

The Cardinal Communicator

A Newsletter of
Carrolltowne Elementary

PTA

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President's Message

It's hard to believe we will be ending the third marking period soon – the year is certainly flying by. Congratulations to all the Carrolltowne Players and their wonderful, comical, and entertaining version of Shrek, Jr. The Musical. This play requires a lot of time and hard work from the students as well as from the parent volunteers – thank you to all who helped out to make it such a big success. This is the second largest fundraiser for the PTA; all money earned goes straight back into the PTA to help support everything else we do throughout the year.

The Donuts with Grownups signup is open! Come enjoy donuts, coffee, and juice with your child before the school day starts on 3/27. Reminder that the event is free for all students, but only one adult is permitted to attend. This event also requires the help of volunteers, so please be sure to sign up! Muffins in the Morning will be held in April.

The Science Fair is also returning this year and that registration is also open. The Fair will be held on April 14th. We are looking forward to seeing the creative ideas that each student brings. The next grade to read with the Principal's will be 2nd grade. Keep your eyes open for permission slips coming home.

The PTA recognized our School Counselor, Instructional Assistants, and our SRO with treats, snack bars, and many thanks for everything they do.

We are still looking for volunteers in STEM, Fun Run, and Cultural Arts/Diversity. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4/16. Attending the PTA meetings is a great opportunity to hear from the Committee Leads, our Principal, and to review the budget to see where our expenses are and what we are giving back to the school and to the students. 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).

Lastly, please be sure to educate yourselves on the 2026-2027 Carroll County Public Schools budget. We are encouraging families and community members to contact the County Commissioners prior to 5/21 and ask them to fully fund the budget request. It is imperative that the county invests in our schools and in our children. Any questions, please reach out to the PTA Board.

As the weather warms up, we hope you take the time to enjoy all the exciting events the PTA is bringing to you!

Lindsay Holbig
PTA President

Events & Dates To Remember

- March 13th - Early Dismissal
- March 16th - Schools Closed for Students
- March 23rd - E. W. Beck's Restaurant Night
- March 27th - Donuts with Grownups
- April 2nd -7th - No School Spring Break
- April 9th - Early Dismissal
- April 14th - Science Fair
- April 16th - Spring Pictures
- April 16th - PTA Meeting 7pm
- April 24th - Muffins in the Morning
- April 27th - Early Dismissal



PTA Committees

- **Birthday Books Program:** Autumn White, Meghan Furia and Kelly McGonigal
birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com
- **Community Service:** Kelly DiAntonia and Alyssa Neumann
communityservice@carrolltownepta.com
- **Cultural Arts/Diversity:**
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- **Fundraisers:** Roby Miller and Jessica Brown
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- **Fun Run:** Kyle Emhoff
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- **Hospitality:** Sarah Bushong, Melissa Strozykowski and Bethany Casias
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- **Literacy:** Olga Burket and Krista Reed
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- **Membership:** Megan Foelber and Molly Dolan
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- **STEM:** Emily Wilson
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- **Sunshine:** Robin Weber and Diana Lucas
sunshine@carrolltownepta.com
- **Website:** Christopher McClure
webmaster@carrolltownepta.com
- **Yearbook:** JoAnna Robbins and Kourtney Roussey
yearbook@carrolltownepta.com

Yearbook

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Deadline to order is April 17th
Yearbook Market

Yearbook Theme is "Flashback, Fly Forward Cardinals" so don't delay, get your Yearbook Today !!

#yearbook

Spirit Committee

Save the date for these fun and free events!

Donuts with Grownups:

Friday 3/27 8:00-8:45am

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/q5W2hErHAVtCmsp46>

Muffins in the Morning:

Friday 4/24 8:00-8:45am

Look for the registration link in the weekly look ahead emails in April!



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 February and March 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!

If you have any questions please email Birthday Books:
birthdaybooks@carrolltownepta.com



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

Performing Arts



Congratulations to the
Cast and Crew of Shrek Jr!

