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A Newsletter of
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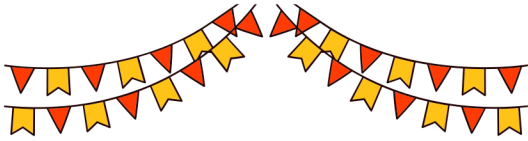
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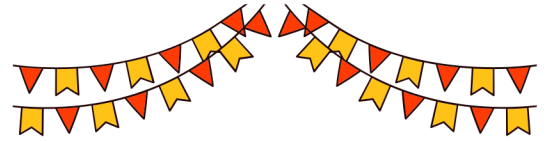


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President's Message

Welcome back, Carrolltowne Community. I hope your break was restful for you and your family. I'm going to diverge from my normal presidential message of highlights from our committees this month to explain the many things we've been busy with.

I first want to thank the members who registered and showed up for our very quick Zoom meeting on January 4. This was a previously unscheduled meeting that I called to vote on a budget amendment. Our school needed help funding another year of BrainPOP for our students, and we met to approve reallocation of unused funds from our Field Trips line item to purchase this annual subscription for \$2,917.69. I'm happy to say that our membership stepped up to support our students and unanimously approved this reallocation. Thank you.

I also want to take a moment to express the gratitude I have for our community, past and present, who came together to pull off an extraordinary, fun-filled fundraising event with our first-ever Winter Carnival, especially Krista Porter and Vanessa Primavera-Sybrandy. Krista, without hesitation, volunteered this past summer and brought her Fun Run expertise to the table to organize the event at Stratosphere Social, coordinate the carnival games with an assist from Red Barn Ranch, and collect sponsorships. Vanessa worked tirelessly for months soliciting and collecting donations and putting together more than 80 baskets for a silent auction, with 100% of the proceeds coming back to Carrolltowne's Playground Fund. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. I also want to thank my executive board, Scott McCadden, Bryanna Parish, and Kelly McGonigal, for jumping in to fill in for me at this event when I had prior engagements I could not miss. I'm indebted to you all. It was because of this whole team and the community who came out to support us that we were able to collect more than \$12,000 for our playground! Congratulations and thank you! We have now tipped the halfway point of our Playground Fund!

On January 13, Scott McCadden and I testified in front of Senator Justin Ready, Delegate April Rose, and the other members of Carroll County's delegation on behalf of Carrolltowne to ask for a bond initiative from the state to support our playground. This bond is worth \$50,000, and we should find out if we will receive these funds in April.

President's Message

Finally, if there is ever any question or concern regarding events, fundraising efforts, notices, or any other function of our PTA, please feel free to email our executive board for more information and clarification. The goal of the current board and the PTA as a whole is to support our amazing school and every teacher, staff, and student who is a part of its great community. We welcome open dialog and collaboration, as only through active engagement can we hope to strengthen our commitment to our Cardinal family.

Niki Guinan
President

Events & Dates To Remember

- January 27th - End of Quarter, Schools Closed
- January 30th - Professional Development Day, Schools Closed
- February 2nd - PTA Meeting in CES Media Center, 7pm
- February 14th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night



Next PTA Meeting

Join us February 2nd at 7 p.m. in the CES Media Center.

Please register here:

<https://forms.gle/CHyeXFnuqhk3v4eq6>

Preregistration is required to receive the zoom link to attend virtually or to receive child care during the meeting if attending in-person.

Future PTA Meetings

- April 13, 7 p.m.
- June 1, 7 p.m.

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



Yearbook

The Yearbook Cover Contest winners are here...

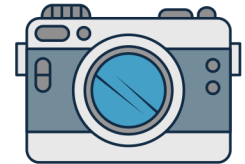
Congratulations to Laila Russo and Reese Porter!

Their work will appear on the front and back cover of the 2022-2023 Yearbook, respectively. The club is working hard on yearbook layout and uploading the student pictures taken by Lifetouch earlier this year.



Save the date for January 26th for Lifetouch to be at CES to take club & candid pictures for the Yearbook.

Lifetouch



Performing Arts (Carrolltowne Players)

CARROLLTOWNE PLAYERS
PRESENTS

THE WIZARD of OZ

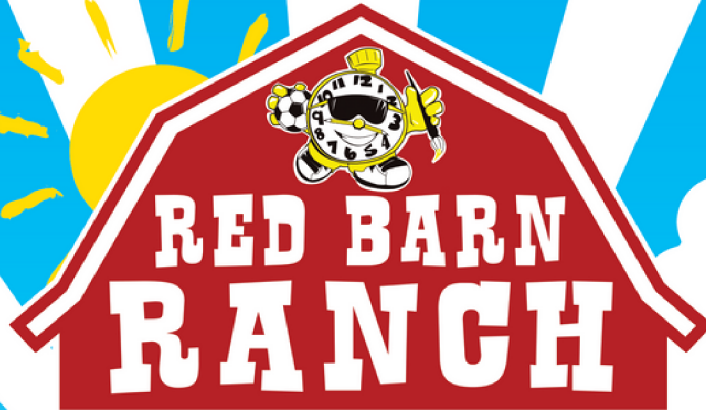
Coming to the Carrolltowne Stage
March 3, 7:00
and
March 4, 2:00 and 7:00
Tickets on sale in February

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2022-2023 PTA Executive Committee

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Treasurer: Scott McCadden
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secretary@carrolltownepta.com



BECOME A CARROLLTOWNE PLAYGROUND SPONSOR!



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

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

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!

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

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Community Announcement

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CARROLLTOWNE CAFETERIA

Contact Cubmaster Steve
at howes2005@gmail.com

Community Announcement



Message from Director: Hello families, it has been such an exciting school year thus far at Caliday at Carrolltowne. We have had such great experiences and memories within our program. Students have enjoyed exploring the new and improved curriculum and enjoyed taking part of the experiments/brain boosters. I'm looking forward to this upcoming month as we continue to grow and learn together. Furthermore, this month's curriculum we will be exploring the topics of Curiosity and Oddities.



Important Dates: DON'T FORGET!!

- 1/3 – Caliday Re-opens
- 1/16- Caliday will be closed-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/27-Caliday TBD
- 1/30 Caliday Full Day Care (please be sure to sign-up)



Meet the Staff: This is the current staff list, along with myself, and I couldn't be happier to have them.

- Ms. Haleemeh- Program Director
- Ms. Alicia- School-Age Teacher
- Mr. Marvin- School-Age Support Teacher
- Ms. Lynsey- School-Age Support Teacher
- Mr. Owen-Teacher's Aide



Reminder(s):

- Caliday Families, please take note of our upcoming closure dates.
- Please remember to sign your child in/out with the time AND your Signature.
- The weather is getting chilly and is unpredictable. However, we are still going outside when the weather permits. Please, send your child with the appropriate outerwear.
- Caliday has given ALL children Caliday T-Shirts. We highly encourage all students to wear their T-Shirts every Tuesday in support of Caliday Spirit.

January's Snacks:
Please see the January Snack Menu.

Contact Information: If you have any questions/concerns, please, feel free to contact me ASAP! Business Cell: 443-826-7456 (available 6:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.m.). Text is acceptable. If I don't answer, I will return all calls and texts the next business day. Email: pdccarrolltowne@caliday.org (ALL emails will be answered within 24-48 hours).