

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

*everychild.one voice.*



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## President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Community,

This message is a diversion from my normal recognition of all the PTA has done in the past month. Instead, I'm issuing a call to action to all our parents.

In 2021, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future was voted into law, a comprehensive plan to improve public education for all children in the state through five pillars:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. High-Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders
3. College and Career Readiness
4. More Resources to Ensure That All Students Are Successful
5. Governance and Accountability

Though we all want our children to have access to these pillars, at this time, there will be a budgetary shortfall in our schools, beginning next school year, to implement this law unless we, as stewards of our children's education, get involved.

The official National PTA slogan is "Every child, one voice." An important mission for all PTAs is to advocate for every child's education. This means becoming informed of the policies affecting our schools and then taking action to ensure our kids have access to the high-quality education we've all come to rely on.

I'm asking you to exercise your rights to have a say in the outcome of your child's public schooling by:

1. Reading up on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future at <https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org/>
2. Attending Superintendent Cindy McCabe's town hall on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Winter's Mill High School to learn more and ask questions
3. Writing our county commissioners asking them to fully fund CCPS's proposed budget
  - \* President Ed Rothstein ([erothstein@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:erothstein@carrollcountymd.gov))
  - \* Vice President Ken Kiler ([kkiler@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:kkiler@carrollcountymd.gov))
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  - \* District 4 Representative Michael Guerin ([mguerin@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:mguerin@carrollcountymd.gov))

4. Writing our representatives asking them to ensure every Carroll County public school has the funds it needs to operate fully

- \* Senator Justin Ready (justin.ready@senate.state.md.us)
- \* Senator Chris West (chris.west@senate.state.md.us)
- \* Delegate Eric Bouchat (christopher.bouchat@house.state.md.us)
- \* Delegate April Rose (april.rose@house.state.md.us)
- \* Delegate Joshua Stonko (joshua.stonko@house.state.md.us)
- \* Delegate Chris Tomlinson (chris.tomlinson@house.state.md.us)

5. Attending the Proposed Budget Community Presentation on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Eldersburg Library

6. Attending the Budget Public Hearing on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Carroll Community College's Scott Center

This may seem like a lengthy list, but I assure you that informing yourself about these policies and voicing your opinions to those who have the power to act on them will be well worth it. Our schools' budgets for next school year will be decided on May 23. After that time, it will be too late to act.

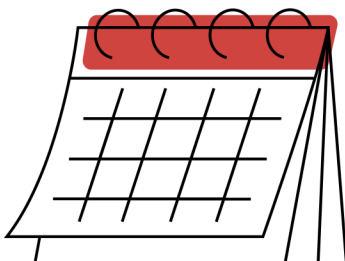
As always, please reach out to me at [president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Niki Guinan  
President

### Events & Dates To Remember

- April 2nd - Yearbook Orders Due
- April 5th - Early Dismissal, 2hr 45min, No Pre-K
- April 6th-April 11th - Schools Closed, Spring Break
- April 11th - Chick-Fil-A Night
- April 13th - PTA Meeting



### Future PTA Meetings

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

### Membership

It's not too late!

Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Staff,  
Administrators, Grandparents  
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Teacher/Staff, \$5 -- Indv. Membership, \$9 --  
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## Community Service

**DIAPER  
DRIVE**  
BENEFITTING



@Carrolltowne - May 1-31, 2023

### Items Collected:

#### Diapers

All sizes accepted,  
sizes 4-6 highest  
need

#### Pull-ups

All sizes

#### Baby Wipes

Open and unused packages of diapers  
and Pull-ups accepted  
[www.carrollbabv.org](http://www.carrollbabv.org)

## Fundraising

Thanks to all of your amazing help, we have raised \$125,000 towards our playground fund! Please continue to support and participate in all of our fundraising events. We can only be successful with your help.



Upcoming spirit nights:  
Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, 4/11.

## Community Advisory Council

As your Community Advisory Council (CAC) representative, I am strongly encouraging and recommending that you attend one of Superintendent McCabe's Blueprint town hall meetings. The Blueprint has lots of good intentions, but the implementation process will be a challenging time. It's so important to be aware of the intention and how the process will effect us here in Carroll County. The first was Monday 3/20 at 6pm at Century High School. The second one will be Wednesday, 4/19 at 6pm at Winters Mill High School.

If you are unable to attend either of the town hall meetings, here are a few things that you can still do to help our school system:

### Write to Our Delegates!

- Ask them to 1) loosen the restrictive nature of education funding,  
2) recalculate the formula for education funding, and/or  
3) grant waivers to districts that are struggling financially to implement parts of the Blueprint.

### Write to Our Commissioners!

Ask them to fully fund the Board of Education's budget requests. Their commitment to funding the budget is critical to our school system's success.

- Jessica Reinartz

### Spirit Day

CES Spirit Day

All Cardinal gear and CES Pride - Friday, March 24th



### Yearbook

Yearbook orders are due:  
April 2nd

Go to  
<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>  
and enter code 11040623



### STEM

STEM Committee has planned a school assembly with special guest, Eric Energy. Eric Energy will be visiting CES performing an interactive kids science show for all grades on April 18, 2023. The assembly will be held during the school day.



### Spirit Committee



Spirit Committee has some fun Spring Events in the works!

More info will be in next month's newsletter!

### Birthday Books

The Birthday Books committee continues to give books to children on their birthday month! The kids are always so excited when we visit their classrooms with our baskets of books! Remember, children with birthdays during the summer months will get to select their books in May or June!



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**The Lost &**  
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*of* **OZ**



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