STEM

The STEM Science Fair on Tuesday 4/14 at 6:15-7:30pm

All grades are welcome, signup link below:

[https://m.signupgenius.com/#/!](https://m.signupgenius.com/#/!showRSVPSignUp/9040E4AAFA92AAFF2-61788647-science)

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

If you're interested in getting involved, the
STEM Committee would love your support!
please email stem@carrolltownepta.com





Membership:

**Cardinals Care, Cardinals Share–
Be Part of the Flock!**

Membership builds our nest for staff, students & families.



We are halfway through the school year, and it is not too late to join the PTA and make a meaningful impact. PTA membership helps support important programs and experiences that enrich our students' learning and strengthen our school community.

Your support allows us to fund and organize events throughout the rest of the year, including the school play, STEM activities, and teacher and staff appreciation events that recognize the incredible work happening in our classrooms every day. Beyond events, PTA involvement helps create stronger connections between families, educators, and school leadership, ensuring our school remains a welcoming, supportive place for everyone.

Whether you're able to volunteer your time, share ideas, or simply lend your support through membership, every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can continue building a school community where students grow, teachers feel supported, and families feel connected.

You can still join at <https://carrolltownepta.com/join/>.

Questions? Membership@carrolltownepta.com.

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!

Literacy

5th grade readers enjoyed reading with Mrs. Dupree - from funny comics to scary stories, everyone had a great time!



2nd grade is scheduled for Reading with the Principals on March 24th and 27th. Reminders will be sent home on Friday, March 20th with students who return their permission slip.

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



Fundraising Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 23rd 11:30am-9:00pm

E.W. Becks Restaurant Night

10% of sales will be donated to our school when mentioning Carrolltowne or showing the flyer.



TUESDAY, April 14, 12-8 PM

CHICK-FIL-A

Dine In, Drive Thru or Mobile Order.

Mention SPIRIT DAY or

use code CES2026 when mobile ordering!

Fun Run

Fun Run Committee is looking for Co-Chair and committee members to begin the planning of the 2026 Fun Run!

If interested please email funrun@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.

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

The Treasurer's Report was shared at the February PTA meeting. Please attend the April PTA meeting for further updates on the PTA's finances.



Hospitality Committee

At the end of February the Hospitality Committee celebrated our Instructional Assistants with an apple nacho bar.

Thank you to all our our IAs!



In April we have a few celebrations:
 April 4th- School Librarian Appreciation
 April 6-10th- Assistant Principal Week
 April 22nd- Administration Professionals Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th- 8th this year. Our committee has already started planning! Be on the lookout for ways you can help celebrate teachers in staff sometime in April.

Community Service Carrolltowne Cares!

Rachel's Bears

Carrolltowne's next community service event is here!

We are partnering with Rachel's Bears, an organization that provides new teddy bears and books to children in pediatric hospitals. Donation bins will be located directly inside of the front door of the school for collections! Please help us support Rachel's Bears to provide brand new teddy bears, or brand new books to local children who are hospitalized. No donation is too big or small!

Look for the Rachel's Bears Donation Box at the Front Entrance of Carrolltowne and is ongoing through the end of March!



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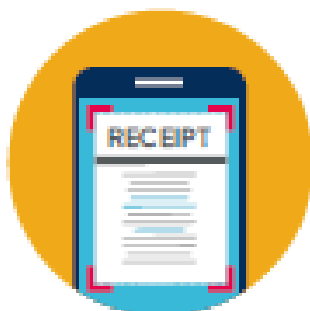
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**Carrolltowne
Elementary school**
RESTAURANT NIGHT

MONDAY MARCH 23

All day 11:30 am-9:00 pm
carry out, dine in and curbside
10% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED

**GUESTS MUST MENTION CARROLLTOWNE OR
SHOW FLYER**



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Spirit Day

Tuesday, April 14,
12:00pm - 8:00pm

Come support Carrolltowne Elementary PTA. Mention SPIRIT DAY when ordering. For Mobile Orders, enter code: **CES2026**, to support Community Care Event.



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.