MT. AIRY ELEMENTARY

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September Newsletter

Dear Mt. Airy Families,

Welcome back to what we hope will be an amazing school year! If you haven't been up to visit lately, you will be pleasantly surprised by our brand new sidewalks, parent drop off arrows, new office color, and a pristine building! Our contractors, county crews, and our custodial crew have been working diligently to improve our building and get ready for our community. Although many teachers have already been in to work or visit, the official start date is Monday, August 27th! We have a week of county and school-wide professional development as well as time to work in classrooms to prepare a welcoming learning environment for our students.

We have several staff changes to announce: Mrs. Kelly Smith accepted a position closer to home, so Mrs. Robyn Marsden will be our new GT teacher. Ms. Mills has transferred out of county, and Mr. Conor Riggin will be taking her place on the fifth grade STEM team. Mr. Brian Everitt has moved to Chicago, so Mrs. Kim Lomax will be our new Art teacher. Mr. Jim Lawson, school psychologist, has accepted a 12 month position, so Ms. Gabrielle Glorioso will step into his role on our campus. We also have some congratulations and name changes to announce: Ms. Wesmiller is now Mrs. Lesko, and Ms. Piper is now Mrs. O'Sullivan!

Our Rita's social will be on September 11th at Watkin's Park with a rain date of September 18th. Parr's Ridge Elementary and Mt. Airy Elementary staff, students and parents are invited to come out from 6-7 P.M. We hope to see you there!

In closing, please take a moment to read through this newsletter to find important information on school procedures and upcoming events. Consider joining the PTO and helping our students and families enjoy awesome cultural programs, sponsored social events, and fundraisers to meet the needs of our school. Our staff strives to work with parents as partners to ensure the success of every one of our students. We look forward to opening that line of communication as our new school year begins.

Sincerely,

Debbie Winson Principal Jessica Smith Assistant Principal Cardinal Rules Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Resiliency Acknowledging Students for Consistent Positive Behavior

September 2018



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> Deborah Winson Principal Jessica Smith Assistant Principal

School Colors Red and White

School Mascot Cardinals

Inside this issue:

- Important Dates
- Attendance
- School Hours and much more

VISION STATEMENT

"The MAES community will foster flexible thinkers who can adapt to the ever changing demands of a globally competitive society."

Calendar Information

August 30th: Open House:

- 3rd Grade: 9AM-10AM
- 4th Grade: 10AM-11AM
- 5th Grade: 11AM—12AM

September 2018

- Sept. 4 ~ School Open-First Day for Students
- Sept.10 ~ Schools Closed—Rosh Hashanah
- Sept.11 ~ Back to School Social-Watkins Park 6pm
- Sept.17 ~ PTO Fundraiser @ J&P Pizza
- Sept.18 ~ Rain-date- Back to School Social
- Sept.19~ School Closed- Yom Kippur
- Sept.24 Oct 7th ~ Project Aces
- Sept.26 ~ PTO General Meeting 6:30PM-7:30PM
- Sept.27 ~ Fall Picture Day-bring your smile



Looking Ahead to October

- Oct.1 ~ Fun Run Pep Rally
- Oct.1-7 ~ Project Aces
- Oct.11 ~ PTO Assembly; Chris Barton (Author)
- Oct.12 ~ Fun Run
- Oct.16 ~ PTO Fundraiser @ Siempre de Fiesta
- Oct.17 ~ Conferences-INVITE ONLY
- Oct.18 ~ Two hour and forty-five minute early dismissal—Dismissal Time: 1:00PM
- Oct.19 ~ Schools Closed for Students
- * * * * * * * * MARK YOUR CALENDARS* * * * * *

Please mark your calendars with the following two hour & forty-five minute early dismissal days for the 2018-2019 School Year. Mount Airy Elementary will dismissal 1:00p.m. on: Oct. 18, Nov. 13,21, March 8, April 9, Last day of School.

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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2	3 Schools Closed Labor Day	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8
9	10 School Closed Rosh Hashanah	11 Back to School Social Watikins	12	13	14	15
16	17 PTO Fundraiser J&P Pizza	18 Back to School Social Rain date	19 Schools Closed Yom Kippur	20	21	22
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School Hours for the 2018-2019 School Year

SCHOOL HOURS: Students will be allowed to **enter the building at 8:45 a.m**. The first bell will ring at 9:10 a.m. and the **instructional day will begin at 9:15 a.m.** Dismissal is at 3:45 p.m. **On days Mt. Airy Elementary School has an early dismissal, students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m.**

Back to School-Open House Information Sessions for all students and parents:

August 30th 3rd Grade 9:00-10:00 a.m. 4th Grade 10:00-11:00 a.m. 5th Grade 11:00-12:00 a.m.

