

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

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## President's Message

Hello Carrolltowne Community!

Since you last heard from me, our committees have continued to sponsor events that directly benefit our school community:

- A return of the Holiday Shop, led by Kelly McGonigal and Lindsay Holbig of the Spirit Committee, which had a huge turnout, including many former Carrolltowne students who've missed this popular event in the past few years.
- More planning for our Stratosphere Social event in January by Krista Porter and Vanessa Sybrandy, with an assist from the Sickels family of Red Barn Ranch
- A community sponsorship meeting headed by Molly Dolan to plan on soliciting funds from area companies for our playground
- The Yearbook Committee, led by JoAnna Robbins and Kourtney Roussey, initiating their cover contest for the fifth grade.
- A successful Toys for Tots toy drive, led by Karena Wickersham
- Play rehearsals for Wizard of Oz, led by Megan Daniels, Jess Reinartz, Krista Porter, Anna Kirker, Becky Seitz, Kristen Zycherman, and myself, with a very popular appearance by Mrs. K as a guest music director.

Our next PTA meeting, on February 2, 2023, will be hybrid to accommodate those who can't physically attend but who want to participate. To join a PTA meeting via Zoom, you will need to preregister. Please be on the lookout for a registration form to come out closer to the meeting.

The PTA wishes you and your family health and happiness going into the break and beyond. We hope you are able to reconnect and reset as a family during that time. And as always, I welcome your comments and questions at [president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com).

Niki Guinan  
President

## Events & Dates To Remember



- December 23rd - 2hr 45min Early Dismissal, no Pre-K
- December 23rd - Holiday Lights Contest Ends
- December 26th-January 2nd - Winter Break, Schools Closed
- December 31st - Glory Days Dining Dollars Ends
- January 10th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- January 11th - Stratosphere Event 5-9pm
- January 16th - MLK, Jr. Day, Schools Closed

## Spirit

Happy Holidays Carrolltowne!

Dig out your holiday lights, inflatables, and decorations for the 2022 Carrolltowne Holiday Home Decorating Contest, sponsored by the PTA! Categories include: Most Creative, Most Traditional, Most Colorful, and Most Inflatables. Winners will receive a family hot chocolate kit!

Here's how it works:

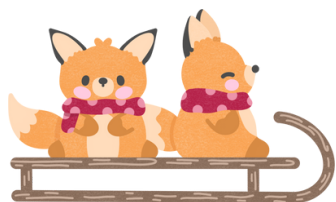
1. Decorate the exterior of your home with lights/inflatables/decorations.
2. Take a picture of your decorated home (this is best done in the evening so your lights really shine).
3. Fill out the form below and upload your picture. One form per family.
4. All entries must be received by Sunday, December 18th at 8pm.
5. Voting will take place December 19th-23rd.

<https://forms.gle/8HmuCGSGZqVup4MaA>

### Carrolltowne's Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Vote for your favorite decorated homes! Voting is open December 19th-23rd. Winners will be announced on our FB page on December 24th and will receive a family hot chocolate kit! One vote per student/teacher/staff please. Contest sponsored by the Carrolltowne Elementary PTA.

<https://forms.gle/GRWztntDsXfumPX27>



## Membership

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

<https://carrolltownepta.memberhub.com/store>

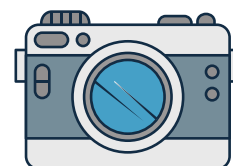
Teacher/Staff, \$5 -- Indv. Membership, \$9 --  
Double Membership, \$14

**JOIN NOW**

## Yearbook Committee

Yearbook committee has a theme selected  
and their cover contest is taking place.  
Winners will be announced after the new year.

Candid and club pictures will be scheduled  
soon!



## Hospitality Committee



Hospitality will provide hot cocoa and coffee for staff the day  
before winter break. I'm also looking for help with the hospitality  
committee for upcoming events in the new year.

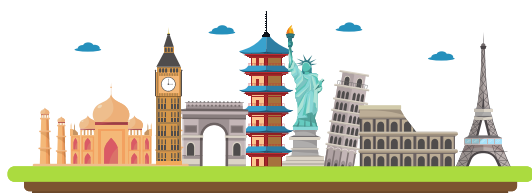


## Cultural Arts Committee

Look out for the cultural arts fair.  
Please join our Facebook page.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/790007022044609/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/790007022044609/?ref=share_group_link)

We need volunteers to help as events gets  
closer.



