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President's Message



We are off to a fantastic start! Fall is here and the PTA has been BUSY! We held our first PTA Meeting of the year with record high numbers in attendance. Thanks to the Membership Committee, we were able to raffle off Five Guys gift cards and provided a generously donated tray of wraps and sandwiches from Wheatgrains Deli. As mentioned at the meeting, we are looking for volunteers for all committees – in particular, we need help with **STEM** and **Cultural Arts/Diversity**. We will need someone to step up and help take over the **Sunshine Committee** as our leads will be moving on to ORMS next year. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11/6**. Caliday will be providing free childcare during all PTA meetings for the remainder of the schoolyear (children must be potty trained and you must sign them in at the Cafeteria before heading to the meeting in the Media Center). A Big Congrats to Molly Hasslinger for winning the September Membership raffle – 2 tickets to the Aquarium, courtesy of Megan Anderson. If you haven't yet joined the PTA, there is still plenty of time and more chances for giveaways!

We also held our first PTA Parents Night Out - with food specials and raffles! Be on the lookout for the next one; it's a great opportunity to meet other parents and families.

We have a lot to look forward to in October! We are excited for a fun day at The Fun Run, our biggest fundraiser of the year! We know the kids run hard, have fun, and enjoy the day with popsicles and seeing Rocky in a hula skirt. Please continue to raise money; **MyBooster remains open until 10/22**. Later in the month, the Spirit Committee will be hosting its annual Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, 10/24. Keep in mind you need to be pre-registered for this event to attend; no walkups allowed.

October and November will kick off Carrolltowne Players and its performance this year of Shrek Jr! The audition registration link was sent out on October 10, and you must be registered in order to attend auditions.

Reminder that our Chick-Fil-A restaurant night is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. On **Monday 10/27, head to E.W. Beck's** to support the school. Lastly, for the whole month of October, stop by **Buppert's** with the flyer we sent out and 10% of your purchase will go to CES. This includes the hayride and corn maze.

The PTA has so much to offer and is continuing to plan a successful and fun-filled year. Keep watching those emails and Facebook posts for updates and opportunities!

Lindsay Holbig
PTA President

Performing Arts



Calling all students interested in the Carrolltowne Players performance of Shrek Jr.!

- October 13th - Audition Registration – Link will be emailed
- November 5th - 3rd-5th grade Auditions
- November 10th - K-2nd grade Auditions
- November 11th -Callbacks (invitation only)
- November 14th Cast List Emailed
- February 27 & 28 (snow dates March 6 & 7)- Performance Dates

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

2025-2026 PTA Executive Committee

President: Lindsay Holbig
president@carrolltownepta.com

Vice-President: Kelly McGonigal
vicepresident@carrolltownepta.com

Treasurer: Siobhan Blazak
treasurer@carrolltownepta.com



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 for September are complete.

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!

Birthday Books has volunteers for all grades, if you are interested volunteering email:

birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com



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 Search for:
 Carrolltowne Elementary
 PTA Community



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

Membership builds our nest for staff, students & families.



- We have 197 members signed up for 2025-26. Thank you to all who have given the PTA such a strong start to the school year!
- Our membership raffle winner for 2 tickets to the National Aquarium is Molly Hasslinger! A huge thank you to Megan Anderson for the donation of tickets to our membership kick-off!
- Thank you to the Mendoza family at Wheatgrains Deli for the delicious sandwiches for our first PTA meeting of the year on September 25!

The PTA is grateful for the generous contributions from these businesses:

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| • Basta Pasta | • J & Y Sushi |
| • China Wok | • Jersey Mike's |
| • Citron Organic Nail Lounge | • New York Pizzeria |
| • Five Guys | • Oscar's Alehouse |
| • Genova's To Go | • Salerno's |
| • Glory Days | • Stratosphere Social |
| • Hiko Hibachi & Sushi | • Top Gun Batting Cages |

Each business donated a gift card, certificate, or merchandise to serve as prizes that help grow our PTA membership. Their generosity strengthens the bond between CES and our greater community—we are truly grateful for their partnership!

Exciting news! At upcoming PTA meetings and events, we'll be raffling off these prizes (to current PTA members), averaging \$50 each. The lucky winner who attended our first PTA meeting took home a \$30 gift card from Five Guys.

Want to help? Membership@carrolltownepta.com.

Membership Details:

- You must RE-register each year.

Multiple adults in one family? Please register everyone! <https://carrolltownepta.com/join/>

Annual dues:

- \$6 – CES Faculty/Staff
- \$11 – Parent/Guardian Single
- \$17 – Parent/Guardian Double

Membership is a meaningful way to connect, get involved, and create positive change for our children and community. . . and possibly win one of these incredible prizes!

Community Service Carrolltowne Cares!

Join us in helping our Carroll County families by participating in our food drive to benefit Food Sunday, a local non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors meet their emergency and supplemental food needs. It is a great way for students and families to spread kindness.

Event Details:

Date: Monday, October 13th through Friday, November 14th

Location: In marked boxes inside the front entrance of the school

Why It Matters: Food Sunday is dedicated to supporting families in our community who are facing food insecurity. Your contributions will help ensure that our neighbors, friends and families have access to nutritious meals.

Together, we can make a difference!

How You Can Help:

Donate non-perishable food items

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



Spirit Committee

Trunk-or-Treat Registration opens Monday, 10/6 at 6 pm.

Event will be held Friday, 10/24 and in order to attend, you must register and arrive in a car; no walkups allowed. Cost is \$20/car. <https://forms.gle/JyYmAMihYPD7hCFfA>

Spirit Week Schedule: Monday 10/13 – Thursday 10/16

Monday 10/13 – Luau Day! Wear a Hawaiian shirt, tropical colors, or a lei! No swimsuits.