PTO Back-to-School Social

Please join us on September 11th (Sept 18th rain date) at 6:00 p.m. for our PTO Back-to-School social. This event will be held at Watkins Park and will include students, staff, and parents from Parr's Ridge Elementary and Mt. Airy Elementary.

Newsletter Distribution

This year parents/guardians will continue to receive the August/September and the May/June newsletters as they contain valuable information. We will also continue using the weekly newsletter SWAY, which has been highly praised for both its brevity and timeliness. MAES will continue to broadcast the monthly calendar and the lunch calendar each month through School Messenger. We will also continue to update parents/guardians by broadcasting important information to your email address on file.

Bullying or Intimidation Acts

Carroll County Public Schools will not tolerate any acts of discrimination, harassment, hazing, bullying, hostile acts or other forms of intimidation on the part of students or employees. The staff at Mt. Airy Elementary School believes that in order for children to be successful in their learning, they need to feel safe and comfortable in their environment. Consequently, staff members at school are vigilant to bullying situations and to addressing the concern immediately. If you feel that your child has been a victim of a bullying situation, please ask your child if he/she told the adult in charge at the time. If you feel your child is unable or unwilling to advocate for himself/herself, please contact your child's teacher, school counselor or a school administrator. Also, if you fear your child could be a bully, please contact the school as well. Steps will be taken to resolve bullying issues immediately and to provide support for the students involved.

Bridge the Gap Books

Please remember to have your child turn in the Bridge the Gap Calendar to his or her teacher by September 17th, to show that your child completed the activities. All students who turn in their completed sheet will receive special recognition for their hard work. Thanks go to our school PTO for sponsoring this learning activity for our students to keep their skills sharp over the summer.

School Messenger Communication System

CCPS will continue to use School Messenger for communications coming from school. Phone numbers and email addresses used by this system are taken from the emergency contact information provided by parents via the emergency cards collected at the beginning of the school year. If you have any changes in your contact information during the school year, please be sure to contact the school office, so that this information can be updated in our data base.



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

All students who are not seated in their classroom at **9:15 a.m. are considered late<u>. Please walk your</u> <u>children into the main office and sign them in if you arrive after 9:10 a.m.</u> For safety reasons, dropping late students at the door is not permitted. Please remember that students who are leaving early must be picked up prior to 3:30 p.m.in the main office**. After **3:30 p.m., students will be sent to parent pick up**. Late arrivals, early departures or mid- day absences during a school day will be recorded as a tardy on the student's report card. Parents will be notified if a student is excessively tardy.

Reporting your Child's Absence

A note is required from a parent when a student returns to school following an absence in order to assure proper coding. (A doctor's note may be requested.) **Please call or email the office**

<u>at MAEAttendance@k12.carr.org on the day of the absence or alternatively, send a note in with your child upon his/her return. (see pre-made notes)</u>

Absences for **FAMILY TRAVEL** or **TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY** will be excused (when approved in advance). Students will be <u>permitted to make up missed work upon return</u>. Both students and parents need to understand that some loss of learning opportunity is likely. For example, some school work such as class participation/discussion or laboratory experiments simply are difficult, if not impossible, to make up and therefore may have a negative impact on the student's grade. Parents of students already having excessive absences or poor grades need to understand the implications of any extended absences.

In accordance with MSDE Guidelines, the following is the attendance recording policy:

A student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance four (4) hours or more of the school day. A student is counted present for $\frac{1}{2}$ day if in attendance for at least two (2) hours of the school day, but less than four hours. A student is considered tardy if he/she arrives late or leaves early or is absent for a portion of the day.

Frequent Student Absences

It is vital that all students attend school on a regular basis to ensure maximum growth and opportunities to learn. Children need a quality education to be productive, successful citizens, and chronic absenteeism is a powerful predictor of poor academic achievement and risk of dropping out. If you child is absent for a few days, expect a call from either the teacher, school counselor or nurse. If the number increases to 12%, you can expect a call from administration. If the situation is not resolved, you can expect a letter from the guidance counselor, administration, and the pupil personnel worker. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school for any reason, please contact administration for additional help and resources! We want every child at school every day!

