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Carrolltowne Elementary

PTA

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President's Message

Seasons' Greetings Carrolltowne Families!

We have had a busy month here at Carrolltowne! The winter concert and art show were both huge successes and I am so proud of our students for their hard work. Special thanks to Mrs. K, Mrs. Passen, Ms. Dudek and Ms. Willyerd for everything they do for our students!

In early December, we had our annual PTA holiday shop, put on by the Spirit Committee. Kelly McGonigal and Lindsay Holbig did a fantastic job picking items for the shop! Its always a fun community event and the kids had a great time shopping for their families and friends.

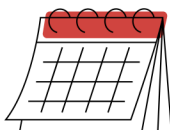
We have a lot coming up in 2024, including a Tristar Martial Arts fundraiser, more restaurant nights, a Read-A-Thon, Finding Nemo Jr in early March, and our spring carnival at Stratosphere, so be on the look out for more information about all these events. I want to thank you all for your continued support and willingness to volunteer and help out at all our events. The PTA could not do everything it does without the support of the Carrolltowne community.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Becky Seitz
PTA President

Future PTA Meetings

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



Membership

Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Staff, Administrators,
Grandparents

Together we make a difference!

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

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

Double Membership, \$15

Fundraising Committee

DINE AT HOME NIGHT NOT A FUNDRAISER FUNDRAISER!

December 18th-22nd

Here's how it works!

Instead of having a restaurant night, we are asking that you consider eating at home and donate the difference between what you would spend at a place like Chick-fil-A or Chipotle to the Carrolltowne PTA. There are three ways to donate!

**1) Send a check in to school with your child in an envelope marked for the PTA.
Be sure to make the check out to the Carrolltowne PTA.**

**2) Donate on member hub using this link:
<https://carrolltowneespta.memberhub.com/store/items/974595>**

**3) Use the Carrolltowne PTA PayPal account:
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RXPD4W6AJMLAL&source=qr**

No amount is too small or too big! If each student donated just \$1 this would be our biggest "restaurant night" fundraiser of the year!!!

Here are a few recipe ideas! Of course, feel free to make any meal you would like.

**Southwest Lentils and Rice Skillet - \$1.41 a serving
<https://www.budgetbytes.com/southwest-lentils-and-rice-skillet/>**

**Slow Cooker Baked Potato Soup - \$1.35 a serving
<https://www.budgetbytes.com/slow-cooker-potato-soup/>**

**Creamy Pesto Chicken Pasta - \$2.60 a serving
<https://www.budgetbytes.com/one-pot-creamy-pesto-chicken-pasta/>**

We would also love to see photos of your family enjoying dinner at home on our Facebook page! Feel free to also include recipe suggestions.



January Fundraising Event

Are you looking for an activity for your student, their siblings, or even yourself? One that builds confidence, encourages respect, teaches personal safety and awareness, all while exciting and having fun? Then martial arts may be exactly the activity you are looking for.

We are teaming up with Tristar Martial Arts of Eldersburg to provide a 4-week trial period fundraiser.

100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Carrolltowne PTA!!!!

This means that for every 4-week trial period purchase made during the month of January, Tristar will donate the entire registration fee to benefit our school and students.

What could be better than trying a new activity that gives back to our school??

Just a few of the benefits:



- Age appropriate, positive weekly messages - stranger awareness, bully defense, responsibility, respect, attention, courage (doing what's right), safe online interactions, and more.
- Physical strength and coordination development
- Socialization and self-improvement
- A safe and welcoming community environment for all ages and varying abilities, with supportive instructors
- Family bonding (there are a number of grandparent/parent and child, siblings, and full families training together)

Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

***Parents - Martial arts is not just for the kids! Just see what one of your fellow CES parents has to say about her experience:**

"I started karate classes as an adult because I needed to get more exercise. I watched my boys taking their karate classes and thought that it looked like fun. There was a trial period that came up at the dojo and I decided to give karate a try. I am so glad that I did. I've enjoyed every minute of karate and am in much better shape than I was when I started. I started karate for the benefits of exercise and self-defense, but I've also gained friends and have seen an increase in my confidence level. There is something empowering about being able to break a wooden board with your bare hands. If you're on the fence about whether karate is the sport for you, you should totally try it! You have nothing to lose and so much to gain!"

--Diana L.

Events & Dates To Remember

- December 22nd - 2hr 45min early dismissal
- December 25th-29th - Schools Closed for Winter Break
- January 1st - Schools Closed for New Year's Day
- January 2nd-31st - Tristar Fundraiser
- January 9th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day 12pm-8pm
- January 15th - Schools Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 25th - Mod Pizza Spirit Day
- January 26th - Schools Closed

January Spirit Nights

Thank you to our community partners!

UPCOMING :



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
January 9th - 12pm-8pm

Mod Pizza Spirit Night
January 25th All day



Community Service

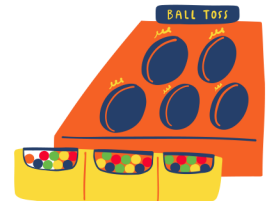
Thank you to all who donated to the PTA Carroll Baby Diaper Drive! It was a Huge success with 1,100 diapers donated and 29 packages of wipes!



Spring Carnival

We are planning a Spring Carnival fundraiser at Stratosphere!

More information to come!!



2023-2024 PTA Executive Committee

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SOMETHING?

Rocky Says,
"Check
The Lost &
Found!"



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Tristar Martial Arts and the Carrolltowne PTA are teaming up to bring you an awesome fundraiser in January 2024!

Ages 4-6: 4 weeks for \$50

Ages 7 & up: 4 weeks for \$70

Both offers include a free uniform and private first class to get started

100% of your purchase will be donated to the PTA!

Purchase your trial between January 1 - January 31

offer can be used January 1 - March 31

Martial Arts Classes

- build confidence
- enforce respect
- develop discipline
- improve coordination
- teach bully prevention

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TRISTAR
MARTIAL ARTS

Parents and siblings are more than welcome to take advantage of this offer as well!

Special needs classes available

Give us a call or stop by to redeem this offer!

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