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President's Message

Hello Carrolltowne Community,

We've had a busy fall here at Carrolltowne and it's been so much fun to see! We had a very successful Fun Run, a fantastic Trunk or Treat, a great Cultural Arts Assembly, and several successful restaurant night fundraisers. The PTA will keep things going throughout the holiday season with our upcoming Holiday Shop, more restaurant nights, and Finding Nemo Jr. rehearsals starting.

We are continuing to raise money for the poured rubber surfacing for the playground. As I said in my remarks in October, we did give the school a check for \$120,000 and the equipment has been ordered for the new playground. The focus now is the poured rubber surfacing which increases accessibility for all students. It is a big goal (we still need to raise \$77,000) but I am hoping we can make a significant dent in that amount over the next few months. Please see the infographic in this newsletter for more information.

Our next PTA meeting is February 8, 2024 at 7 pm in the media center. I encourage all members of the Carrolltowne community to attend. Upcoming PTA events are discussed and significant budgetary items are reviewed and discussed – i.e. funding for the playground. If you have any questions about how the PTA is spending its funds, including how we are funding the playground, please come to the meetings. We vote regularly on these budgetary measures. If you want a say in how we spend the PTA money (money that you help raise!) please attend the meeting. You must be a member of the PTA to vote, so sign up today!

Thank you all for your support so far this year; it's been a busy but exciting first quarter, and I am looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring.

Becky Seitz
PTA President

Carrolltowne's playground

For the 2022-2023 school year the PTA's main priority was to raise funds for a new playground. The goal for a playground with mulch:

\$172,000

The initial goal was met, and exceeded!!

We fundraised:
\$120,000

By advocating to our elected officials, we secured public funding :

\$75,000



We have already secured a contractor and ordered the playground equipment in the original estimate. A check for the \$120K has already been issued to the school.



Why Poured Rubber?

- A poured rubber surface would ensure ALL of our CES students are able to access and enjoy our new playground. A more inclusive playground only enhances our students' daily lives and brings our community together.
- Poured rubber drains faster than dirt increasing the number of outside recess days.
- Poured rubber is lower maintenance than mulch, which needs to be re-filled every year, and lasts an average of 10 years.
- Poured rubber increases the overall safety of the play area because of an even surface and impact absorption.



Installation will begin spring 2024* subject to weather and vendor timeline.

However, the work is not over!!

For \$100K more than the original contract, we can have poured rubber installed instead of mulch. Because we exceeded the mulch playground estimate, we already have \$23,000 towards this increase.



★ Fundraising Goal for 2023-2024 School Year:

\$77,000*

*If the total \$77K is not raised we can still purchase partial sq ft with the collected funds

Please continue to support Carrolltowne's fundraising effort. Participating in our upcoming fundraising events only brings us closer to our new goal to purchase poured rubber for our new playground. Be on the lookout for more information on upcoming spirit nights, the Winter Carnival, Tristar fundraiser, and other ways to contribute.



Rocky Says,
"Check
The Lost &
Found!"

MISPLACED
SOMETHING?



Events & Dates To Remember

- November 14th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
- November 20th - 4pm-8pm - Chipotle Spirit Night
- November 22nd - 2hr 45min early dismissal
- November 23rd-24th - Schools Closed
- December 12th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

DON'T FORGET

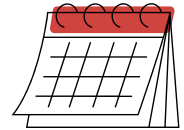
Yearbook Committee

The Yearbook club is formed. We are having meetings and working with School Pictures, Inc. to lay out the yearbook with the club members. More information to come.



Future PTA Meetings

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



Community Service

On behalf of the PTA Community Service Committee we would like to thank everyone who participated in the donation drive for Foster the Family! Your contribution made such a difference in the lives of foster children!

As a heads up, our next donation drive will be November 27th-December 2nd and we will be collecting diapers, wipes and other hygiene items for CarrollBaby, who assist over 190 families in Carroll County through various support organizations. All size diapers and pull-ups are accepted and open and unused packages are accepted.