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

In order for a student to participate in a school sponsored event after school, i.e. a band concert, students must be in attendance during the school day.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PRE-MADE ABSENTEE NOTES:

When your child is late, absent, parent pick up, early release, etc., and you don't have time to write a note, please use the form on the last page of the newsletter or email <u>maeattendance@carrollk12.org</u>.

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Emergency Procedure Cards

Please complete, correct and return this card immediately. This information is essential in helping our school to provide emergency care for your child. In case of illness or accident, it is imperative that we have names of several people to contact who are within 30 minutes away from the school. If you are not at home or at the number where you can usually be reached, it is necessary that we be able to reach someone in case of an emergency. Should information on this card change during the year, please notify the school promptly. It is imperative that this card be kept up to date! Only parents can authorize treatment for their child so we need to be able to contact someone when an emergency occurs. The only people who may pick up a student during an emergency are those listed on the emergency card. A photo ID is required from all adults picking up students.

<u>Please be reminded that, other than the parent/guardian, students may be released only to those listed on</u> the emergency card with a note from the parent or when contacted by the school.

Enrollment Forms

All required forms for registration for your child should be in our office by this time. If you still owe us any documentation, such as proof of residence or health forms please turn them in by September 4, 2018.

DRESS CODE

Students of Carroll County Public Schools are required to groom themselves in a manner that is modest, clean, appropriate, decent and not disruptive to the educational process. Students are expected to abide by this dress code from their arrival to the school building until the end of the *school day*. Requirements include, but are not limited to:

<u>*Head Coverings*</u> - Hats, sunglasses, or *head coverings* of any kind, including bandanas and visors, shall not be worn in the school building unless approved for religious or medical reasons. **Shirts -** Shirts shall:

- Cover the entire back, i.e., no cutout backs, no shirts that tie in back.
- Cover the *midriff area*, i.e., bottom of the shirt must meet the top of the lower attire at all times.
- Cover undergarments, i.e., tank top undershirts and skin tight compression shirts.
- Not be see-through.
- Fit modestly so that cleavage area is covered.
- Have two straps, one on each shoulder (no tube tops or halter tops).

Skirts/Skorts/Shorts/Pants:

• Skirts, skorts, and shorts should not be excessively short. The guideline for "excessively short" is clothing that exposes the upper half of the thigh while standing.

• Pants shall cover undergarments at all times and not be excessively long so that they drag on the floor.

Student Handbooks

Student handbooks will be available via our school website: **www.carrollk12.org/mae** by August 31st. If you do not have internet access, please contact the office and a hard copy will be sent home with your student. In addition, Carroll County Public Schools' Handbook is available on the CCPS website's home page at www.carrollk12.org. Please review these handbooks as they will be a good resource for information throughout the school year



A Message from Nurse Cremens

Hello and welcome back! For our new parents, I would like to let you know some basic information that may be a help at the start of the school year.

When your child visits the health room for an injury or illness, I will complete an Assessment and Health Report. A copy will be given to your child to put in his/her Cardinal Folder for your review. I will call you if it is a serious or urgent matter.

If your child is injured and using a brace, crutches, wheelchair, etc., or is to be excused from PE, a **DOCTOR's NOTE** is required to make the appropriate accommodations for the appropriate length of time. This is needed to ensure that we take the best care of your children while they are in our care.

All medications requires a doctor/nurse practitioner signature on the **CCPS MEDICATION CONSENT FORM**. Office staff may not accept medication. Please call the nurse to arrange medication drop-off. IMPORTANT: Your child cannot carry any medication with them while in school without being in violation of the CCPS Drug/Alcohol Policy.

Finally, a temperature of 100 degrees is considered a fever. We ask that you keep your child home and fever-free for a full 24 hours (without Tylenol or Ibuprofen) before returning to school. We realize that this can be a hardship for some parents/guardians, but again, it is necessary to keep from transmitting the virus to their classmates.

Please call me with any questions that you may have. Let's work together for a successful and healthy school year!! Best Wishes,

Annette Cremens RN

Vocal Music News

Hello, MAES families! I am so excited to make music with our students this year! We will explore music through listening, composing, reading, and of course performing on a variety of classroom instruments & singing!

Speaking of singing, I am excited to announce that in addition to our fifth grade Cardinal Chorus, this year we will have a fourth grade Cardinal Chorus as well! No auditions required, just a signed permission slip. Each chorus will present a winter & spring concert in conjunction with the band & orchestra. **Interested fourth or fifth grade students will receive a letter with further details about chorus during the first week of school**.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer break!

