

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

*everychild.one voice.*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, everyone, in this very unique year! Whether your kids are in person or remaining virtual, I would like to welcome you to the extraordinary community of Carrolltowne. I have two boys, one in Mrs. Reese's fifth grade and one in Mrs. Rosier's third grade, who've only known public schooling here at Carrolltowne. When we moved to this area in 2015, I quickly realized what a beautiful, committed family we have at this school, and it has only grown.

For those of you new to our school, our PTA is very active. In a normal year, we sponsor countless events and activities for the kids, from outdoor movie nights and the science fair to the school play and the fun run. Of course, with our school unable to operate at full capacity, our organization has had to pivot to finding new ways to remain as connected as possible without being able to physically connect. While it's been challenging, I am constantly impressed by the creativity exhibited by our committee chairs in maintaining their contributions to our children and staff. They've truly gone above and beyond to support this community, but they have not done this alone.

Since stepping into the president role last month, I've been extremely grateful for and encouraged by the many parents and guardians who've stepped up to help, even from a socially distanced position. I've been told by those who've stuffed STEM kit bags or purchased tokens of appreciation for the staff that it was no big deal, but that just isn't true. Every activity, no matter how small, that these many parents have completed, or even just volunteered to do, continues to build and reaffirm our community. And with a community like ours, all our children benefit.

I look forward to getting to know you and working with you throughout the next two years. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com). Stay healthy, stay safe, and stay sane.

Niki Guinan

## JOIN OUR PTA!

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, what are you waiting for?!?! Anyone can join the PTA, not just parents! Just \$9 individual or \$14 double membership, and no time commitment necessary!

Visit <http://carrolltownepta.com/>,  
and click on the blue button at the top of the page.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Nov 16 - Panera Spirit Night  
Week of Nov 16 - STEM Kit Distribution  
Nov 25 - Early Dismissal @1pm, No ECSN or Pre-K  
Nov 26-27 - Schools/Offices Closed: Thanksgiving  
Dec 8 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night  
Dec 16 - Nora's Spirit Night

To view our real-time, up-to-the minute Google Calendar, visit  
[carrolltownepta.com/calendar](http://carrolltownepta.com/calendar)

## NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be held in February. There will be no December or January meetings. Enjoy the holidays.



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Search for:  
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PTA Community

# THANK YOU

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee has been a busy one! So far this year we have welcomed the CES staff back to school with cardinal masks, we've celebrated the custodial staff, lunch staff and bus drivers! We are about to spoil the teachers for the upcoming conferences and have decided to lift everyone's spirits during this crazy year with monthly tokens of appreciation to ensure that the teachers and staff know how truly valued they are. We will also be celebrating our school psychologist during the week of November 16th.

If you would like to help our committee, please join our group on Facebook- Carrolltowne ES Hospitality Committee or reach out directly to Erin Link at [hospitality@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:hospitality@carrolltownepta.com). We'd love to have your help!

## Birthday Books

Under normal circumstances, each child gets to choose a book during their birthday month to take home and enjoy, compliments of the PTA. This year we will be choosing a book per grade that will be given to each in that grade. In the coming months, we'll announce the books that we have chosen and when they will be distributed to students.



## Fun Run

Our annual Fun Run event is postponed until spring. Date and details TBD.



## Fundraising

Hi everyone! Fundraising is working hard behind the scenes to plan events that help bring in funds during this extremely challenging year. Thanks to all of your help, the Kurbside Kona and Salt & Co fundraisers have gone incredibly well! We have a spirit night coming up on Nov. 16th at Panera, and a couple in the works for Dec. So stay tuned for announcements! Thank you for all of your support during these events! We, as a PTA, could not provide the amazing events offered throughout the year without your participation and support during these fundraisers.

Thank you CES!



## Community Service

South Carroll Food Pantry Canned Food Drive, now through November 30. Participate by dropping off a canned food item (fruits and vegetables in high demand) in the blue bin outside the front entrance of the school. All items will be distributed to those in need in our community. Thank you so much for supporting a worthy cause!



**Feeding the Community**



**Sunshine**

The Sunshine committee has been busy recognizing staff members who have retired, welcomed new babies, and gotten married.

## 2020-2021 PTA OFFICERS

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## Performing Arts

### Carrolltowne Players



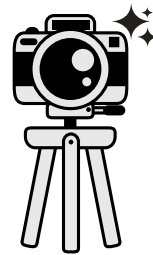
Normally by this time of year the Performing Arts Committee would have announced the play and schedule, but we have been on hold with planning. We are formulating some ideas to once again bring the performing arts to our school community this year. Details of the play are coming after January, so stay tuned!

## YEARBOOK PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Hey parents! Yearbook is accepting parent photos for possible inclusion in this year's school yearbook. Please send photos of your kids on the first day of school and during Spirit Week to [yearbooksubmissions@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:yearbooksubmissions@carrolltownepta.com). In the subject line, please identify "First Day," "USA Day," "Carrolltowne Day," etc. Please only include photos of your own children.



## Picture Day



Picture Day Dates:

Friday, December 4th & Tuesday, December 8th

Important Picture Day Information: Virtual students from 4:30 - 6:30 both days

Picture Day ID: EVTDJ6J3T Order at: [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)



This month, Carrolltowne PTA assembled take-home STEM kits for CES students. Supplies were limited and went quickly. Kits will be available towards the end of November for pick-up for virtual students and will be sent home with hybrid students. Be on the lookout for another opportunity for take-home STEM kits this spring.

## BOX TOPS - BUSINESS PRODUCTS PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS



Another reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving: You can earn Box Tops for your school with participating products. See a full list of products at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com), including Pillsbury and Anni's.

When shopping for Thanksgiving on Amazon, don't forget to log into Amazon Smile and designate CES as your charitable organization so that you can earn for your school!



## SPIRIT WEAR

### Show your Cardinal Pride



See the attached flyer for more information and link to the spirit wear shop.



Register your store card using our ID#20267. Visit [martinsfoods.com](http://martinsfoods.com) to sign in or create an account to register your card today. The deadline for enrollment is 1/31.

# SCHOOL SPIRIT

## Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners!



**Cutest PreK-2nd:**  
Addison Link (1st grade)



**Scariest PreK-2nd:**  
Molly Quader (1st grade)



**Most Original PreK-2nd:**  
Ivy Anderson  
(Kindergarten)



**Cutest 3rd-5th:**  
Riley Porter (3rd grade)



**Scariest 3rd-5th:**  
Hanna Hinsley (5th grade)



**Most Original 3rd-5th:**  
Ben Daniels (3rd grade)



**Rocky Says,**  
"Check  
The Lost &  
Found!"

**MISPLACED  
SOMETHING?**



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### School Spirit Upcoming Event:

In December, the Spirit Committee will  
be hosting a Holiday Lights Contest.

More details to come.



# SPIRITWEAR FOR EVERYONE



<https://uniformateam.com/collections/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.

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THE NEW  
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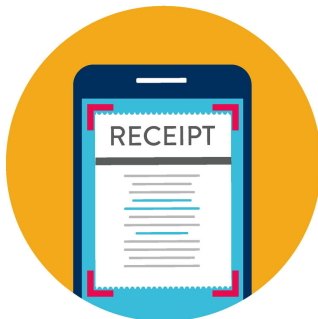


## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

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



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

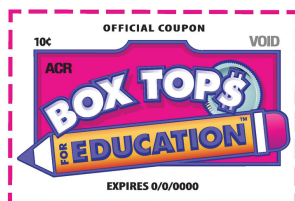
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### 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.



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