For more information about CarrollBaby visit <https://www.carrollbaby.org/>



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Fundraising Committee

Thank you to our community partners!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4-8 PM - CHIPOTLE

When dining in be sure to let them know you are here for the Carrolltowne PTA Fundraiser. If you mobile order or order online use code **PXP9H32**.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 12-8 PM - CHICK FIL A

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

Week of December 18th - Eat at Home Nights:

Our first ever NOT A FUNDRAISER - Fundraiser. More details to follow.

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

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RXPD4W6AJMLAL&source=qr

Again, we cannot thank you enough
for your support!



**THANK
YOU!**
♥

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, \$10 -- Double Membership, \$15



Spirit Committee



CARROLLTOWNE ELEMENTARY PTA

HOLIDAY SHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

8AM-12PM

CARROLLTOWNE CAFETERIA

The Holiday Shop gives your child the opportunity to have a fun filled time of shopping secretly for family and friends.

The Holiday Shop is set up and supervised by adult and middle school volunteers. Your young shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase gifts conveniently and inexpensively while still learning to budget their money.

All Holiday Shop items are priced under \$15. Cash only.

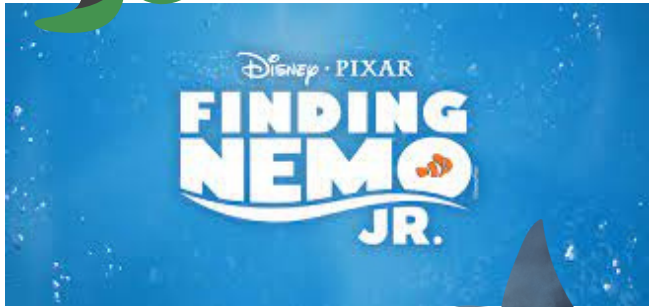
Donuts, hot chocolate, and coffee will be available for purchase.

Volunteers needed! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AB28A5F85-39134283-2023>



Performing Arts



Finding Nemo Jr auditions are underway November 14-15 with the cast list going out on November 22. After that, rehearsals start twice a week as we get ready for the production March 8-9. Tickets will be released closer to the performance dates.

Please email carrolltowneplayers@gmail.com with any questions.



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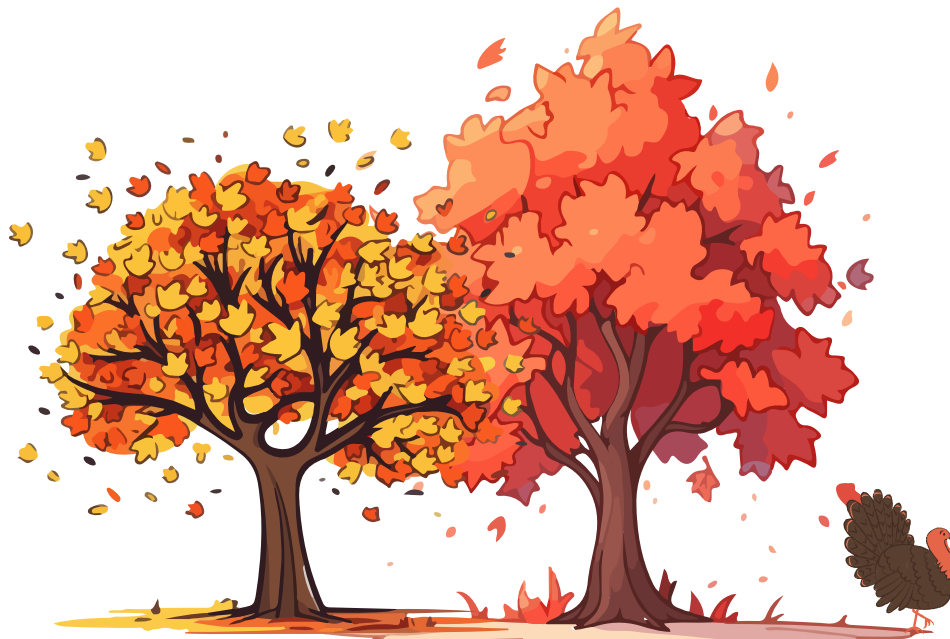
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