Mrs. Laura Bradley

Vocal Music Teacher



Instrumental Music Update

Welcome to a new school year here at MAES! I am so excited to have your child in my classroom again this year. All students who were in Beginning Band and Orchestra last year have been bumped up to Advanced Band and Orchestra this year—no need to sign up again! We will be working on developing more advanced technical skills as well as ensemble skills in order to perform even more exciting and fun music (I already have some GREAT pieces picked out!!). Lessons will begin the second week of school... keep your eye out for a schedule coming out during the first week of school.

Returning Student FAQs

My child has not been able to practice very often over the summer. Can he/she still participate this year?

YES! With summer travels, inconsistent schedules, and the lack of regular music lessons, it is completely normal for a student's practice habits to dwindle in the summer months. We will begin the year with lots of review. No worries!

Do we have to sign up for band or orchestra again this year?

Nope... I have everyone's name from last year's beginning band and orchestra. I can't wait to see everyone again!

My child wants to learn a different instrument this year. Is this possible?

Switching instruments is HIGHLY DISCOURAGED. Our two-year program is designed so that students build off of last year's knowledge and skills set to learn more advanced (and more fun) music this year. Each student worked so hard last year to learn the fundamentals of tone production and notation reading... now let's have fun with it!

Can my child participate in both band/orchestra AND chorus?

Yes, of course! Mrs. Bradley and I work very closely with each other and the 5th grade teachers to make sure that this is possible for every student. We love supporting our students' musical talents!

ATTENTION ALL 4th GRADERS:

Have you always wanted to learn how to play an instrument? Are you interested in becoming a member of the MAES Band and Orchestra? This is your year to join! More information to come!

See you soon! Mrs. Mitchell Instrumental Music Teacher www.maemusic.weebly.com jlmitch@carrollk12.org



TRANSPORTATION



Bus Riders

Bus riders are dismissed from the front doors in waves beginning promptly at 3:45 PM, as we do not have the space to accommodate all buses at once.

Bus Transportation Policy

It is the Department of Transportation's policy to "drop off students even if parents are not at the bus stop." Please make arrangements with a friend, family member, or neighbor in the event you are delayed getting to the bus stop. Please develop a plan with your student concerning what he/she should do in the event no one is at the bus stop or at home. Also, please note that each student is allowed only one assigned bus stop in the morning and one in the afternoon. Students may not ride other buses for purposes of visiting or childcare. Any changes with transportation must be submitted in writing and have prior approval from our administration.

Parent Pick-Up

Parent pick-up takes place outside the music room door. Park in the side lot and go to the back of the building. The music room door is located near the portable behind the school. A teacher will be standing outside the door with a list of the names of students who are being picked up. **Please have your ID ready** so we can cross reference it with the name of the person picking up your child. You will need to sign them out and we will then have them come out of the music room to join you. **Dismissal will start at 3:45 p.m.** Students are not dismissed from the office. If your child is to be an occasional car rider, send in a note (**see last page for pre-made notes**) to the teacher on the day of the pick-up. Alternatively, a note may be emailed to **maeattendance@carrollk12.org** by 3:15 p.m. of the same day. Only the parent/guardian will be allowed to pick up his/her child unless otherwise designated on the note from the parent/guardian. Step-parents/other family members may pick up a student if given permission by the biological parent/guardian. The child's name will be put on a list and called for parent pick-up at end-of-day announcements. For safety concerns, please park and walk to the PPU location.

STUDENT DROP OFF PROCEDURES

When dropping off your student in the AM, please come into the parking lot at the entrance nearest the meat locker and proceed to the rear of the parking lot. Make a right turn towards the building followed by another right turn bringing you alongside the school. Continue to the front corner of the building to the designated student drop off zone (basically a big U-Turn) Once your child has been dropped off, drive forward, but proceed with caution to the bus exit. If buses are leaving, please allow them to exit first. We will have staff available in the parking lot for the first few weeks of school to help maintain and transition the traffic flow.

Transportation Form to Be Completed-See Last Page

Please be sure to fill out and return a Student Transportation Information form for your child. A completed form must be filled out for each student. Bus routes are posted on the CCPS website and will be published in "Back to School" issue of the Carroll County Times. Please review this information to confirm bus numbers as changes have been implemented to several bus routes that service Mount Airy. Please turn this form into the school at the time of your child's orientation or on the first day of school. A copy of the form has been included in this newsletter. This form has also been sent as a separate document via the School Messenger alert system.



