

The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of
Carrolltowne Elementary

PTA[®]

everychild.one voice.[®]



September 2022 Vol.5, Issue 1

carrolltownepta.com



President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Community,

I wish to welcome you all back to this special school community. This is the first year since 2019 that we've begun with a pretty normal start to the school year, and we're getting back up to full speed with all the things that help make Carrolltowne magical. Even before the year started, the PTA has accomplished the following:

- Budget planning session comprised of all the committee chairs
- School agendas for each student in grades 2 to 5
- Rita's Italian ice for attendees at Carrolltowne's Open House (special thanks to Kelly McGonigal for organizing)
- Welcome Back breakfast for all staff (special thanks to Bekka Galinat and Lizz Miller)
- Donation collection for fundraising (special thanks to Jess Reinartz and Vanessa Sybrandy)
- Boo Hoo Social for our kindergarten parents (special thanks to Kourtney Roussey and Andrea Michael for organizing)

And here is an A-Z of just some of the events we're planning this year:

- After-school clubs
- Birthday books
- Carrolltowne Players' annual production
- Fun Run
- Holiday shop
- Mobile aquatics lab
- Multicultural fair
- Outdoor movie night
- Toys for Tots toy drive
- Trunk-or-Treat

President's Message

In addition to all this, the PTA's main focus this year will be a multipronged fundraising campaign to build a new recess play structure. As many of you are aware, over the summer, a large portion of the recess playground was removed for safety issues. This year, you will have ample opportunities to support this cause, whether it's through donations, volunteering, organizing, or any combination of these. We will all need to pull together to make our new playground a reality.

I want to thank the new executive board for their continued support and enthusiasm to make Carrolltowne a welcoming community for all: Vice President Kelly McGonigal, Treasurer Scott McCadden, and Secretary Bryanna Parish.

If you plan on volunteering at Carrolltowne, you must complete the online volunteer training for Carroll County Public Schools, available at <https://www.carrollk12.org/operation/human-resources/volunteer-program>. Please note that it can take up to a week to be approved, so do it early so you're able to volunteer all year long.

Finally, I welcome you to join the PTA (see later this newsletter) and attend our bimonthly meetings. Our first meeting is immediately following Back-to-School Night on September 19 in the cafeteria. All attendees (members, nonmembers, and staff) will be entered into a drawing for a family four-pack of Hershey Park tickets! If you have any questions or concerns this year, please reach out to me any time at president@carrolltownepta.com.

Niki Guinan
President

ATTENTION

First PTA Meeting of the Year

September 15th @ 8:15

Join us immediately following Back-to-School Night in the cafeteria.

Raffle for Hershey Park Tickets - One for Attendance, One for Joining PTA, One for Enrolling in Givebacks via PTA Membership in MemberHub

Future PTA Meetings

- November 3, 7 p.m.
- February 2, 7 p.m.
- April 13, 7 p.m.
- June 1, 7 p.m.



2022-2023 PTA Executive Committee

President: Niki Guinan
president@carrolltownepta.com

Vice-President: Kelly McGonigal
vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com

Treasurer: Scott McCadden
treasurer@carrolltownepta.com

Secretary: Bryanna Parish
secretary@carrolltownepta.com



PTA Committees

- Birthday Books Program (Mindy Stiffler, chair): birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com
- Community Service (Karena Wickersham, chair):
communityservice@carrolltownepta.com
- Cultural Arts/Diversity (Omosigho Osian, chair): cultural@carrolltownepta.com
- Fundraising (Jessica Reinartz, chair): fundraising@carrolltownepta.com
- Fun Run (Krista Porter and Megan Sines, chairs): funrun@carrolltownepta.com
- Hospitality (Bekka Galinat and Lizz Miller, chairs): hospitality@carrolltownepta.com
- Literacy (Jen Parisi, chair): literacy@carrolltownepta.com
- Membership (Courtney Risty and Kim Milby, chairs): membership@carrolltownepta.com
- Performing Arts (Megan Daniels and Niki Guinan, chairs):
performingarts@carrolltownepta.com
- School Spirit (Kelly McGonigal and Lindsay Holbig, chairs): spirit@carrolltownepta.com
- STEM (Alicia Gipe, chair): stem@carrolltownepta.com
- Sunshine (Karena Wickersham, chair): sunshine@carrolltownepta.com
- Website (Wendy Janes, chair): webmaster@carrolltownepta.com
- Yearbook (JoAnna Robbins and Kourtney Roussey, chairs):
yearbook@carrolltownepta.com

Membership



Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Staff, Administrators, Grandparents
We need YOU join our PTA.
Together we make a difference.

<https://carrolltowneespta.memberhub.com/store>
Teacher/Staff, \$5 -- Indv. Membership, \$9 -- Double Membership, \$14



Rocky Says,
"Check
The Lost &
Found!"

MISPLACED
SOMETHING?



