

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

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## President's Message

Carrolltowne Families –

Hope everyone is having a wonderful February and enjoying some of the snow we have seen recently. The sledding hill at Carrolltowne is certainly getting more use this winter than in past years!

We are looking forward to a busy March here at Carrolltowne. The Carrolltowne Players will present Finding Nemo Jr on March 8-9 with tickets going on sale to the general public on February 23. The cast has been working hard on this production and I think the entire community is going to love it.

The Cultural Arts committee is organizing a cultural arts fair on March 16; please come out for an opportunity to learn about different cultures and to see performances from some of our students. It should be a wonderful evening!

We are selling Hershey Park tickets again this year! Your child should have brought home an order form this week. If it didn't make its way to you, the form is also available on the Carrolltowne PTA Facebook group. Tickets can be picked up March 21 in the school lobby. No tickets will be sent home with students.

Our spring carnival committee is hard at work organizing the event, to be held at Stratosphere on March 26th – come join us to kick off spring break, bid on some silent auction baskets, enjoy the carnival games in the Backyard, and to help raise money for the PTA!

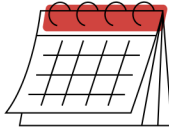
And yes, we are still raising money for the playground! Every penny we raise at a restaurant night or other fundraisers (including the play) gets us that much closer to our goal. Fundraising also enables the PTA to continue to give back to the school in a variety of ways, including staff appreciation days, teacher grants, field trips, Brainpop, muffins/doughnuts events, and birthday books for every child, among other projects. We appreciate all the support from the Carrolltowne community in helping us reach our goals so we can continue these initiatives.

Just keep swimming!

Becky Seitz

## Future PTA Meetings

- 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

## Events & Dates To Remember

- February 26th - Genova's To Go Spirit Day
- Now - Feb 29th - Hershey Park Ticket Sale
- March 4th-9th - PJ Drive
- March 8th & 9th - Finding Nemo Jr.
- March 15th - 6pm, Cultural Arts Fair
- March 26th - 5-9pm, Spring Carnival - Stratosphere
- March 28th & 29th - CCPS Schools/Offices Closed



Rocky Says,  
"Check  
The Lost &  
Found!"

MISPLACED  
SOMETHING?



## Performing Arts



**Carrolltowne Players**  
proudly present:

Finding Nemo Jr, March 8-9.

Tickets will go on sale February  
23 and an email will be sent out  
with the link from the school.

We hope to see many of you  
there!



## Help Wanted!



The Carrolltowne Players are once again asking for your support to help stock the Concessions Stand for their performances of Finding Nemo, Jr. on March 8 and 9. All proceeds from the sale of concessions go to the PTA and help provide funds for things like the playground, classroom grants, birthday books and all other PTA initiatives. Your donation helps to maximize the profit!



Donations can be made using the Amazon Wishlist accessed at

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U20YTW7BVBWB?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U20YTW7BVBWB?ref_=wl_share)



Purchases made off the wishlist should ship directly to a volunteer. We are also looking for donations of cases of water and soda. Please email [fundraising@carrolltonwepta.com](mailto:fundraising@carrolltonwepta.com) if you are willing to help with drink donations.



Thank you!

## Fundraising Committee

### FUNDRAISING UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you so much to our community partners!

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 11 AM - 9 PM - GENOVA'S TO GO**

*Walk in, call in or delivery! Be sure to mention the Carrolltowne Fundraiser when ordering. If ordering online, enter CARROLLTOWNE PTA!*



**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 12-8 PM - CHICK FIL A**

*Dine In, Drive Thru or Mobile Order. Mention SPIRIT DAY or use code CES2024 when mobile ordering!*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 - PIZZA BOLI'S**

*Mention the fundraiser when placing an order over the phone or in person. Look for the fundraiser tab online under specials.*



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

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=RXP4W6AJMLAL&source=qr](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RXP4W6AJMLAL&source=qr)

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your support!

## Community Service

Carrolltowne Elementary School will once again be participating in a Pajama Drive to support Casey Cares from March 4th to March 9th. Casey Cares is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement outside the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

Collection bins will be located at the front entrance of our school and collected in the cafeteria during the spring play. Please send in new pajamas (infant to young adult size) with your child or drop them off yourself.



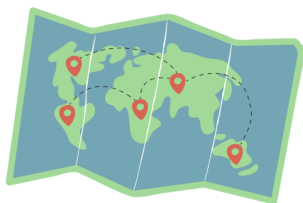
Please see the attached flyer about our pajama drive and visit [www.caseycares.org](http://www.caseycares.org) for more information about the program.



## Cultural Arts

The Cultural Fair is on March 15, 2024 at 6pm.

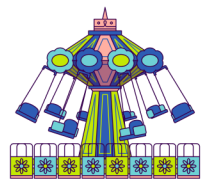
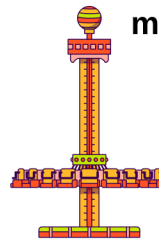
Any questions contact [cultural@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:cultural@carrolltownepta.com)



## Hershey Park Fundraiser

Hershey Park Tickets are now on sale through February 29th!

See the attached order form for more information and to order tickets.



## Spring Carnival

Spring carnival at Stratosphere Social, March 26th from 5-9!

More details to come!!





