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A Newsletter of
Carrolltowne Elementary

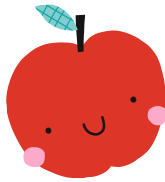
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**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

President's Message



Welcome back to school and to the 2025-2026 school year! The PTA has an extremely busy and fun year planned ahead. I am excited to take on the Presidency and give many thanks to Becky Seitz for all her hard work and dedication the past couple years. In order to ensure we are communicating with everyone, you can find information, news, updates, and upcoming events in the monthly newsletter, the weekly Friday email blast, and on the PTA Facebook page. To kick off the school year, the Hospitality Committee provided a Welcome Back breakfast to the school staff, the PTA provided the Rita's Truck at Open House, and the Membership Committee hosted a Boo Hoo Social for all Kindergarten parents with coffee, donuts, and giveaways. We also provided the Agenda Books to all kids in Grade 2-5. To celebrate the first week of school, the Spirit Committee hosted its first Popsicles on the Playground and we saw quite a turnout. Thanks for all who attended! We cannot make events like this possible without the help of you all and your fundraising efforts.

Now that everyone is getting settled in for the year, we are off and working our largest fundraiser of the year – the Fun Run! Please continue to get those business sponsorships, donations from friends and family, and don't forget to sign up for the child's free tee shirt! The Fun Run will take place on October 15th and is Luau themed this year. We hope to see many of you cheering on your children!

Things to be on the lookout for: our monthly restaurant fundraising nights (the 2nd Tuesday of every month is Chick-Fil-A and Monday 9/22 is E.W. Beck's) and the Spirit Wear Sale (open through Tuesday 9/30).

If you are interested in joining a PTA committee, we always have room so please do not hesitate to reach out! We welcome all new members and all new ideas. With that said, our first PTA meeting will be held Thursday 9/25 in the Media Center at 7:00pm. We are working to provide a raffle so please plan on attending and hearing all the great things we have planned for the year.

Have a great fall and hope to see/meet many of you soon!

Lindsay Holbig

Performing Arts



The Carrolltowne Players is proud to announce their production for the 2025-26 school year - Shrek Jr.!

Performances will be February 27 & 28 (snow dates March 6 & 7). There will be a parent meeting in October with more information and auditions will be in November. Dates TBD.

Please reach out to carrolltowneplayers@gmail.com with any questions.

2025-2026 PTA Executive Committee

President: Lindsay Holbig
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Treasurer: Siobhan Blazak
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Secretary: Kyle Emhoff
secretary@carrolltownepta.com

CCPS Volunteer Training

Please Complete the Volunteer Training for the 2025-2026 school year.

You can access the training at the link here:

<https://www.carrollk12.org/operation/human-resources/volunteer-program>

Future PTA Meetings

- September 25, 7pm
- November 6, 7 pm
- February 5, 7 pm
- April 16, 7 pm
- June 4, 7pm



Birthday Books

The Birthday Books committee is back this year and has begun visiting classrooms to giving out books to students!



During the month of their birthday, your child will be offered the chance to select a book to keep. Students with summer birthdays will be given their books in the Spring! We hope your child enjoys their gift!



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!
 Search for:
 Carrolltowne Elementary
 PTA Community



Membership:
Cardinals Care, Cardinals Share–
Be Part of the Flock!

Membership builds our nest for staff, students & families.



- Don't forget to join or renew your PTA membership online by the end of the month! The Membership Committee will be raffling off exciting prizes for those who join during our Membership Drive: "Cardinals Care, Cardinals Share–Be Part of the Flock! Membership builds our nest for staff, students & families." Our goal is to increase membership and support over last year by 50%.
 Teacher/Staff, \$6 -- Single Membership, \$11 -- Double Membership, \$17
- Thank you for all that stopped by our table at the Carrolltowne Elementary School Open House and Kindergarten, Pre-K, and ECSN back to school night. We had the opportunity to share more about the benefits and impact of membership, as well as about some of our exciting upcoming events. It was great to meet everyone who attended!
- At the end of September, every PTA member will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win two complimentary tickets to the National Aquarium (valued at \$100).
- We invite you to visit our updated PTA website to access useful resources, learn about upcoming events, and access our Family Directory, which is currently under construction. We upload each PTA member's contact information into the directory when they join. The more individuals and families that register, the better the directory.
- Don't forget to join our Carrolltowne PTA Facebook Group to stay-up-to-date on the latest events and opportunities for our families to get involved at Carrolltowne!
- Please be on the lookout for information about a Fall networking event for parents that we are planning in partnership with a local bar/restaurant. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a night out while spending time with old friends and making new ones!
- We invite our PTA members to get involved! Please be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer at upcoming events and join one of our awesome committees.



