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Carrolltowne Elementary

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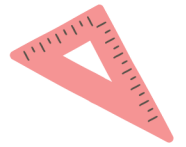
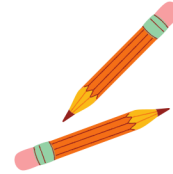


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BACK TO
SCHOOL



President's Message

Dear Carrolltowne Families -

It's the start of another great year here at Carrolltowne! I am so excited to be your new PTA president. I have always loved the sense of community here at Carrolltowne and am looking forward to this year as we continue to fundraise for our new playground while still celebrating and supporting those involved in the school.

We have already had two great events put on by the Hospitality Committee - the Back to School breakfast for teachers and the Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo social for kindergarten parents on the first day of school. We also had our first restaurant night of the year on September 12 at Chik Fil A and there are more restaurant nights scheduled throughout the fall. If you can, please support the PTA by eating out these nights as we get a small portion of the sales and those small portions really add up!

We have a busy fall ahead, with several Spirit Committee events coming up including our outdoor movie night on September 29. We also have our Carrolltowne Spirit Week in October, starting with Carrolltowne Day at Red Barn Ranch on October 14, the FUN RUN on October 19, and Trunk or Treat that same night. It's going to be a fantastic week for the school!

Please note that fundraising for our new playground and other PTA initiatives is still our #1 priority this year. As explained in the last newsletter of the 2022-23 year, we made the decision to go with a poured rubber surfacing for the playground which increases the costs, but makes the playground more accessible for all children AND reduces the time the children have to wait to use the playground after it rains. The PTA approved this, deciding those two factors were worth the increase in cost. This means, however, that we still need to raise approximately \$76,000 for the new playground. The CES community is so amazing and supportive that I have no doubt we will do it!

If you have any questions, you can reach me at president@carrolltownepta.com I look forward to working with all of you throughout the school year. Go Cardinals!

Becky Seitz

Membership

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



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

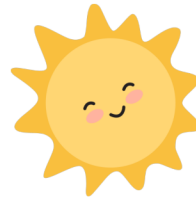
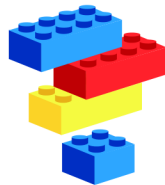
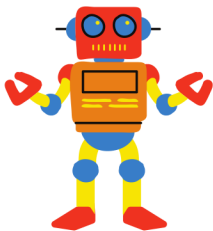
Teacher/Staff, \$5 -- Indv. Membership, \$10 -- Double Membership, \$15

STEM

Does your kid love to build, play with Lego?
We are looking for students in grades 1-3
interested in joining a robotics club team
through First Lego League. Space is
limited.

Are you interested in helping plan STEM
events or activities for our students? The
STEM committee is always looking for help
and innovative ideas to engage our
students!

Please email stem@carrolltownepta.com for
more details on Robotics Club, Coaching
Robotics Club, or info on planning STEM
events.



Hospitality

Do you enjoy making families feel welcome at
Carrolltowne Elementary? Then, the
Hospitality committee is for you!

We plan and host events such as the Boo-hoo
or Yahoo Social, the Back to School
Breakfast, conference night dinner, and
appreciation luncheon for teachers and staff.

Feel free to email
hospitality@carrolltownepta.com if you would
like to join the Hospitality Committee.



MISPLACED
SOMETHING?

Rocky Says,
"Check
The Lost &
Found!"



Cultural Arts

CES families, look out for upcoming info
for our 2nd cultural fair. We will be
having a passport cover contest which
will debut the 1st and 2nd place winners
on the covers of our CES passport for
use at the next cultural fair.



Fundraising Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thank you so much to our community partners and to you for your continued support of these events!



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - E.W. BECKS

Dine In, Carry Out or Curbside All Day Long! Be sure to mention the Carrolltowne PTA Fundraiser while ordering.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 12-8 PM - CHICK FIL A

*Dine In, Drive Thru or Mobile Order. Mention SPIRIT DAY or use code **CES2023** when mobile ordering!*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 11-4 PM - RED BARN RANCH FALL FEST

*Order tickets at redbarnranch.com. Use code **CARROLLTOWNE**.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4-8 PM - NOODLES AND COMPANY

*Be sure to let them know you are here for the Carrolltowne PTA Fundraiser or use code **GIVING25** for mobile/online orders.*



Finally, direct donations can be given by using the link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RXP4W6AJMLAL&source=qr

Again, we cannot thank you enough
for your support!