Tuesday 10/14 – Wacky Hair and Sock Day! Wear your hair wacky, wear wacky socks, or wear both!

Wednesday 10/15 – Fun Run! Wear your Fun Run Shirt! These will be distributed by teachers earlier in the week.

Thursday 10/16 – Favorite Sport/Hobby Day! Wear a shirt that represents your favorite sport or hobby!

Carrolltowne's Veteran's Day Celebration

Calling all Veterans! Join us on Veteran's Day!

When: Tuesday, November 11th, 8:00 - 8:45am

Where: CES Cafeteria

Carrolltowne students and their Veterans can enjoy a FREE donut, juice and coffee along with other Carrolltowne friends! At 8:45am, all attendees are invited to watch the flag raising at the front of the school.

- Registration required in order to attend.

-Please park in the lot behind Petco to allow teachers and staff to park in the lot on school property. (Handicap parking is available at the school but handicap tags or hang tag must be displayed. If your Veteran is unable to park and walk from the Petco lot, please email spirit@carrolltownepta.com)

-You must stay with your child until the bell rings at 8:45 a.m.

-One donut per person.

-Younger siblings permitted to attend.

To register, please click on this link and complete by 11/5 so we can order the correct amount of donuts.

<https://forms.gle/yZZLKaxViAgixGCQA>

Save the date for our annual Holiday Shop!

Saturday, December 6th 8am-12pm in the cafeteria. More details to come!

Fundraising Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:



October 2-31

Buppert's Farm

*Buppert's Farm will donate 10%
of your purchase from 10/2-10/31
when you show the flyer below
6914 Ridge Road,
Marriottsville, MD 21104*

MONDAY, October 27 -

E.W. Beck's

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



TUESDAY, November 11, 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@carrolltownnepta.com**

Treasurer Update

**The PTA budget was passed unanimously
by members in attendance at our first
meeting.**

**Ongoing financial updates will be shared
at each PTA meeting.**

Fun Run Rocky's Luau

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

MYBooster.Com will be open for Donations until October 22nd (If Fun
Run is held on the rain date of October 23rd donations will be open
until 29th)

Thank you to All of Our FUN RUN T-Shirts Sponsors!



A Special Thank You to Andy Gotsch for Donating his time and talent as our Fun Run DJ today!



Events & Dates To Remember

- 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)
- October 27th - Becks Restaurant Night
- November 4th - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm
- November 6th - PTA Meeting, 7pm CES Media Center
- November 10-14- Book Fair 2025
- November 11th Veteran's Day Celebration
- November 25th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 26th - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm
- November 27th & 28th - School Closed: Happy Thanksgiving!



PTA Committees

- Birthday Books Program:
birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com
- Community Service:
communityservice@carrolltownepta.com
- Cultural Arts/Diversity:
cultural@carrolltownepta.com
- Fundraisers:
fundraising@carrolltownepta.com
- Fun Run:
funrun@carrolltownepta.com
- Hospitality:
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- Literacy:
literacy@carrolltownepta.com
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performingarts@carrolltownepta.com
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- STEM: stem@carrolltownepta.com
- Sunshine:
sunshine@carrolltownepta.com
- Website:
webmaster@carrolltownepta.com
- Yearbook:
yearbook@carrolltownepta.com

Sunshine Committee

Sends cards, flowers, or makes a book donation to the media center for faculty or students due to personal illness or death in the family.

STEM

The STEM Committee has scheduled Eric Energy for January 21st.

Science Fair is scheduled for April 14th.

The PTA has finalized the Maryland Agricultural Mobile Science Lab for the week of June 1st - 5th.

Yearbook

Yearbook is gearing up and our club is being formed.

Stay Tuned for more details.

#yearbook



Hospitality Committee

On September 16th the Hospitality committee celebrated Custodian Appreciation Day by delivering Jersey Mike's to our amazing custodial crew. We appreciate all their hard work!

In October we will be providing dinner for teachers and staff during the first Parent/Teacher conference on 10/16. Dinner will be catered salads and wraps. We are asking for donations of chips, cookies and paper goods to round out the meal. Please sign up to donate an item if you are able. <https://tinyurl.com/SignUp1016>

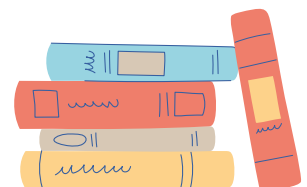
October 21st is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. We will have gifts for all of our amazing bus drivers!



Literacy

The Literacy Committee has officially kicked off the Reading with the Principals program. Students in 3rd Grade should have received the salmon-colored permission slip. If your child is interested in sharing a favorite book or part of a book with Mrs. DuPree (Principal) or Mrs. Sikorski (Assistant Principal) in their office, please complete the permission slip and return it. We are excited to help foster a lifelong love of reading by giving our young readers a chance to showcase their skills while building confidence!

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



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.

FALL HARVEST FUNDRAISER

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Cauliflower, Bell Peppers, Butternut
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**\*\*\*Show this flier on your phone to get credit for your school\*\*\***

Total Purchase (less tax) \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
10% donation \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Carrolltowne PTA '25





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](mailto: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.**



# **Carrolltowne Elementary school**

## **RESTAURANT NIGHT**

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

**MONDAY OCTOBER 27**

**GUESTS MUST MENTION  
CARROLLTOWNE OR SHOW FLYER**



**410-795-1001**

**7565 Main Street,  
Sykesville, MD 21784**



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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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PTA

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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](http://www.chessacademy.com)**

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

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