IMPORTANT VISITOR INFORMATION

VISITORS' ENTRY

- 1. All exterior doors will be locked.
- 2. All visitors must ring the main entrance buzzer to request entry.
- 3. Prior to allowing entry to the building, staff will ask visitor's full name and reason for visiting.
- 4. Staff will direct visitors to the main office for sign in.
- 5. Visitors, including volunteers, are required to sign in through the visitor's system
- 6. All visitors must show a photo identification card.
- 7. All visitors will be issued a visitor's badge.
- 8. Visitor appointments with staff will be verified.
- 9. Contractors and service providers' paperwork will be reviewed and verified.
- 10. Visitors will return their badge to the main office and sign out with staff when leaving.

Classroom Visitors

When visiting a classroom, please let your child's teacher know in advance. Because of potential disruption to the academic setting, parents are discouraged from bringing preschool or other children for extended visitations. Students not enrolled in Carroll County Public Schools are prohibited from visiting or shadowing other students while school is in session.

Lunchroom Visitors

Please be reminded of our procedure concerning visitors to our cafeteria. **Only a student's parent/legal guardian is allowed to visit during lunchtime unless written permission from the parent/legal guardian is received by the school allowing other specific individuals to do so.** It is permissible for a note to be written granting permission for the entire school year. In addition, we continue to ask that **siblings and other young children not accompany adult visitors** to our cafeteria during lunch. This procedure has been put in effect due to safety concerns, space limitations, and the need for appropriate supervision.

PTO Information

2018-2019 PTO Executive Board Members

Vicky Amoriell, PTO President 410-935-8771 vamoriell@aol.com

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Terence Sullivan, Treasurer 301-674-0004 Terence_sullivan_Jr.00yahoo.com

Jennifer Morris, Secretary 301-908-6412 Jennifer_morris@yahoo.com

> PTO General Meeting Schedule 2018-19 PTO General Meetings at 6:30PM

Wednesday September 26th PARR'S

Future meetings to be announced on the PTO Website for MAES & PARRS.

http://maesparrspto.com

2018-2019 Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Training for the 2018-2019 school year will be available online thru the CCPS website Volunteer Program page as of **August 1st. Annual Application Approval Status expires on the last day of each school year**, please note you must fill out the Volunteer Application Form for the upcoming school year.

https://www.carrollk12.org/admin/hr/volunteer/Pages/default.aspx

Parents and community members who are interested in volunteering opportunities for the 2018-2019 school year will need to ensure their volunteer training is completed, and have received an approval email, prior to their scheduled volunteer service. The screening of all volunteers is important to ensure the safety of students, staff, and other volunteers. Requests to volunteer are delayed until the screening process is completed. Once the screening process is completed, volunteers will be emailed at their personal email address provided on the Volunteer Information Form to confirm their volunteer status. **This make take up to 5 days**.

Questions regarding the Volunteer Program can be directed to the Human Resources Department at 410-751-3070

We love our Volunteers!





MAES School Picture Day SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 Bring your smile! More information forthcoming©



The CCPS Gifted and Talented Program is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and maximize student achievement. Gifted and Talented teachers, in collaboration with classroom instructors, will continue to provide a continuum of interventions designed to meet the needs of Gifted and Talented Education Program participants. This may include in-class instruction, pullout groups, and/or resource development with classroom teachers. A Referral and Review Team will determine student eligibility for interventions. Indicators for participation include observational checklists, standardized test scores, work samples, and classroom performance. Although students are not formally identified until the beginning of third grade, Gifted and Talented teachers will continue to provide a range of services for grades K-5, including primary talent development for grades K-2. Look for more information concerning the upcoming Gifted and Talented Education Program Orientation Night that will be communicated via our GT Resource Teacher, Robyn Marsden.

School Counseling News

Hello! Welcome to those of you who are new to our MAES community, and welcome back to all of those returning. I hope everyone had a restful summer and you are ready for a great school year!

My role as a counselor allows me to support students and families in a variety of ways. In addition to the types of counseling services listed below, I work collaboratively with teachers and specialists to help every student work through barriers to the learning process.

Types of Counseling

Individual Counseling- students can come see the counselor for one-on-one support in the areas of academics, emotional, or social needs on an as-needed short-term basis. If the parent and/or school counselor feels the student could benefit from additional counseling, the school counselor can provide referrals to community mental health professionals.