**THANK
YOU!**
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Fun Run

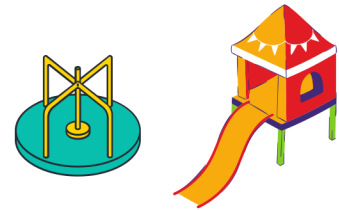
Together We Can!

Log on to MYBOOSTER.COM today to register. Each student will receive a "Together We Can" wrist band 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 contests to come!



Key dates to remember:
Event Day - 10/19
Rain Date - 10/23

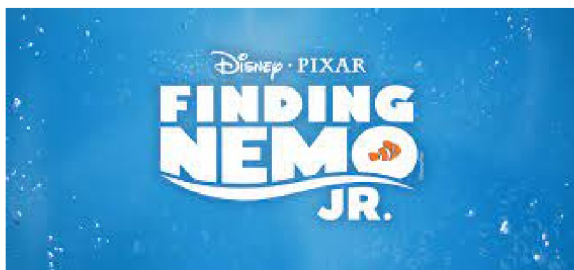


Please register your student today at mybooster.com (see flyer for more information)

Performing Arts



Carrolltowne Players are proud to announce the production for the 2023-2024 school year:



Performances will be March 8-9.

There will be a parents' meeting in mid October for those interested in auditioning!



Spirit Committee

Popsicles on the Playground

Friday, September 22nd, 6:30-7:30pm



Back of the school FREE popsicle for everyone attending, including siblings!

No need to RSVP!

Community Service

Carrolltowne cares about our community!

Our PTA has a Community Service Committee to provide you with opportunities to give to the children in our greater community. It's a great way for students and their families to spread kindness.

Fall Donation Drive:
Get involved with Foster the Family Baltimore

WHEN: Drop off items 9/25-29 at C.E.S. or at Outdoor Movie Night (OMN)

WHERE: In marked boxes inside the front entrance or at OMN

WHY: To show kindness to foster children and parents in Baltimore

HOW: By purchasing items on the donation list or Amazon wish list

Information about Foster the Family:

“Foster the Family exists to support and encourage foster and adoptive families, mobilize and equip the community and church for foster care and adoption, and advocate for vulnerable children.”

They do this by providing immediate, emergency support through resources and supplies and ongoing, holistic support through community and care.

Within 24 hours of welcoming a foster child, Foster the Family delivers a FosterCare Package to the doorstep of a foster family. FosterCare Packages include: clothing, hygiene items, supplies, and comfort items for the foster child, a meal for the family, a gift for the foster parents and information about their support groups and connections to local resources.

For more information go to www.fosterthefamilybaltimore.org

Sample Items of Need (Full list of needs towards the end of the newsletter):

Diapers



Pacifiers



Bottles



Hair and Skin
Wash/Care



Outfits, PJs,
and Onsie



Spirit Week

Spirit Week October 16-19! Details will be emailed!!

Spirit Wear



Purchase shirts, sweatshirts, and other fun Carrolltowne gear by clicking the link listed below!

The store is open now until Friday, September 29th, so don't miss out!

Items will be ready by mid-October and can be shipped to your home for a fee or you can pick them up from the vendor, Big Dipper Graphics, right here in Eldersburg (2030 Liberty Road).



<https://www.bigdippergraphics.com/carrolltowne-elementary-school>



Spirit Committee



Join us for Outdoor Movie Night!

When: Friday, September 29th 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, water, and soda will be for sale. Please park in the parking lot behind Petco.

Click on the link below to vote for the movie!

<https://forms.gle/5LqKD4cWS6mHoCbq7>

Movie with the most votes will be announced on Tuesday, 9/26.