Sunshine Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to the Klaverweiden family! Mr. and Mrs. K welcomed a beautiful baby boy in August. We wish them all the very best as they begin their family together. The Sunshine Committee will be offering a gift to Mrs. K in celebration of this occasion!

Spirit Committee

Spirit Week
October 13-15
more details to follow

Trunk Or Treat
October 24th
 registration and fee required



Fundraising Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 -

I Scream Truck

The I scream truck will donate 10% of their sales Saturday from 5-8:30pm at 6112 Old Brtholow Road, Sykesville, MD-21784 behind the Chevy dealership.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 -

E.W. Beck's

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



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 12-8 PM -
CHICK-FIL-A**

*Dine In, Drive Thru or Mobile Order.
Mention SPIRIT DAY or
use code CES2025 when mobile ordering!*

Cultural Arts/Diversity

**The PTA is looking for Amazing Volunteers
to Lead the Cultural Arts/Diversity
Committee**

**If you are interested please email
president@carrolltownepta.com**



Treasurer Update

**PTA Financial Updates
are given at each PTA meeting.**

**At the September 25th Meeting, the PTA
budget will be presented for approval. ALL
PTA members are eligible to vote on the
budget.**





Spirit Wear

The Carrolltowne PTA Spirit Wear store is open!

Order online now through Tuesday, September 30th!
Purchase shirts, sweatshirts, and other fun Carrolltowne gear
by clicking the link listed below!

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
(1393 Progress Way, Suite 912).

[Carrolltowne Elementary Spirit Wear](#)

Questions? Email spirit@carrolltownepta.com

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CARROLLTOWNE ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEAR

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

Fun Run Rocky's Luau



Rocky's Luau FUN RUN is Wednesday October 15th (rain date October 23rd)!

MYBooster.Com Kick Off begins September 24th!
Every Student that registers by October 8th will receive a free prize.

FUN RUN T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who submitted the t-shirt form. T-shirts will be delivered to the school the week of October 13th for homeroom teachers to distribute.

FUN RUN Volunteers

If you're interested in helping out during the FUN RUN, please make sure you have completed the required volunteer training for the 2025-2026 school year. The approval process takes up to 5 business days and you need to receive your approval prior to Wednesday, October 15th.

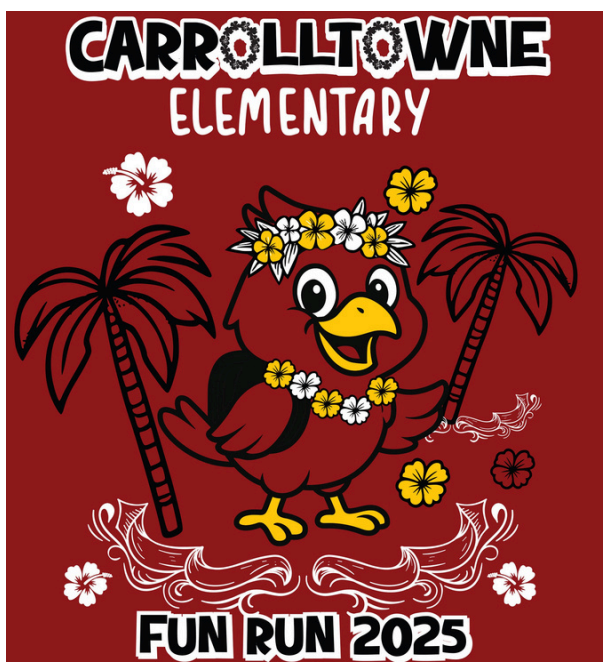
Volunteer Sign-Up Genius will be emailed to families the week of October 1st!