Group Counseling- based on identified needs, a group of 5 to 8 students meet weekly for additional support. The sessions last approximately 30 minutes and for 8-10 weeks.

Classroom Lessons- the counselor designs and implements developmentally appropriate lessons that target academic, career, or personal/social needs. The lessons will be every 2-3 weeks and last approximately 40 minutes.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance to your family, please feel free to contact me at 410-751-3540 or emscott@carrollk12.org.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mrs. Erín Scott

School Counselor



Cardinal Café News

We are looking forward to serving our students delicious healthy meals and snacks in the 2018-2019 School Year. Here are a few things to know about our computerized cash register system:

- Any money left in your child's computerized cafeteria account at the end of the school year rolled over to this school year. Your children's accounts will also follow them to any other Carroll County School if they transfer or promote to middle or high school.
- Parents can put money in any value on account for meals and snack items by sending in cash or checks or using an online credit card payment system.
- Our credit card payment system is online at www.myschoolbucks.com
- Cash and check payments have no service fee and online credit card payments have a small provider fee.
- Parents can monitor their child's meal activity online at no charge at www.myschoolbucks.com and sign up for email alerts when balances are low.
- All students enter their PIN when purchasing a breakfast or lunch regardless of whether they are using cash, money on account, or receiving free or reduced priced meals.
- Cafeteria PIN numbers are the same as last school year. New students pin numbers can be requested when setting up a myschoolbucks account online.

Please see the flyer on the last page for additional information regarding this system.

School Meal Prices 2018-2019 School Year

Elementary Lunch \$2.50 Reduced Lunch \$0.40 Breakfast \$1.50 Reduced Breakfast \$0.30 Milk \$0.60 Snacks/A la carte items \$0.30-\$2.50

Forgotten Lunch

If a student does not have his/her lunch or lunch money, he/she will be given the regular daily lunch and a slip informing of the money owed. This money is to be repaid the next day. Students will not be permitted to purchase snacks, ice cream, or items from the cafeteria until their outstanding debts are paid.

Food Allergy Policy

To support our severe allergy policy, a safe table procedure will be in place in the cafeteria. Any food brought into the cafeteria is **not** to be shared with other students. **Due to the increasing number of students with potentially life-threatening food allergies, <u>parents cannot send in birthday food items for other children</u> to the cafeteria. We appreciate your help in keeping all our students safe and healthy.**

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGAL NOTICES IN PUBLICATIONS

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons with regard to its employment practices and in the provision of services, programs, and activities.

The CCPS does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. The CCPS provides non-discriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca Director of Research and Accountability 125 North Court Street Westminster, Maryland 21157 410.751.3068

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ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.

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Asbestos Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County to prepare, update and make available all asbestos management plans. The building asbestos management plans are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Facilities Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Asbestos management plans are required by the

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos containing materials (ACM), if any are located in the school or building.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

CG/bb Revised 6/30/17

Child's Name ____

Grade _____ Teacher ____

MOUNT AIRY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MUST HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED AND RETURNED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: 9/4/18

<u>We strongly encourage parents to have children ride a school bus to and from school.</u> <u>Bus transportation is available to all students.</u> Students are only permitted to have 1 CCPS am bus and 1 CCPS pm <u>bus.</u> WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PROVIDED IF THERE IS ANY <u>CHANGE TO WHAT IS LISTED BELOW. (maeattendance@carrollk12.org)</u>. Be sure you have confirmed bus information by going to the CCPS website and accessing the Transportation Link as bus numbers and routes have changed from year to year. Look for "Parr's/MAES" to find the transportation information that will be posted on the CCPS website: https://www.carrollk12.org/ in August.

*MORNING Transportation – Please provide the daily information below according to what your student will do:

Day of the Week	BUS #	Student's AM Bus Stop Location	ABC Care Onsite	Name of Private Daycare	Parent Drop Off (PDO)
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					

<u>*P.M. Transportation – Please provide the daily information below according to what your student will do.</u> If your child will be picked up from school <u>periodically</u>, do not check "Parent Pick Up (PPU)." Please send a note to school each day or email <u>maeattendance@carrollk12.org</u> when you change your child's dismissal to PPU. Please designate who will be picking up your child and please ask that person to bring picture ID.