Events & Dates To Remember

- September 22nd - Popcicles on the Playground
- September 25th - Beck's Spirit Night
- September 26th - Picture Day
- September 23rd - Outdoor Movie Night, 7pm
- October 10th - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- October 14th - Red Barn Ranch Fundraiser, 11am-4pm
- October 16th-19th - Spirit Week
- October 19th - Fun Run
- October 19th -Trunk-or-Treat, 6:45pm-8:15pm

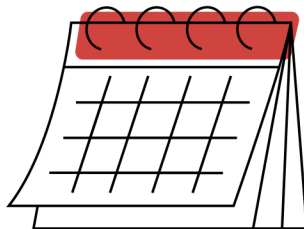
DON'T FORGET

PTA Committees

- Birthday Books Program (Mindy Stiffler, chair): birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com
- Community Service (Karena Wickersham, chair):
communityservice@carrolltownepta.com
- Cultural Arts/Diversity (Omosigho Osian, Sam Soheilian, chairs):
cultural@carrolltownepta.com
- Fundraising (Siobhan Blazak, chair): fundraising@carrolltownepta.com
- Fun Run (Megan Sines, Kyle Emhoff, Autumn White, chairs):
funrun@carrolltownepta.com
- Hospitality (Kayla Solinsky, Melissa Strozykowski, chairs):
hospitality@carrolltownepta.com
- Literacy (Jen Parisi, chair): literacy@carrolltownepta.com
- Membership (Kim Milby, Courtney Risty, chairs): membership@carrolltownepta.com
- Performing Arts (Becky Seitz, Kristen Zycherman, chairs):
performingarts@carrolltownepta.com
- School Spirit (Lindsay Holbig, Kelly McGonigal , chairs): spirit@carrolltownepta.com
- STEM (Kyle Emhoff, chair): stem@carrolltownepta.com
- Sunshine (Karena Wickersham, chair): sunshine@carrolltownepta.com
- Website (Wendy Janes, Kelly Phillips, Christopher McClure, chairs):
webmaster@carrolltownepta.com
- Yearbook (Kourtney Roussey, JoAnna Robbins, chairs): yearbook@carrolltownepta.com

Future PTA Meetings

- November 2, 7 p.m.
- February 8, 7 p.m.
- April 4, 7 p.m.
- June 6, 7 p.m.



2023-2024 PTA Executive Committee

President: Becky Seitz
president@carrolltownepta.com

Vice-President: Kelly McGonigal
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Treasurer: Scott McCadden
treasurer@carrolltownepta.com

Secretary: Bryanna Parish
secretary@carrolltownepta.com



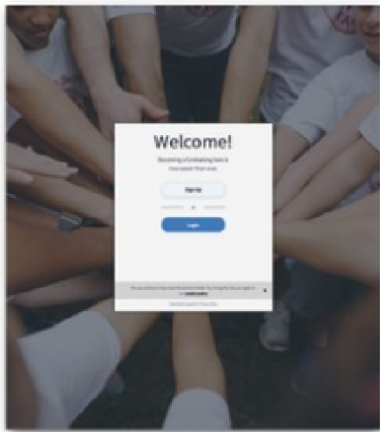
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View Past Issues of Our Newsletter
at carrolltownepta.com/newsletters

HOW TO REGISTER ON MYBOOSTER.COM

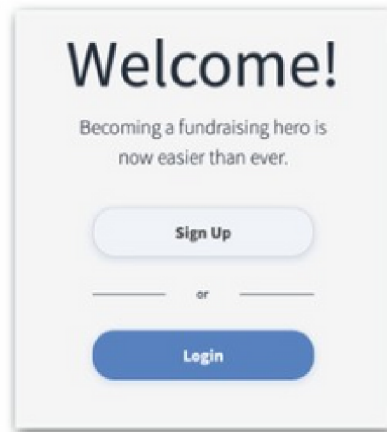
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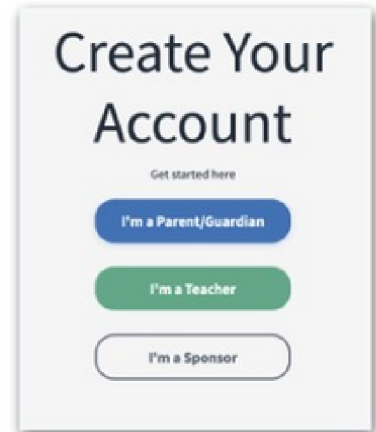
STEP 2

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 is also a 'Your Birthday' section with dropdown menus for 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year'. 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, the results show 'Stem School Highlands Ranch' and 'Stem PTO JustFit 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', and a 'Select Classroom' dropdown menu. There is also a checkbox for 'I agree to the terms of participation' and an 'Add Student' button.

