

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

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## President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Community,

Welcome to quarter 2 and more opportunities for involvement in our kids' school community! Take a look at what we've done this past month:

- Karena Wickersham, chair of our Community Service Committee, has been collecting items for our donation drive for Together We Own It and will be assembling backpacks for kids in Carroll County.
- Bekka Galinat and Lizz Miller, chairs of our Hospitality Committee, sent flowers to our school psychologist in recognition of School Psychology Week.
- Krista Porter and Megan Sines, chairs of our Fun Run Committee, pulled off our most successful Fun Run ever, collecting more than \$33,000 in donations.
- Kelly McGonigal and Kristie McCorkill, chairs of the Spirit Committee, organized our Spirit Week (and kept us entertained with meme reminders on our Facebook page).
- The Performing Arts Committee has been working to secure rights to our annual school play and prepare for auditions. (See later this newsletter for the big announcement!)

This week we were contacted by the administration at the school with a request for funds. So far this year, 10 projectors have broken and been replaced, at the expense of our school's budget. This expense was unexpected but necessary; however, Carrolltowne now needs help to maintain subscriptions, including for BrainPOP, which annually costs about \$3,100. BrainPOP is a fantastic service that provides supplemental lessons and fun quizzes to enrich our children's educational experience (<https://www.brainpop.com/>). Our teachers use BrainPOP regularly to engage kids and deepen understanding in their classrooms. Because the subscription lapses in January and our next scheduled meeting isn't until February, we will be calling a special general meeting on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to vote on this issue. Please consider attending this meeting in support of kids. Details for this meeting appear later this newsletter.

A final reminder: As we open up more in-person activities, please keep in mind that we must comply with masking requirements for all indoor events, whether during school hours or after. Also, if you would like to be eligible to volunteer, you must complete volunteer training at <https://ext.carrollk12.org/volunteerext/>

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas!  
Happy Thanksgiving!

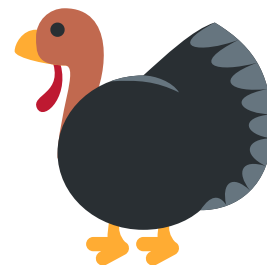
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## Special General PTA Meeting

**WEDNESDAY DEC. 1, 2021.**

Zoom Meeting info:  
Meeting ID: 836 2424 3478  
Passcode: GoCards21



## Future PTA Meetings

- February 3, 7 p.m.
- April 7, 7 p.m.
- June 2, 7 p.m.



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PTA Community*

## Spirit Night

Thank you to all who have participated in our fundraisers this fall! Our monthly spirit nights continue through the holidays!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 15th at Chick-Fil-A.

Stay tuned for more fundraisers coming your way in the new year!



## Community Service

Until 11/30/21, we will be collecting basic items that will be organized and assembled into backpacks based on gender and age.



You may send the items in to school with your child or drop them off yourself. Bins are located inside and outside the main doors.

Parents: If dropping off yourself, please use outside bin or ring for assistance. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## Spirit Holiday Decorating Contest



Dig out your holiday lights, inflatables, and decorations for the 2nd Annual Carrolltowne Holiday Home Decorating Contest, sponsored by the PTA!



Winners will receive a family hot chocolate kit!



Registration opens  
December 1

(More information to come)





Carrolltowne Players  
proudly present:



## Performing Arts

Auditions for this year's Carrolltowne Players' production of Junie B. Jones Jr. are December 16 and 17! The play is open to any K-5 child attending Carrolltowne. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning after winter break. The show opens April 8 and 9. Please attend our information session on Wednesday, December 1, immediately following our PTA meeting on Zoom.

## Volunteer Information

Beginning with the second quarter of the 2021-2022 school year, volunteers will be permitted to assist with indoor activities including the ability to support instruction in the classroom. Volunteers will not be permitted to eat with students in the cafeteria during lunch periods, since masks are not able to be worn.

All volunteers must complete training before volunteering: <https://ext.carrollk12.org/volunteerext/>



Rocky Says,  
"Check  
The Lost &  
Found!"

MISPLACED  
SOMETHING?



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# DT & Mobile Spirit Day

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:00pm – 8:00pm



Come support Carrolltowne Elementary PTA. Mention Spirit Day in the Drive-thru. Mobile orders enter SPIRIT DAY for Special Instructions under "My Order".



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