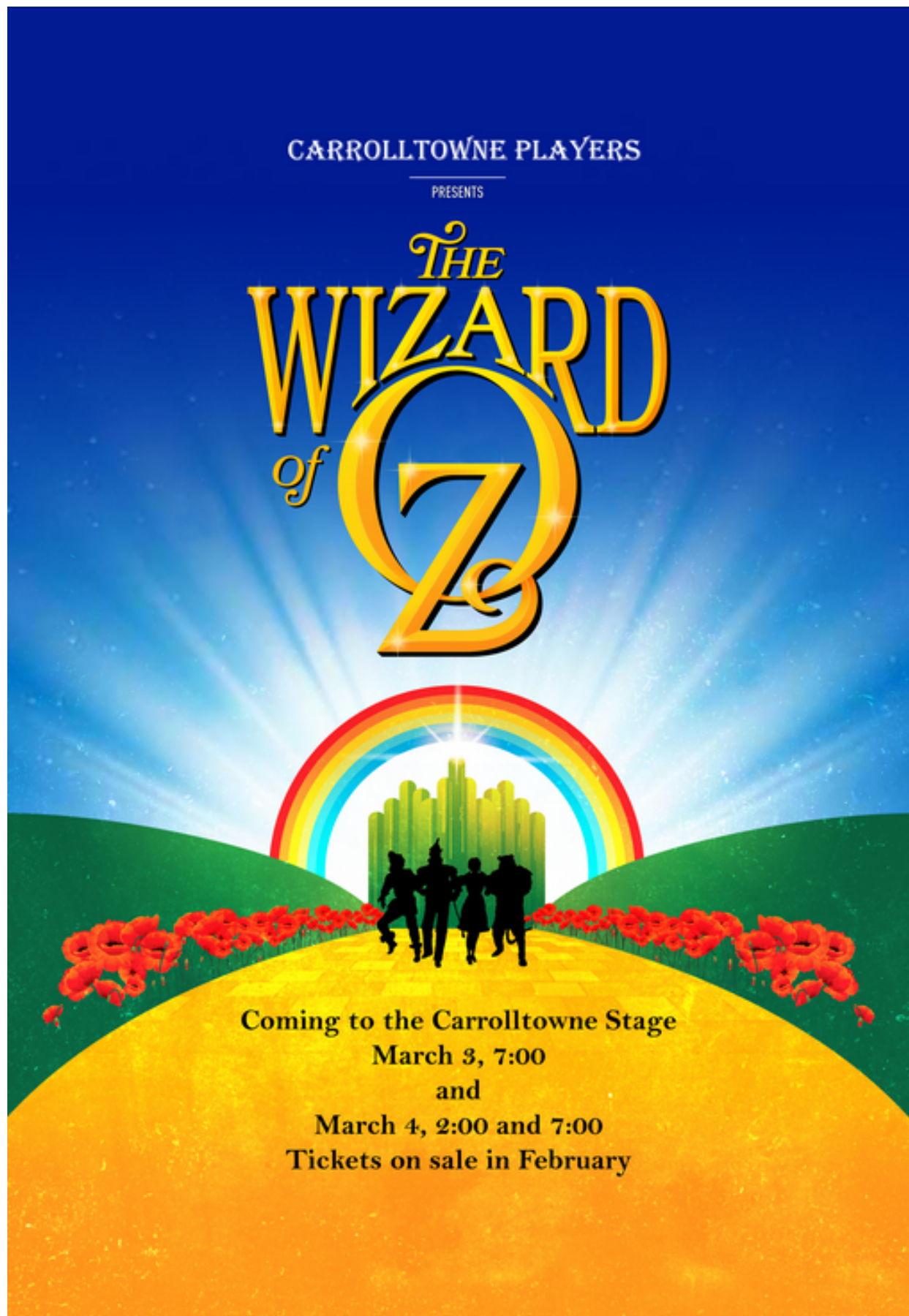
## Birthday Book Committee

Greetings from the Birthday Books  
committee! We have been staying busy  
delivering books to students! If your child has  
had a birthday during the months of  
September, October or November, (and some  
in December), they have had the opportunity  
to pick a book to keep! Ask them what they  
chose!



