](mailto:sarahringlewalsh@gmail.com). When I receive your entry form, I will send more detailed information about the fair and projects.

**SIGNUP DUE DATE:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020**

**SCIENCE AND MATH EXPO:**

**~~TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020~~**

**Possible Rescheduled Date TBD**

Signup OR changes - <https://forms.gle/r4X8orf6GVNnFMuy8>

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# Backpack Donation Drive to benefit Together We Own It

What:

Our PTA is holding a donation drive to support Together We Own It, a Carroll County non-profit that serves children in need in Carroll County and other parts of Maryland. We are collecting basic items that will be organized and assembled into backpacks based on gender and age. See the list of items below. You may send the items in to school with your child or drop them off yourself. Bins are located in the lobby and in each classroom suite to collect the items. If you would like more information regarding Together We Own It, see their website: <https://www.togetherweownit.org/>.

## Rescheduled Date TBD

When: ~~Collection is happening now through 3/25/20.~~

Assembly will be ~~on 3/25/20 from 4:15 - 6:00 p.m.~~ in the media center. Join other Carrolltowne families in the Media Center to help sort donations and fill backpacks! Students will be invited to create encouraging notes and/or uplifting pictures to be included in each backpack. Adults will use a checklist as a guide to fill each pack with age appropriate items. Middle and High School volunteers can earn service hours!



Thank you so much for your generosity!

Carrolltowne Elementary PTA, Community Service Committee