Events & Dates To Remember



- September 13th - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- September 15th, 6pm - Back-to-School Night
- September 23rd, 7pm - Outdoor Movie Night
- September 26th - E.W. Becks Spirit Night
- October 4th - Picture Day
- October 10th - Nora's Spirit Night

Fundraising

Fundraising is focusing all efforts this year on gathering funds to replace our playground! Your help is critical in ensuring our success. We will be having monthly spirit night events, an ongoing business sponsor drive, as well as additional fundraisers throughout the year. Please follow the PTA calendar as well as be on the lookout for flyers and announcements to participate in upcoming events. Thanks in advance for all of your continued support!



Spirit Nights

Mark your calendars for our September and October spirit events!

Tuesday, 9/13 at Chick-Fil-A
 Monday, 9/26 at E.W. Beck's
 Monday, 10/10 at Nora's.

Hospitality



Hospitality committee put on The Welcome Back Staff Breakfast for our wonderful staff the first day they were back in the building and provided a small back to school survival kit to welcome our staff back for another great year. Next month we will be celebrating our awesome Custodial Staff.

If you'd like to help with this committee please contact Bekka Galinat
hospitality@carrolltownepta.com

Fun Run

Are you ready? Our school Fun Run fundraiser is here! Our goal is to reach \$100,000 for for a new playground. Log on to MYBOOSTER.COM today to register. Each student will receive a inflatable guitar for registering! Don't forget to click the "share" button to send to family and friends. Every share and donation counts!

We appreciate your support more than you know. More details and contest to come as we get closer!



Key dates to remember:
 Donating Opens on mybooster.com - 9/8
 Event Day - 10/20
 Rain Date - 10/24

Please register your student today at mybooster.com

Birthday Books



Greetings from the Birthday Book committee! We are excited to be back in classrooms distributing books again this year! As always, during the month of their birthday, each child will have the opportunity to choose a grade-level-appropriate book to keep, compliments of the PTA! Happy reading!

*Those with summer birthdays will choose their books during the spring.

Performing Arts

Follow the yellow brick road to The Carrolltowne Players' production of Wizard of Oz!

Premiers March 3rd & 4th

Parent Meeting to come in October



Spirit Committee



Join us for Outdoor Movie Night!

When: Friday, September 23rd Where: CES Parking Lot



Seating begins at 6:45pm, movie will begin at dark (around 7:15pm). Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. This event is free and no reservation needed. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be for sale. Please park in the parking lot behind Petco.

Click on the link below to vote for the movie! Voting is open until 9/19. The movie with the most votes will be announced on Tuesday, 9/20.

<https://forms.gle/A9fzkz5j1DR41wBA9>



Spirit wear sale is coming soon! Look for an email and FB post for details!

Save the date for these fun October events! More details to follow!
 Spirit Week 10/17-10/20
 Trunk or Treat 10/28 6:30pm



Community Service

Please consider donating to Carrolltowne Elementary School's Fall Community Service Project:

My School Cares Program, Courtesy of the Greater Baltimore Area Chick-fil-A Restaurants
Toys for Tots Toy Drive

ABOUT TOYS FOR TOTS: The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. The objectives of the Foundation are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources-our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to improving communities in the future.

LEARN MORE: www.toysfortots.org

PARTICIPATION PRIZE: Each student who donates a new toy (valued at minimum of \$10.00) will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A Kids Meal.

COLLECTION DATES: We are collecting new toys during the month of October in a collection bin inside the front entrance of Carrolltowne Elementary School.

Thank you for your consideration!

Questions/comments? Contact Karena Wickersham, Carrolltowne PTA Community Service Committee, karenawickersham@yahoo.com



Community Sponsor



- Inspection of New/Existing Homes
- Before Sale Previews
- Water Testing
- Building Consulting/Problem Solving
- Baltimore County Landlord Inspections
- Termite Reports
- Follow Up Inspections
- Radon Testing
- New Home/Builder Warranty Inspection
- Lead Testing (Lead Safe and Lead Free)

Baltimore
(410) 788-2432
Toll Free:
(888) 224-9831



www.homecheckinspectionservice.com



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search for:
Carrolltowne Elementary
PTA Community

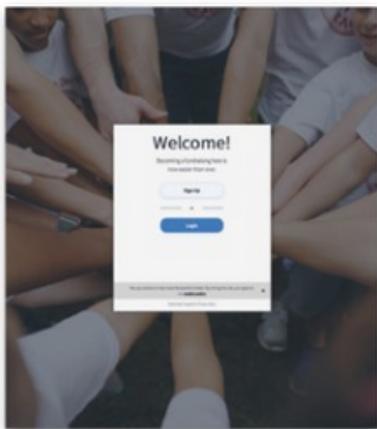
View Past Issues of Our Newsletter
at carrolltownepta.com/newsletters



HOW TO REGISTER ON MYBOOSTER.COM

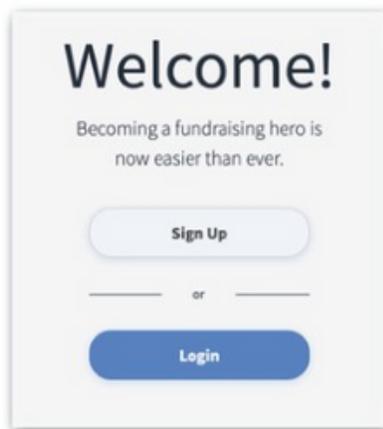
STEP 1

Go to **MYBOOSTER.COM**



STEP 2

Click "Sign Up."