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

We will be looking for student volunteers to chalk the walk the evening before the FUN RUN Tuesday, October 14th (weather permitting). More details to come soon!

Lastly, be on the lookout for weekend challenges beginning September September 26th!

Thanks for your support!



Events & Dates To Remember

- September 20th - I Scream Truck Fundraiser 5- 8pm
- September 22nd - Restaurant Night at Becks
- September 24th - Fun Run MyBooster Kick Off
- September 25th - PTA Meeting, 7pm CES Media Center
- September 26th - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm
- October 9th - Picture Day
- October 13-15th - Spirit Week
- October 14th - Restaurant Night at Chick Fil-A
- October 15th - Fun Run!
- October 16th - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 17th - Schools Closed for Students
- October 23rd - Fun Run Rain Date
- October 24th - Trunk or Treat (registration and fee required)



PTA Committees

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- Community Service:
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- Cultural Arts/Diversity:
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- Fun Run:
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- STEM: stem@carrolltownepta.com
- Sunshine:
sunshine@carrolltownepta.com
- Website:
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- Yearbook:
yearbook@carrolltownepta.com

Community Service

An outreach committee designed to give back to our community through semi-annual donation drives benefiting local charities. More information will be provided regarding the Fall Community Service Project once finalized.

Stem

The STEM Committee is working to schedule an Assembly for January and a Science Fair in April.

The PTA is also working to finalize the Maryland Agricultural Mobile Science Lab week with administration. More information to follow.

Yearbook

Yearbook is gearing up for a great year! Information about how to join will be sent to 5th grade families.

#yearbook



Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Staff Welcome Back Breakfast! We were able to serve breakfast to 80+ staff members on their first day back in August.



In September we will be celebrating our amazing custodial staff. You can see our staff celebration posts on the PTA Facebook page.

Literacy

The Literacy Committee is excited to continue supporting our school's goal to foster a lifelong love of reading in every student! In prior years, the committee organized special reading opportunities where students could share their favorite books with Principal Dupree and Assistant Principal Sikorski – these sessions were a huge hit and gave our young readers a chance to showcase their skills while building confidence. While we're still finalizing our activity calendar for this year, we plan to start our "Reading with the Principals" program in October.

Please email with questions, ideas, or if you're interested in volunteering to help with literacy committee activities this year.

How many Cardinals?



How many Cardinals can you find in this newsletter?

Email your answer for a chance to win a prize at our September 25th PTA meeting!

All correct answers will be placed in a raffle, answers will be accepted up until the start of the PTA meeting.

Email: secretary@carrolltownepta.com

JOIN THE CARROLLTOWNE PTA!



Cardinals Care, Cardinals Share--Be Part of the Flock!

Membership builds our nest for staff, students & families.

- **Family Connection Tools:** Our family directory, website, and Facebook group connect families!
- **Birthday Books & Literacy Programs:** Every Cardinal receives a book for their birthday!
- **Yearbook:** Captures the heart of the school year preserving memories and milestones!
- **Carrolltowne Players:** Theater performances develop student confidence and teamwork!
- **Teacher & Classroom Grants:** Provide staff with resources to support every student!
- **Staff Appreciation:** Celebrates our amazing staff with tokens of gratitude throughout the year!
- **Community Events:** Builds spirit and connects families at fun, inclusive gatherings!
- **STEM:** Inspires innovation and hands-on learning through engaging STEM experiences!
- **Fun Run:** Promotes wellness and pride while teaching students the power of giving back!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Access** to an Online Family Directory with contact information for families
- **A voice and a vote** at PTA meetings with opportunities to hear important updates from leadership and staff
- **Opportunities to participate** in fun and engaging events for families
- **Networking opportunities** with other parents, community members, and business leaders

CARDINALS CONNECT!

