

# The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of  
Carrolltowne Elementary

**PTA**

*everychild.one voice.*



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## President's Message

Dear 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 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 the start of Alice in Wonderland Jr rehearsals.

The PTA agreed to fund five new classroom projectors this year and the first of these have started to be installed. Students have written us wonderful thank you notes telling us how they can see the screen even in the light, there is no "snow," and how it makes learning so much easier. This is possible because of your support through our fundraisers. We are asked by the school to fund various projects and improvements like this every year and we love to be able to say "yes!" so please keep that in mind when you see posts or emails about another fundraising event. These events directly benefit the students and teachers at the school and we love to be able to enhance their learning experience!

Our next PTA meeting is February 6, 2025 (HOW is it almost 2025?!?) 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. how we spend that money raised via the Fun Run and restaurant nights etc. If you have any questions about how the PTA is spending its funds, please come to the meetings. We vote regularly on these budgetary measures and strive to be as transparent as possible. 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! Our meetings are also a great opportunity to hear from the administration (Mrs. Dupree and Ms. Sikorski are at most meetings) and the teaching staff (Mrs. O'Neill is our teacher representative and attends the meetings as well.)

We are looking for additional help with fundraising; we have a few ideas but need people to help implement them (or bring your own ideas!) please email [president@carrolltownepta.com](mailto:president@carrolltownepta.com) if you are able to help in any way.

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

Becky Seitz

## Community Service



Carrolltowne cares about our community!

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

Fall Donation Drive: Carroll County Food Sunday

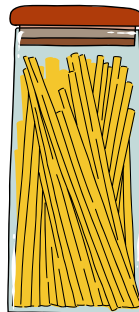
We are collecting canned food and other non-perishable items for Carroll County Food Sunday, a local non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors meet their emergency and supplemental food needs. Food should be sealed and have a best by date in 2025 or later.

**When: EXTENDED Thru Friday, November 22nd**

**Where: In marked boxes inside the front entrance**

### Items to Donate:

- Canned soup / stew
- Canned pasta
- Canned chili
- Canned meals
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Canned or bagged beans (red and black)



***Every item donated helps a family in our community!! When donating please consider what your family would enjoy and want to receive.***

## 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



## Performing Arts



The Carrolltowne Players are happy to announce that our production this year will be Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.!

The Carrolltowne Players will hold auditions for Alice in Wonderland Jr on November 19th and 20th.

Please reach out to [carrolltowneplayes@gmail.com](mailto:carrolltowneplayes@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Yearbook Committee

The yearbook club has been formed and working on a theme for the 2024-2025 yearbook. The members of the club did a great job photographing the Fun Run earlier this month.



## Fundraising Committee

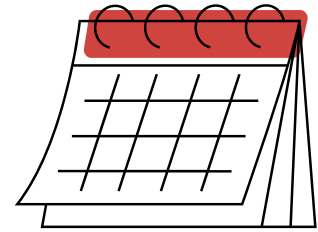
### UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - MOD PIZZA  
Show the attached flyer for in person orders or use code MODGIVES25 for mobile orders!



### Events & Dates To Remember

- November 19th & 20th - Alice in Wonderland Auditions
- November 22nd - Food Drive Ends
- November 25th - Alice in Wonderland Callbacks
- November 25th - MOD Pizza Fundraising Night
- November 27th - 2hr 45 min Early Dismissal
- November 28th-29th - CCPS Closed Thanksgiving
- December 7th - 8am-12pm - Holiday Shop
- December 23rd-31st - CCPS Closed Winter Break



### 2023-2024 PTA Executive Committee

**President: Becky Seitz**  
 president@carrolltownepta.com

**Vice-President: Kelly McGonigal**  
 vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com

**Treasurer: Siobhan Blazak**  
 treasurer@carrolltownepta.com

**Secretary: Bryanna Parish**  
 secretary@carrolltownepta.com



### Future PTA Meetings

- February 6, 7 pm
- April 3, 7 pm
- June 5, 7 pm




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 Search for:  
 Carrolltowne Elementary  
 PTA Community



**Rocky Says,**  
 "Check  
 The Lost &  
 Found!"

**MISPLACED  
 SOMETHING?**





Carrolltowne Elementary PTA

# HOLIDAY SHOP

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**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 so your young shoppers can have the opportunity to purchase gifts conveniently and inexpensively while 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 or scan the code below:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AB28A5F85-52972711-2024>



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#### CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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