Day of the Week	BUS #	Student's PM Bus Stop Location	ABC Care Onsite	Name of Private Daycare	**Parent Pick Up (PPU)
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
**IF YOUR CHILD WII		ENT PICK UP" STUDENT ON A <i>REGULAR BASIS</i> , PLE	ASE COMPLE	TE THE FOLLOWI	NG:

Relationship to student:

Carroll County Public Schools

2018-2019 School Calendar

<u>August</u>

- 17-24 New Teacher Pre-service Professional Days
- 27-28 Pre-service Professional Days for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
- 29 Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers
- 30-31 Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants

September

- 4 Schools Open First Day for Students
- 10 Schools/Offices Closed Rosh Hashanah
- 19 Schools/Offices Closed Yom Kippur

October

- 8 Schools Closed for Students Professional Development Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
- 18 Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Development Time Available for Instructional Staff; Schools Closed for Pre-kindergarten Students
- 19 Schools Closed for Students and 10-Month Staff Professional Meeting Day

November

- 6 Schools/Offices Closed General Election Day
- 13 Marking Period Ends. Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
- 21 Schools/Offices Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal Last Day before Thanksgiving Holiday; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
- 22-23 Schools/Offices Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26 Schools/Offices Reopen

December

- 24-28 Schools/Offices Closed Christmas/Winter Holiday
- 31 Schools/Offices Closed Christmas/Winter Holiday

January

- 1 Schools/Offices Closed Christmas/Winter Holiday
- 2 Schools/Offices Reopen
- 21 Schools/Offices Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February

- 1 Schools Closed for Students Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items; Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants
- 18 Schools/Offices Closed Presidents' Day

<u>March</u>

8 Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Development Time Available for Instructional Staff; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students

<u>April</u>

- 9 Marking Period Ends Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items;
- Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
- 19 Schools/Offices Closed Good Friday
- 22 Schools/Offices Closed Easter Monday
- 23 Schools/Offices Reopen

<u>May</u> 27

Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day

<u>June</u>

- 13 Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students
- 14 Last Day for Students, Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide Professional Time for Teachers
- 17 Professional Time for Teachers Last Duty Day for Teachers; Non-work Day for Instructional Assistants

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

All duty days or half days when students are not in school will be used for professional meetings, in-service activities, or workdays as determined by appropriate central office administrative personnel or the school principal.

June 3, 2019	Manchester Valley High	7:00 pm	
June 4, 2019	Francis Scott Key High	7:00 pm	
June 5, 2019	Century High	7:00 pm	
June 6, 2019	Westminster High	7:00 pm	
June 7, 2019	South Carroll High	7:00 pm	
June 8, 2019	Liberty High	1:00 pm	
June 8, 2019	Winters Mill High	7:00 pm	

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATES

Carroll Springs will hold its Certificate Ceremony at 7:00 pm on May 30, 2019 at Carroll Community College-Scott Center. Gateway School will hold its Certificate Ceremony at 7:00 pm on May 29, 2019 at Carroll Community College-Scott Center. Carroll County Career & Technology Center will hold its Certificate Ceremony as students complete their programs. Dates and times will be released through the school.

STUDENT DAYS MONTH **TEACHER DAYS *MARKING PERIODS** AUGUST 0 5 FIRST **SEPTEMBER** 17 17 SEPTEMBER 4 – NOVEMBER 13 **OCTOBER** 21 22 **NOVEMBER** 19 19 **SECOND** DECEMBER 15 15 NOVEMBER 14 – JANUARY 31 21 JANUARY 21 FEBRUARY 18 19 THIRD MARCH 21 21 **APRIL** 20 20 FEBRUARY 4 – APRIL 9 MAY 22 22 JUNE 10 11 FOURTH APRIL 10 – JUNE 14 *Actual marking periods may be -4* -4* adjusted depending on the use of 188 TOTAL 180 emergency closing days.

NUMBER OF DAYS IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Emergency Closing Days

If any of the four (4) emergency closing days are not used, the last day for student and staff are as listed below:

One (1) day not used – Last Student Day – June 13th, Last Staff Day - June 14th.

Two (2) days not used – Last Student Day – June 12th, Last Staff Day – June 13th.

Three (3) days not used – Last Student Day – June 11th, Last Staff Day – June 12th.

Four (4) days not used – Last Student Day – June 10th, Last Staff Day – June 11th.

In the event that the school year is shortened due to unused emergency closing days, the last student day will be a two-hour and forty-five minutes early dismissal. The one-day immediately following the last student day will serve as a professional day for teachers.

If additional emergency days are needed, the Board will request a waiver from the requirement that the school year end no later than June 15, allowing make-up days to be scheduled the following week.