CES PTA Website



Become a Member

PTA Facebook Group



SINGLE MEMBERSHIP = \$11
DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP = \$17

All family members are welcome to join!
We ♥ grandparents!
Help Build our Nest--Make a donation!

Your Membership Helps our Cardinals Soar!

Join in September for a chance to win exciting prizes.

Questions? Please email Membership@CarrolltownePta.com.



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AND
SUPPORT**

CARROLLTOWNE



ELEMENTARY

**10 % OF ALL
SALES WILL BE
DONATED!**

**I SCREAM TRUCK
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
5-8:30 PM**

**6112 old Bartholow rd
sykesville Md 21784
next to Ritchie Chiropractor
behind Antwerpen**





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THURSDAYS

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

10/02/25 - 1/15/26

TUITION: \$255
FOR 12 WEEKS



CARROLLTOWNE ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

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Fun is the name of the game...

...but Silver Knights Chess Academy [formerly Magnus Chess Academy] also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Each week students of all levels do a fun but challenging lesson with one of our great coaches from our world class curriculum followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with us! This in-person club includes online extras like practice tournaments, Chesskid Gold membership (\$49 value) and a bonus lesson with a chess celebrity!

To register, scan the **QR Code**
or visit
www.chessacademy.com

Questions or financial aid information -
email: **info@chessacademy.com** or call: **703.574.2070**

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Restaurant Night



Monday, September 22, 2025

E.W. Becks will donate 10% of the Sales to
Carrolltowne Elementary School

Guests must mention Carrolltowne or show this flyer!

Thank You for Your Support!!



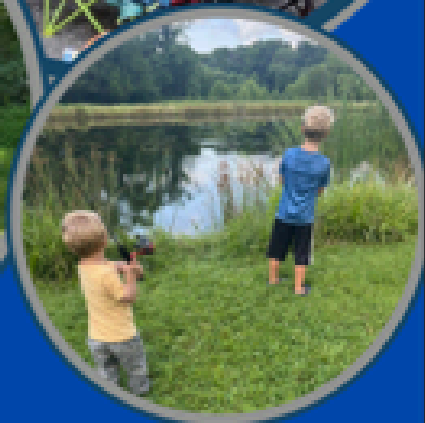
Cub Scout Pack 110

Adventure
awaits! Join us!

All are welcome to attend
our 1st den meeting of the year!

September 17th at 7pm

**Carrolltowne Elementary
Cafeteria**



Boys and Girls Grades K-5

September

- 20th Fall Picnic
at Mary's Land
Farm at noon



Check out our
video to see more!!

October

- 1st and 15th Den
Meetings
Carrolltowne/Freedom
Optimist Hall at 7pm
- 17-19th Camping at
Patapsco Valley State
Park

November

- 5th and 19th Den Meetings
Carrolltowne/ Freedom
Optimist Hall at 7pm
- 8th Hiking at McKeldin
Rapids Trail at noon
- 11th Veteran's Day Flag
Raising Ceremony at 8:45am

CUBMASTER CLAY ANDERSON

EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION -
CUBSCOUTPACK110.MD@GMAIL.COM



CARROLLTOWNE PTA INVITES STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO:

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 2025

6:45-8:30PM

CES PARKING LOT

ADMISSION \$20 PER CAR

6:45 PARKING LOT OPEN TO CARS

7:15 TRUNK OR TREAT BEGINS

(LOT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)

8:00 TRUNK AWARDS*

8:30 EVENT ENDS*

*ESTIMATED TIMES

Awards:

- Scariest
- Best theme
- most interactive
- most creative
- cutest

- REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND.
- All children MUST arrive in a registered car.
- NO WALK UPS ALLOWED.
- All cars must hand out candy/trinkets.
- All children must be supervised by an adult.
- This is not a drop off event.

Registration opens on 10/6 at 6pm
and will close on 10/17 at 6pm or when the event is full.

Space is LIMITED, so register today!

Register for the event here:

<https://forms.gle/JyYmAMihYPD7hCFfA>

A waitlist will form once all spots have been filled.



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 10/20/25. 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.



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.

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CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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