**Happy  
Birthday**

Performing Arts (Carrolltowne Players)



CARROLLTOWNE PLAYERS

PRESENTS

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Coming to the Carrolltowne Stage

March 3, 7:00

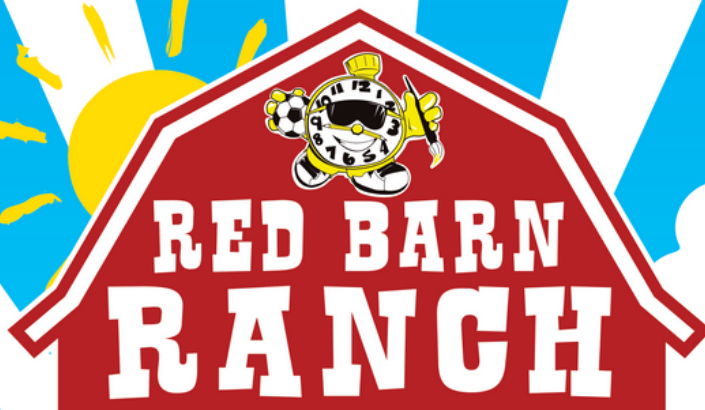
and

March 4, 2:00 and 7:00

Tickets on sale in February

Community Sponsor

**REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 1ST**



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**SUMMER CAMP**  
**2023**

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## Community Sponsor

### Our Eldersburg Branch Office

Full Service Banking Commercial Banking/Lending Division  
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## Future PTA Meetings

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



## Next PTA Meeting

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

There will be an option to attend  
virtually and preregistration will be  
required to receive the meeting's  
zoom link.

## 2022-2023 PTA Executive Committee

**President: Niki Guinan**  
[president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com)

**Vice-President: Kelly McGonigal**  
[vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com)

**Treasurer: Scott McCadden**  
[treasurer@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:treasurer@carrolltownepta.com)

**Secretary: Bryanna Parish**  
[secretary@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:secretary@carrolltownepta.com)



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STRATOSPHERE  
SOCIAL

**COME IN & SUPPORT**  
**Carrolltowne Elementary**  
**Playground Fund**

**Wednesday, January 11th**  
**5pm - 9pm**

**ALL proceeds from the SILENT AUCTION and CARNIVAL GAMES**  
**will go to the PLAYGROUND FUND.**

**2 tickets for \$1.00, 12 tickets for \$5.00 and 25 tickets for \$10.00!**

**CARROLLTOWNE will also receive 10% of any other sales**  
**(minus game cards)**

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**Axe Throwing can be reserved in advance at [stratospheresocial.com](http://stratospheresocial.com).**  
**Bowling Lanes are first come first served.**

**Guests MUST drop their receipts for food and activities in the various**  
**drop boxes placed throughout the facility for**  
**CARROLLTOWNE to get credit for any purchases.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

1332 Londontown Blvd. Sykesville, MD 21784 | 443-537-2626 | [EldersburgTrampolinePark.com](http://EldersburgTrampolinePark.com)



## **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

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](mailto: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](mailto:fundraising@carrolltownepta.com). Thank you!

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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](mailto:secretary@carrolltownepta.com).



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You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



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#### 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.

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You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!  
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfec.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.

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



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If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Simply select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

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### 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](https://smile.amazon.com) into the browser.



## Family Newsletter

**Message from Director:** Hello families, it has been such an exciting school year here at Caliday at Carrolltowne. Furthermore, it has been so rewarding to work with all of my students with our new and revamped curriculum. We have had such great responses from all of you and of course the students. Students have expressed their excitement, eagerness and positive feedback on the new changes. I'm looking forward to this upcoming month as we continue to grow and learn together.



### **Important Dates: DON'T FORGET!!**

- 12/23 - 1:05 Early School Dismissal (*Caliday will CLOSED for PM Care*)
- 12/24-01/02/23 Caliday will be closed (Happy Holidays).



**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. Ta'Niya- Sub/Teacher's Aide
- Ms. Lynsey- Teacher's Aide
- 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.

### **December's**

#### **Snacks:**

Please see the December 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](mailto:pdccarrolltowne@caliday.org) (ALL emails will be answered within 24-48 hours).