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HAPPY LABOR DAY	LUNCH Entree Choices: Taco Tuesday Chicken Tenders, Roll Yogurt Combo, Roll Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Seasoned Corn Tossed Salad French Fries Peaches Variety of Fresh Fruit	Wed., September 5 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Chicken Patty on Roll Orange Chicken, Rice Yogurt Combo, Roll Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Carrot & Celery Sticks Applesauce Variety of Fresh Fruit Cookie Variety of Milk	Thursday, September 6 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Chicken Nuggets, Roll Pepperoni Bread Yogurt Combo, Benefit Bar Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks Diced Pears Variety of Fresh Fruit Juice Rush Variety of Milk	Friday, September 7 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Variety of Pizza Assorted Deli Subs/Wraps Yogurt Combo, Bagel Entrée Salad, Bagel Sides: Green Beans Cucumber Coins Mixed Fruit Variety of Fresh Fruit Mini Rice Krispy Treat Variety of Milk	DON'T4-GET to make a lunch, choose at least one Fruit/Juice OF Veggie
Monday, September 10 Rosh Hashanah Monday No School Today	Tuesday, September 11 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Walking Taco Tuesday Specialty Pizza Yogurt Combo, Roll Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Seasoned Corn Tossed Salad Mixed Fruit Variety of Fresh Fruit Variety of Milk	Wed., September 12 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Chicken Patty on Roll Steak and Cheese Sub Yogurt Combo, Benefit Bar Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Mixed Vegetables Red & Green Pepper Strips Potato Smiles Applesauce Variety of Fresh Fruit Variety of Milk	Thursday, September 13 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Chicken Tenders, Biscuit Mozzarella Sticks, Sauce Yogurt Combo, Biscuit Entrée Salad, Biscuit Sides: Steamed Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Chilled Peaches Variety of Fresh Fruit Variety of Milk	Friday, September 14 BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Variety of Pizza Chicken Nuggets, Roll Yogurt Combo, Bagel Entrée Salad, Bagel Sides: Steamed Carrots Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets Diced Pears Variety of Fresh Fruit Variety of Milk	Fruit/Juice and 3-5 Fruit/Juice and 3-5 Fruit/Juice and 3-5 Frems bold between the second sec

A variety of a la carte items that meet the SMART SNACKS for Schools Nutritional Requirements can be purchased in the cafeteria

When money is deposited on account, it is automatically available for the purchase of both meals (breakfast and lunch) and snack items. Parents who want to limit the money on account to meals only can notify your cafeteria asking them to "allocate" the funds to meals only. You can do this by calling, e-mailing, visiting or sending a note to the cafeteria with your request. Visit the CCPS website for more detailed information on the snacks available in our schools www.carrollk12.org

IT'S AS EASY AS 1,2,3

3 Ways to Pay in the Cafeteria!

1) Your Child can deposit a check or cash into their account on the cafeteria line

2) Make an online credit card payment at myschoobucks.com



Maryland Homegrown School Lunch week is September 24-28. WHAT IS **Farm (b)** School Lunch to School Lunch to School Lunch to School Lunch to School Lunch

The Kickoff Celebration will occur on Thursday, September 20 at Eldersburg Elementary School. Carroll County Grown Produce will featured on ALL cafeteria lines in the County. Locally grown corn, melons, squash, potatoes, apples, tomatoes and peppers are just some of the treats served throughout the fall harvest season in CCPS!

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Ionday, September 24		Wed., September 26	Thursday, September 27	Friday, September 28
BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Intree Choices: Decialty Pizza b-A-Que on Roll Degurt Combo, Granola Ditrée Salad, Roll Ides: Deasoned Corn Ded & Green Pepper Strips	BREAKFAST DAILY Breakfast for Lunch Entree Choices: French Toast Sticks, Sausage Mini Pizza Bagels Yogurt Combo, Bagel Entrée Salad, Bagel Sides: Green Beans Carrot & Celery Sticks Tater Tots Variety of Juice	BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Chicken Patty on Roll Grilled Cheese Yogurt Combo, Benefit Bar Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Tomato Soup Seasoned Carrots Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets	BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Roll Chicken Nuggets, Roll Yogurt Combo, Roll Entrée Salad, Roll Sides: Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks Diced Pears	BREAKFAST DAILY LUNCH Entree Choices: Variety of Pizza Assorted Deli Subs/Wraps Yogurt Combo, Bagel Entrée Salad, Bagel Sides: Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad Pineapple Tidbits Variety of Fresh Fruit

3) Send cash daily