

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

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## President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Community,

In the end-of-year rush, I am assigning the parents, guardians, and caregivers of Carrolltowne homework. Your assignment: Please educate yourself on the implications of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future on Carroll County Public Schools, particularly as it will affect Carrolltowne, ORMS, and Liberty, the schools our children will attend for the duration of their public education careers. Blueprint aims to improve public education, and it will take resources to accomplish its goals. It is imperative to us all to find out what that means for our kids.

If you feel so inclined, I strongly encourage you to reach out to our commissioners before their budget hearing on May 9, 2023, and urge them to consider how the county's budget will affect not just our children's schools but also our property values and our way of life. If you need assistance in writing such a letter, you can use the suggested letter in this newsletter.

Our commissioners may be reached at the following email addresses:

- 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)

In other news, two of our PTA's Executive Board positions are open for election on June 1, 2023: the secretary and president. At this time, Secretary Bryanna Parish will be running for reelection. Becky Seitz will be running for the position of president. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, please email me at [president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com).

If being a member of the Executive Board is more commitment than you'd like but you want to be involved more in the decisions and operations of Carrolltowne's PTA, we have a few openings for our committee chairs:

- **Fundraising:** Jessica Reinartz will be passing the torch at the end of this school year, and we need someone to take over this vital position. Jess is meticulous with her notes and still has one year at the school to assist the person or people who volunteer to take this on.
- **Fun Run:** Megan Sines is looking for a cochair for a committee that has one of the biggest impacts on our budget, making it possible for the PTA to do its many enrichment activities and events that make our kids' school special. This is a two-person job, and Megan was trained by the best, Krista Porter, who is moving onto ORMS next year.
- **STEM:** Alicia Gipe is also moving onto ORMS next year, and Kyle Emhoff has volunteered to step in. But this committee, which brings to Carrolltowne the science fair and the very popular recent assembly with Eric Energy, could use some assistance.
- **Cultural Arts:** Omosigho Osian, our chair of the cultural arts committee, would love a cochair to help plan and execute cultural arts events, exhibits, and assemblies.

If any of these positions interest you, please let me know! These committees are a fantastic way to be involved in our kids' school while making a difference in the lives of our students.

Niki Guinan  
President

### Final PTA Meeting

June 1, 7 p.m.

Executive Board Elections will be held.

### Events & Dates To Remember

- May 1st-5th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9th - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

### Membership

It's not too late!

Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Staff,  
Administrators, Grandparents

We need YOU join our PTA.

Together we make a difference.

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Teacher/Staff, \$5 -- Indv. Membership, \$9 --  
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## Fundraising



With your support, we have reached our \$200k goal! Carrolltowne families are incredible! Thank you for your continued support for our school community!



Mark your calendars for our next spirit night fundraiser: Chick-Fil-A on May 9th!

## 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.carrollbaby.org](http://www.carrollbaby.org)



## Outdoor Movie Night



Join us for Outdoor Movie Night!

When: Friday, May 5th

Where: CES Parking Lot

Seating begins at 7:30pm, movie will begin  
at dark (around 8:00pm).

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. This is not a drop off event.

Per CCPS policy, the use of alcohol and  
drugs on school property is prohibited.

Click on the link below to vote for the  
movie! Voting is open until Monday, 5/1.

The movie with the most votes will be  
announced on Tuesday, 5/2.

<https://forms.gle/8ySvm1Xte2jjAkRx6>

We are in need of volunteers for this event!

To sign up, please go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AB28A5F85-spring>

## Hospitality



Hospitality committee will be putting out details for teacher appreciation week and we are looking for support from our families. We are looking for donations for \$5 gift cards to Starbucks, Dunkin, Kismet or Panera.



There will also be a sign up genius coming out for a teacher appreciation breakfast and we encourage everyone to donate/sign up for an item.



We are also looking for someone who does seated chair massages, and would be willing to donate their time or do it for a reduced rate.

Any questions contact Bekka Galinat - [hospitality@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:hospitality@carrolltownepta.com)

## Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1st-5th



### Monday

Teachers breakfast

(sign up genius to donate items will be posted this week)



### Tuesday

Chair massages for Staff



### Wednesday

Restock the Room- bring in school supplies to help your teacher restock their classroom; some teacher have Amazon wishlists



### Thursday

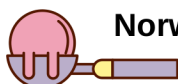
\$5 gifts card to Starbucks, Dunkin, Panera

(Please send these in ahead of time, Attention: PTA teacher appreciation)



### Friday

Norwoods Ice Cream Cart at the end of the day for all staff





## Muffins in the Morning

The Carrolltowne PTA invites you to join your child for  
Muffins in the Morning!

