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Carrolltowne Elementary

PTA

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President's Message

I hope everyone has enjoyed the surprise breaks that snow days bring. My kids have enjoyed this winter immensely, and I hope you've had a similar situation in your home. Even though the kids have gotten a few unscheduled breaks, our PTA keeps trucking along. Some of our highlights since our last newsletter:

- Our Hospitality Committee, led by Erin Link, honored Ms. Stacey during School Counselor Week by having flowers from a local florist delivered to her.
- Our Yearbook Committee, led by Kristen Morinelli, held their first meeting via Zoom. The kids learned the program for designing the pages and have begun the task of building our yearbook.
- Our Performing Arts Committee, led by Megan Daniels and myself and with the help of our team, Krista Porter, Jessica Reinartz, Kelly McGonigal, and Jessica Heistand, have opened registration for this year's virtual play to our grades 3-5 students.
- Our Fun Run Committee, led by Krista Porter and Carolyn Coyle, kicked off our Dance Fit event, despite snow day interruptions, including a welcome at school from Rocky.
- Our Fundraising Committee, led by Jessica Reinartz, held a spirit night at Jersey Mike's.
- At the PTA general meeting, members voted to increase some of our committee budgets to accommodate our amazing committee chairs, as they have adapted their programs for our virtual environment this year.

We still have more in store for our kids this year! To hear our plans and take part, please join us at our next PTA meeting on April 8 at 7:00 via Zoom. We look forward to hearing from you!

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!

Feb 22-26 - Dance Fit during students' PE classes

Feb 23 - Parent Requested Teacher Conferences

Feb 23 - J&P Pizza Spirit Night

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

Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be April 8, 2021.

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



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search for:
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Hospitality

We'll be celebrating our fantastic instructional assistants on February 24, and we are also looking for ways to give the CES staff a token of appreciation each month. If you can help us out, please reach out to Erin Link at hospitality@carrolltownepta.com, or find us on our Facebook group, "Carrolltowne ES Hospitality Committee."

Fundraising

We have a Spirit Night at J&P Pizza in Eldersburg on February 23. We will receive a portion of the profits of dine-in and carryout orders only - no deliveries. Please consider supporting our school and a local business at the same time!



Yearbook Photo Opportunities

The Yearbook Committee is looking for candid shots of kids for the yearbook. We have a new and simple way to upload your photos for possible inclusion in this year's yearbook. Please go to <https://carrolltowneyearbook20202021.shutterfly.com>. Once there, if you haven't already, create a free Shutterfly account and request permission to upload photos. We are currently looking for submissions for the following categories:

- Band and orchestra, with instruments if possible
- 1st day of school
- Fall/Halloween costumes/pumpkins
- Snow Days
- Battle of the Books (include team name)



Please have submissions for these by February 22. And thanks for making this year's yearbook successful!



Dance Fit Fundraising Event



We're just one week 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!

If you haven't already, it's easy to register your child, donate, and share links to your student's page. Learn how your child, their homeroom, and the entire school can qualify for participation prizes!



Fundraiser Donating Is Open! Register on funrun.com
2/22 - 2/26 Dance Fit Event during your child's PE class (Hybrid or Virtual)



Performing Arts Carrolltowne Players



The Carrolltowne Players are producing a 100% virtual play this year for students in grades 3-5. If your child is interested in auditioning, please register by February 19 at <https://forms.gle/wVJR1ZVeMMMvmXHE6>.



Community Service

Show your love to the elderly residents of Golden Crest Assisted Living in Westminster and Hampstead by donating any of the following NEW items:

- Chocolates
- Crackers
- Stuffed animals
- Stationary
- Note pads
- Word search books
- Costume jewelry
- Student-made cards



A collection bin will be placed outside the front doors of CES March 1-31. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Birthday Books and Literacy Committees

We have some very exciting news to share!

Our committees have teamed up to provide each student with a literacy bag containing a new book and other fun surprises to celebrate National Read Across America Day on March 2. They will be distributed in early March to in-person students, and communication will be sent out regarding distribution to virtual students. We are so happy to be able to give each student a book this year!



BOX TOPS - Business Products Passive Fundraisers



You can earn Box Tops for your school with participating products. See a full list of products at BTfE.com, including Pillsbury and Annies.

When doing your everyday shopping on Amazon, why not contribute to CES by logging into Amazon Smile and designating CES as your charity.



March Box Tops Contest:

Win a \$25 gift card to Martin's by downloading the Box Tops app and sending a screenshot of your home screen to businessproducts@carrolltownepta.com. All entered names will be put in a drawing, and the winner will be picked at random in early April.

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NEW!

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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.





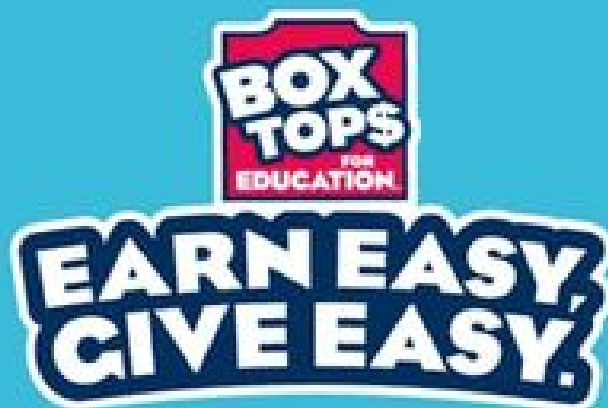
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