### Spirit Week

March 4th - March 8th

**Monday, March 4th**

**Favorite Book Character Day**

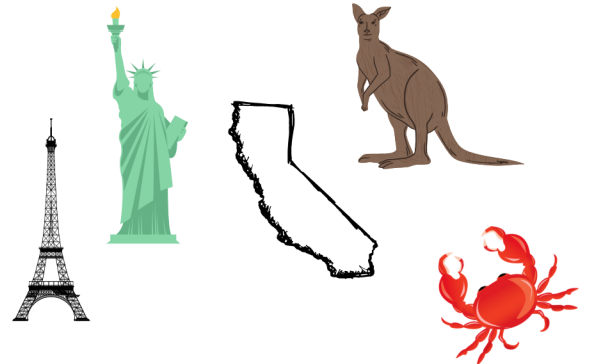
Dress as your Favorite Book Character to celebrate Read Across America Week



**Tuesday, March 5th**

**Travel Day**

Show where you have been or would like to go - wear tshirt, sweatshirt



**Wednesday, March 6th**

**Jersey Day**

Wear your favorite sports jersey or club jersey



**Thursday, March 7th**

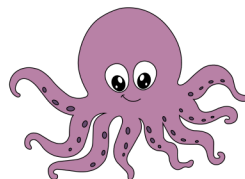
**Mismatch / Crazy Hair Day**



**Friday, March 8th**

**Finding Nemo Jr. Play Day**

Dress in ocean or beach attire (no bathing suits) in support of the play or wear your play t-shirts to go along with the Finding Nemo Jr. play opening day



## STEM

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!

Congratulations to the Carrolltowne Lego Lighting Team, one of PTA Sponsored PIE3 Lego Explore Robotics Teams for participating in an Maryland Explore event down at JHU APL facility. The Team had a great time and even won "Best Poster Award". Congrats to students Hudson Reichl, Harper Reichl, Sriya Edathoot, Charlotte McLaughlin, Brayden Andersen and Nathan Anthony and team coaches John Reilch and Jyothis Edathoot.

Please email [stem@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:stem@carrolltownepta.com) for info on planning STEM events.



## Yearbook Committee

This year's 2023-2024 Yearbook Cover Winners are as follows:

The Winner for the BACK cover of this year's CES Yearbook is...

**Priscilla Arevalo**

Mrs. Cherneski's 5th grade class

And the winner for the FRONT cover of this year's CES Yearbook is...

**Julia Stiffler**

Mrs. Cherneski's 5th grade class.

The 5th grade artwork was amazing! Thank you to the CES staff who voted! Congratulations to both our winners and to all those who submitted entries.



### 2023-2024 Yearbook

Yearbooks are now on sale!  
Get your student's yearbook today.

Yearbooks can be purchased now  
through April 5th by visiting:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/carrolltowne elementary>



### 2023-2024 PTA Executive Committee

**President: Becky Seitz**  
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PTA Community*



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA's 2024 Group Ticket Order Form



To order DISCOUNT tickets for 2024 (valid from March 29, 2024 thru January 1, 2025), complete this form and return to school with payment by: **Thursday, February 29th, 2024**

**Please submit form with one check payable to:** Carrolltowne Elementary PTA (Returned checks subject to bank fees)

**Questions? Contact:** [fundraising@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:fundraising@carrolltownepta.com)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Childs Grade & Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

The PTA will distribute tickets on **March 21st** from 6:00-7:30pm in the Carrolltowne lobby.

**\*\*\*\*\*Tickets will not be sent home with students.\*\*\*\*\***

**ADD-ON** Discount single meal tickets to your order @ \$19.06 each.

Pre-purchase and save \$ off of the regular price! Meal ticket is valid at select locations and includes one entree, one side, and a choice of a large fountain beverage or regular hot beverage.  
(Select locations only – Please see Hersheypark.com for more details)

Quantity	Type	Full Price	YOUR Price	Total
	<i>Hersheypark</i> Admission Ages 3 & up <b>Valid 3/29/24 - 1/1/25</b>	<b>\$87.80</b>	<b>\$50</b>	
	<i>Hersheypark</i> Single-Use Meal Deal	\$19.06	<b>\$19.06</b>	
	All-Day Drink Plan	\$24.36	<b>\$24.36</b>	
	All-Day Dining Plan <b>(valid thru 9/8/24)</b>	\$42.39	<b>\$42.39</b>	
	<i>Hersheypark</i> Pre-Paid parking voucher	\$30	<b>\$25</b>	
<b>Order Total:</b>				



# Wanted: New, two-piece pajama sets for children on extended hospital stays



## What types of pajamas do you need?

We are in need of new, two-piece pajamas in all sizes. Adult sizes for our teens and infant sizes are always our biggest needs.

## How will the donations be used?

The Kami's Jammies program, created in memory of a Casey Cares child, delivers thousands of new pairs of pajamas each year to children on extended hospital stays and directly to critically ill children in their homes.

## What is the Casey Cares Foundation?

The Casey Cares Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides uplifting, ongoing programs *with a special touch* to critically ill children and their families. We provide little moments that create lasting memories for families who need them most, and our pajamas provide comfort to hospitalized children and their families.



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**Drive Dates:** Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Collection boxes located inside front doors of C.E.S.  
Sponsored by C.E.S. PTA Community Service Committee

# EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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### SCAN

#### YOUR RECEIPT

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### EARN

#### CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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## BOX TOPS CLIPS

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THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btf.com)

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Tutoring will be available to all K-12 students in Carroll County. All participants will need to register prior to entry.

### Information



Thursdays  
5pm-7pm



Saturdays,  
2pm-4pm



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