**Who:** Carrolltowne students and ONE adult (only one adult per household permitted to attend; this is a free event)

**When:** Friday, May 12th, 8:00-8:45 am

**Where:** CES Cafeteria

You and your child can enjoy a FREE muffin, juice and coffee along with other Carrolltowne friends!

- Please park in the lot behind Petco to allow teachers and staff to park in the lot on school property. (Handicap parking is available at the school.)
- You must stay with your child until the bell rings at 8:45 a.m.
- One muffin per person.
- Younger siblings are permitted to attend but we cannot provide a muffin.

To RSVP, please click on the link below and fill out the RSVP form by 5/8 so we can order the correct amount of muffins. <https://forms.gle/MWDj7mFt3yyi2r2v6>

We are in need of volunteers and donations for this event! Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AB28A5F85-muffins1> to sign up!

Questions? Email: [spirit@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:spirit@carrolltownepta.com)

We look forward to seeing everyone!!



## Donuts with Grownups

The Carrolltowne PTA invites you to join your child for  
Donuts with Grownups!

**Who:** Carrolltowne students and ONE adult (only one adult per household permitted to attend; this is a free event)

**When:** Friday, June 2nd, 8:00-8:45 am

**Where:** CES Cafeteria

You and your child can enjoy a FREE donut, juice and coffee along with other Carrolltowne friends!

- Please park in the lot behind Petco to allow teachers and staff to park in the lot on school property. (Handicap parking is available at the school.)
- You must stay with your child until the bell rings at 8:45 a.m.
- One donut per person.
- Younger siblings are permitted to attend but we cannot provide a donut.

To RSVP, please click on the link below and fill out the RSVP form by 5/29 so we can order the correct amount of donuts. <https://forms.gle/odnTWVpeoLawqyea8>

We are in need of volunteers and donations for this event! Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AB28A5F85-donuts1> to sign up!

Questions? Email: [spirit@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:spirit@carrolltownepta.com)

We look forward to seeing everyone!!



# Spirit Week

**Monday, May 23rd**  
USA Day: Wear red, white, and blue!



**Tuesday, May 24th**  
Pajama Day: Wear your pajamas! No slippers please.



**Wednesday, May 25th**

Favorite team or hobby day: Wear your favorite jersey, team or hobby shirt/colors!



**Thursday, May 26th**  
Play Day: Wear your grade's color  
(info to be sent from teachers)



**Friday, May 27th**  
Carrolltowne Day: Wear a Carrolltowne shirt or wear red!



## Template Letter to Commissioners

Dear Commissioner Rothstein, Commissioner Kiler, Commissioner Gordon,  
Commissioner Guerin, and Commissioner Vigliotti,

I am a parent whose child attends Carrolltowne Elementary School, and I urge you to fully fund education in Carroll County for FY2023–2024, particularly in the face of the budgetary shortfall that will occur in implementing the mandated Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.

To comply with state law, CCPS has determined that the budget it has operated with in the past will be insufficient to maintain public education in Carroll County as we know it. Resources will be shifted from our schools to meet the requirements of Blueprint, and based on recent state aid documents, it appears that at least one-fifth of what we currently consider nonrestricted state and local combined funding will be repurposed and will result in an estimated budget deficit of \$26,500 for this year alone.

It is also my understanding that over the past several years, CCPS has experienced substantial budget cuts, resulting in a tremendous loss of staff, difficulties maintaining our facilities, and the inability to pay for resources necessary for our children’s success. They are operating with a bare-bones budget that is not sustainable this year or in subsequent years.

Carroll County’s children and their education deserve to be prioritized. The exceptional schools are what bring many of us to this county and keep us here. It contributes significantly to the values of our homes and our way of life. This county cannot afford to shortchange our children’s futures.

I implore you do everything you can to protect our children’s education, our property values, and our beautiful county we call home by fully funding Carroll County Public Schools now and in the future. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter, so please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Name, address, phone



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The Lost &  
Found!"**



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**2022-2023 PTA Executive Committee**

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The image is a large yellow-bordered collage. At the top, the text "Welcome HOME" is written in a mix of script and serif fonts. Below this, there are three circular inset photos: a family with a dog on a sofa, a family with children on their shoulders outdoors, and a group of people sitting at a table. The main part of the collage is a large photo of two men and a child in a forest, with a stone sign in front of them that reads "HARVEST CREEK". In the bottom left corner, a golden retriever is lying down. At the bottom right, the text "Play, Thrive, Grow, Connect" is written in a white serif font.

*Welcome HOME*

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