

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

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## President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Community,

Once again, our PTA has amazed me. Since our last newsletter:

- Our Spirit Committee, led by Kelly McGonigal and Christine Wassmann, conducted our holiday lights contest (see later in this newsletter for a list of winners).
- Our Fun Run Committee, led by Krista Porter and Carolyn Coyle, has been working hard for the kickoff of this year's virtual Dance Fit.
- For those of you new to Carrolltowne, Birthday Books, led by Krista Tolentino, normally gifts children with a book of their choosing in the month of their birthdays. Instead, Krista has found a book for each grade and purchased copies for each child, to be distributed in the next several weeks.
- Krista Tolentino has also partnered with our Literacy Committee, headed by Jen Parisi and with the help of Carolyn Coyle, to organize literacy boxes to accompany the books. Our Literacy Committee will also be working with Mrs. Dupree and Mrs. Becker to schedule pop-in visits to the classes to read these birthday books to the kids.
- Our Hospitality Committee, led by Erin Link and with the help of Jessica Murphy, delivered individual hand lotions to our staff at school so they can pamper their hands, which they've been washing so much more frequently.
- Our Community Service Committee, headed by Karena Wickersham, is organizing a donation drive for the elderly in a Westminster nursing home. More details to come.
- Kristen Morinelli, the chair of our Yearbook Committee, has conducted a fifth-grade cover art contest and is preparing for the first meeting of the fifth-grade Yearbook Club. Congratulations to Grace Lehmann for the winning cover design and to Seby Rodgers and Madison Quader for their tying second-place designs, which will appear on the back cover.
- And our Fundraising Committee, led by Jessica Reinartz, has been continuing to work with local businesses to coordinate spirit nights, where our school community can support the wider community, and these businesses can donate some of their proceeds to the school.

Like usual, our PTA has remained active and committed to supporting our children and their school. Please consider donating via our Dance Fit next month to continue to support these and future activities.

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.

## Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be February 4, 2021.

Please see the PTA Facebook or webpage for Zoom meeting logon information.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Feb 1 - No School for Students (Teacher Work Day)

Feb 1 - Dance Fit Kick Off/Donations Open

Feb 4 - PTA Meeting via Zoom

Feb 10 - 100th Day of School

Feb 15 - Schools/Offices Closed

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

## Fundraising

### \*A Look at Upcoming Spirit Nights\*

- Tuesday, Feb 23rd @ **J&P Pizza**
- Monday, Mar 22nd @ **Panera**



## Dance Fit

### Dance Fit Fundraising Event Coming Soon!



We're just a few weeks away from our DANCE FIT event! This is going to be a great opportunity for all students to participate in a high-energy event which will allow them to show their school spirit and help make a difference for our school.

Here are a few things to know about this important fundraiser:

- This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it doesn't require any selling of items! We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!
- All families can support our school by either donating or sharing your child's fundraising link with others, or both!
- All students get to participate in the Event day, regardless of financial participation!

Next week, we'll share emails and Facebook posts where you'll learn more about how to easily register your child, how to donate and share links, and how your child, their homeroom, and the entire school can qualify for participation prizes!

Key dates to remember:

2/1: Fundraiser Kick Off/Donating Opens: Register on [funrun.com](http://funrun.com)  
 2/22 - 2/26 Dance Fit Event during your child's PE class (Hybrid or Virtual)

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## Yearbook Photo Opportunities

Hey parents!

Yearbook is still accepting parent photos for possible inclusion in this year's school yearbook. Please send CES related event photos of your kids to [yearbooksubmissions@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:yearbooksubmissions@carrolltownepta.com). In the subject line, please identify "100th Day," "Dance Fit" "STEM Experiments," etc. Please only include photos of your own children.

Spirit

## Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

**Most Traditional- The Daniels Family**



**Most Colorful- The Freedman Family**



**Most Inflatables- The Lockett Family**



**Most Creative- The Zycherman Family**



**These festive families won a family hot chocolate kit!  
Congratulations!!**

### 2020-2021 PTA Officers

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**NEW!**

**BOOSTERTHON**

# **DANCE FIT**

Break out those dancing shoes, because our new indoor fundraiser combines challenging exercises with super-fun dance videos! Led by Booster's enthusiastic team and created in partnership with Just Dance, the legendary dancing game from Ubisoft, this all-inclusive event combines the best of two worlds—dance and fitness.







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