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.

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Use the Code "CARROLLTOWNE"
for 25% of your ticket sale to go
to the P.T.A.



OCTOBER 14th

11 am - 4 pm

175 Klees Mill Road Sykesville



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Join us on
Oct. 29th
for our
Dog Costume Show



CARROLLTOWNE PTA INVITES STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO:

TRUNK OR TREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

6:45-8:15PM

CES PARKING LOT

ADMISSION \$25 PER CAR

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE PLAYGROUND FUND

6:45 PARKING LOT OPEN TO CARS

7:15 TRUNK OR TREAT BEGINS

(LOT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)

8:00 TRUNK AWARDS

8:15 EVENT ENDS

AWARDS:

-SCARIEST

-BEST THEME

-MOST INTERACTIVE

-MOST CREATIVE

-CUTEST

- All children participating **MUST** arrive in a registered car.
- **NO WALK UPS ALLOWED.**
- All cars must hand out candy.
- All children must be supervised by an adult.
- This is not a drop off event.

Registration for the event will open on 10/2 at 6pm and will close on 10/12 at 6pm or when the event is full.

Space is **LIMITED**, so register today!

A waitlist will form once all spots have been filled.

Register for the event here:

<https://forms.gle/JAeoJxmZfVmvrsru9>



What is a Trunk or Treat? It is a safe and fun event for children and families to dress up and trick or treat. Kids will trick or treat from the trunks of the vehicles parked in the CES parking lot. Once the event starts, vehicles will not be allowed to move on or off the lot until the event is over. All families participating in the Trunk or Treat must hand out candy. A final head count of participants will be emailed on 10/13/23. You can choose to decorate your car, but it is not required. Participants will bring their own candy to hand out and decorations for their car. Non-food items such as glow sticks, bubbles, or small trinkets may be distributed in place of candy. Questions? Email spirit@carrolltownepta.com

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In accordance with CCPS policy, the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products is strictly prohibited on school property. If anyone in your group is found to be in violation of this policy, you will be asked to leave and your actions could result in future events to be cancelled by administration.

Fall Donation Drive: Foster the Family Baltimore

DONATION LIST:

The highlighted items are the ones in highest need currently. They also have an Amazon wish list at www.fosterthefamilybaltimore.org. All items must be new please.

Diaper Bag with

- Bottle (1 package or 3 bottles) or Sippy Cup
- Receiving blanket
- Homemade blanket
- Bibs
- Burp Pads/Cloths
- Pacifiers (two pack)
- Toy (games, puzzles, learning toy)
- Stuffed animal
- Onesies pack
- Baby socks
- 2 Outfits and 2 PJs (highest need - premie, newborn, 0-3 months)
- Book
- Coloring Book
- Crayons

Drawstring bag with the following Hygiene Products

- Hooded bath towel
- Washcloths
- Diaper Cream
- Brush
- Baby Bath Wash (specifically Shea Moisture)
- Baby Lotion (specifically Shea Moisture)
- Hair and Skin Care Products (Cantu Kids, Shea Moisture, Young Kings, Mixed Chicks brands)
- Kids Toothbrush
- Kids Toothpaste

Large Reusable Bag with the following items: (these are \$1 at HomeGoods, TJMaxx & Marshalls)

- Formula Requested (specifically need Nutramigen, Similac Total Care 360)
- Diapers or Pull-Ups (specifically need 2T/3T & 3T/4T)
- Wipes

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.btfef.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.btfef.com)

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



Cub Scout Pack 110

Join us!

For our 1st den meeting
of the year!

September 20 at 7pm

Carrolltowne Cafeteria



Boys and Girls Grades K -5

September

- 30th at Sharp's Farm for a hayride, campfire, and s'mores!

October

- 4th and 18th Den Meetings 7pm Carrolltowne
- 13-15th Camping

November

- 1st and 15th Den Meetings 7pm Carrolltowne
- 5th Hiking at Soldier's Delight
- 18th Raingutter Regatta at Optimist Hall

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