STEP 3

Click "I'm a Parent/Guardian."



STEP 4

Enter your name, email, etc.

A screenshot of the 'Sign Up' form. It includes fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Confirm Email', 'Password', and 'Phone Number'. There are also dropdown menus for 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year' under 'Your Birthday'. A 'Create Account' button is at the bottom.

STEP 5

Search for your school name.

A screenshot of the 'Search for a school or event' page. A search box contains the text 'STEM'. Below the search box, there are search results for 'Stem School Highlands Ranch', 'Stem PTO JustFit', and 'HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO'. A link 'Click here for help searching for your school' is at the bottom.

STEP 6

Enter Student's Name and Select Classroom.

A screenshot of the 'Register Student' page. It features an 'Upload Photo' button, fields for 'Student First Name' and 'Student Last Name', a 'Select Classroom' dropdown menu, and an 'Add Student' button. There is also a checkbox for 'I agree to the terms of participation'.

Box must be checked for "Terms of Participation."

To start pledging click "Enter Pledge" or "View Participant's Dashboard" to get links to share with friends and family.



BECOME A CARROLLTOWNE PLAYGROUND SPONSOR!

Carrolltowne Elementary
PTA
everychild.onevoice®

Carrolltowne Elementary PTA, a 501(c)(3) organization, is looking for local businesses to partner with to provide a quality playground for our students. By becoming a sponsor, you will not only gain increased business, but you will also directly improve the lives of countless children in our community for years to come. Your support is critical. In return for your donation, your business will receive three areas of recognition:

1. An advertisement in each month's PTA newsletter, distributed to the families and educators of more than 600 students. (Note: Advertisements apply to the 2022-2023 school year only.)
2. An advertisement in the 2023 Carrolltowne Players' Playbill. The Carrolltowne Players produces a student play each year that sells 1,200 tickets each season.
3. Inclusion of your business name on a plaque to be displayed at the new playground. (Note: Only for Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels.)

We have four levels of sponsorship to choose from:

BRONZE: \$500 to \$999

Advertisement in our newsletter and playbill

SILVER: \$1,000 to \$2,499

A quarter-page advertisement and a small name on the plaque

GOLD: \$2,500 to \$4,999

A half-page advertisement and a medium name on the plaque

PLATINUM: \$5,000 or more

A full-page advertisement and a large name on the plaque

Interested? We hope so! Fill out the information below and return it to us at the listed address. It's that simple! If you have any questions, please reach out to fundraising@carrolltownepta.com. Thank you!

Prefer to Give a Donation Instead?
Use the QR Code below for direct donations!



Have products we can include in silent auction baskets? Email us @ fundraising@carrolltownepta.com

!

Please send the following information, a check made payable to *Carrolltowne Elementary School PTA*, and advertisement to:

Carrolltowne Elementary School PTA, 6542 Ridge Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

Name (as you want listed on the sign): _____

Contact Email Address/Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Level of Sponsorship: _____

Would you like a tax receipt? Yes / No

Please include a copy of the advertisement you would like us to use or email a copy to Bryanna Parish at secretary@carrolltownepta.com.

DT & Mobile Spirit Day

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 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".



Eldersburg FSU
6032 Sykesville Rd, Eldersburg, MD 21784
www.chick-fil-a.com/eldersburg
www.facebook.com/CFAEldersburg

EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK
FOR THE
LABEL:



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 YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!

See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfe.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. You can still clip them and send them to school, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfe.com)

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





Dear Families,

During the ups and downs of the past couple of school years, one thing is certain: teachers and students need more help than ever before. Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to support our school.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 25 years, and it really can make a difference. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost **one billion dollars to schools since 1996**. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital, giving participants the ability to earn for any school across the country with just the touch of a button.

And now, Box Tops is building on its longstanding commitment to education by giving participants an easy way to help schools in need. The Box Tops app recently added functionality that allows you to search for schools that could use a little extra help, so you can help give students in low-income schools the opportunity to succeed.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your designated school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your digital or email receipt and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Learn more about how to submit digital receipts at
[BTFE.COM/EMAILGROCERYRECEIPTS](https://www.btfefund.com/emailgroceryreceipts)

See a list of participating products at
[BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfefund.com/products)

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!



LEARN MORE ABOUT
BOX TOPS AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfefund.com)

AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

You can now support your favorite charity on iPhone & Android phones



AmazonSmile benefits



Same products, same prices, no cost to you

AmazonSmile has the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping as the Amazon you know.



Generate donations

AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favorite charity when you shop.



Maximize your impact

Support your favorite charity with every eligible AmazonSmile purchase from your phone or web browser.



Maximize your impact

Support your favorite charity with every eligible AmazonSmile purchase from your phone or web browser.



Support your favorite charity

Choose from over a million local and national charities. Change your charity any time.

How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

1

Join AmazonSmile

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up at smile.amazon.com. Simply select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

2

Get the app

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.

3

Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

AmazonSmile in the app is not available for iPads and other tablet devices

To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, type smile.amazon.com into the browser.