

L.E.A.D...it's up to me!
Learning to Empower Myself to Achieve my goals will Determine my success!

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Carroll Elementary Parents/Guardians:

I hope you are prepared for a wonderful holiday season and excited to spend it with your family and friends. We are excited to wrap up "2017" and move forward into "2018" as we continue to work diligently to reach our academic goals for this year. We appreciate your effort and dedication, as you provide additional support from home, to help your child be successful. It has been very rewarding to see the growth our students have made since the beginning of the year.

We continue to have many things planned for the month of December. In December, our PTO will be sponsoring Secret Santa's Shop-Jenny's Penguin Patch. We will be conducting a community service project, enjoying our holiday band and choral concert, and relishing in our holiday classroom celebrations. Please review the calendar dates listed below for further details.

Even though it is only December, our third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students are continuing to prepare for the upcoming state mandated assessments. The 2018 ELA and Mathematics PSSA testing window is April 9-April 13 and April 16-April 20, 2018. The 2018 Science PSSA testing window, which is only completed by fourth grade students, is April 23-April 27, 2018. The designated make-up testing window is April 30-May 4, 2018. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments or vacations for students that will participate in this assessment.

As a building, the staff and students (K-5) are continuing to utilize some test taking strategies that will assist students when completing any assessment. The staff has implemented those strategies into their daily instruction since the beginning of the year. The following strategies listed below can be reinforced at home with students as they complete their homework.

*Nail the Detail *Extra, Extra Read All about It *Slash the Trash *Check it Out

*Plug it in, Plug it in *Be Slick and Predict * Keep on, Keeping on *Unpack the Question

I wish everyone a joyful holiday season; one that is blessed with warmth, togetherness and well-deserved relaxation.

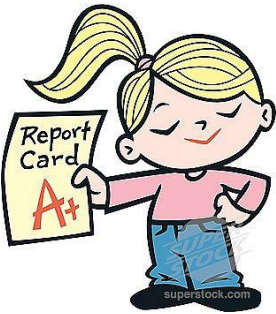
Happy Holidays,

Ms. Kristi Wickard



A few reminders:

- ✓ Please remember to have your child dress appropriately for cold temperatures. Students will continue to have outside recess unless the “feels like” temperature is 28 degrees or below.
- ✓ Breakfast is NOT served on two-hour delay days.
- ✓ Please remember to send a note regarding your student’s absence the day he/she returns to school.



Student Spotlight Corner

**We have concluded the first marking period and Ms. Wickard was able to honor several students for their accomplishments based on their attendance, academic performance or overall character.*

**Please review the “amazing” data points listed below regarding our Carroll students.*

- ~ 100 students were recognized for their perfect attendance (Pre-K thru 5th grade)
- ~ 25 third, fourth and fifth graders received an Academic Excellence-Distinguished Level award for earning “All A’s” on their report cards
- ~ 74 third, fourth and fifth graders received an Star Student-Honor Level for earning “All A’s and B’s” on their report cards

****We are very proud of our hard-working students! Keep up the good work!***

West Perry Midget Football update:

The Ponies division Super Bowl game was held on Saturday, November 11 at 1:30 pm on the WP High school football field. Our Ponies played a tough game but were not victorious against the Good Shepherd Rams. Our Ponies were undefeated with a 9-0 record going into the game. The Ponies Cheerleaders were present to encourage the boys to another victory.



The Smurfs division won their Super Bowl championship. Congratulations to the football players and cheerleaders for their victory!



****Top Mustangs- Habit #3: Put First Things First***

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are “caught” displaying exemplary behaviors within our 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Friday, or end of the week, two tickets are drawn from each grade level and the students get to choose a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store. Congratulations to our top mustang winners for the month of November- Habit #3: Put First Things First!

*Wyatt Weller~Brayton Benner~Heath Dodson~Nash Colledge~Arianna Nickey~
Kylie Morrison~Nate Lindley~Aidan Luffer~Tyrell Hopkins~Barbra Backenstoss~Kirra Frey~
Caleb Zeigler~Lillian Benner~Elise Jones~Austin Tennis~Jacob Both~Jagger Burchfield~Keira
Miller~Gannon Wilson~Alexandria Searer~Arianna Miley~Jonah Clark~Dashzell Jones~Emma
Winter~Hayden Magaro~Novah Garland~David Taggart~Olivia Liddick~Emily Kern~Lexi
Hughes~Wyatt Lowe~Jayden Nixon*



PTO News:

Box Tops Update

The contest is very close, so keep clipping and sending in the Box Tops!

Below are the top 5 classes.

- 1st Place.... Mrs. Succa, 1185
- 2nd Place....Mr. Pascoe, 966
- 3rd Place....Mrs. Book, 733
- 3rd Place....Mrs. Saylor, 654
- 5th Place....Mrs. Mutch, 569



*Please continue to collect and turn in your Box Tops! The fall contest will end on December 15!

Fundraiser Update:

We had a successful Fall Fundraiser selling Fisher's Popcorn and "That's My Pan". Our profit was \$2,500. Thank you to all families that contributed to our fall fundraiser.

The top selling classrooms were Mrs. Saylor (2nd) - \$1,205.50, Mrs. Reisinger (Kdg) - \$1,202.50 and Mrs. Morrison (Pre-K) - \$692.50.

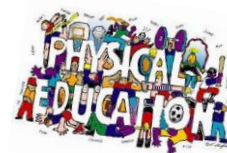
Yearbook Update:

Dedication papers for the yearbook will be sent home on January 5, 2018. Please consider this opportunity to leave a memory behind for your child in their elementary school yearbook.

Dedications will be due on January 26, 2018. More information regarding dedications will be communicated in the January newsletter.



Special's Spotlight



Art: Please check out www.Artsonia.com, an on-line museum for student artwork. All participating students will have artwork posted on Artsonia soon.

Band/Music: Our Holiday Band and Choral Concert is on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm at New Bloomfield Elementary School.

Library: The Carroll Book Fair raised a total of \$4,996.96. The library will receive a credit of \$2,432.87 to purchase books for the library.

Physical Education: 'Tis the season for boots...Please make sure your child/children are dressed appropriately for physical education class. It is very important that students wear sneakers to participate in the activities during their physical education class. Please have your child bring sneakers to school on their physical education days if they will be wearing boots to school. Please encourage students to exercise while on their holiday vacation. ☺



A message from the School Nurse... Stay Warm to Stay Healthy!

Please make sure your child dresses warmly for recess. He/she should have a warm coat, hat and gloves. Students still go outside on most winter days for their enjoyment and we want to ensure they are properly prepared for the colder temperatures. Students with temperatures of 100°F or more will be sent home. Please remember that students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Dates to Remember

December 4-12	Community Service Project- Food Bank Food Drive (see attachment)
December 11	School Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
December 11-15	Santa's Secret Workshop
December 12	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
December 18	Holiday Concert @ 7:00 pm at New Bloomfield Elementary
December 20	Tacky Sweater/Sweatshirt Day
December 21	Red/Green Day
December 22	Pajama/Slipper Day - Holiday Classroom Parties @ 9:00-10:30 am
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
January 8	School Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
January 9	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
January 15	In-Service Day - No School for Students
January 17	End of the 2 nd Marking Period
January 25	Report Cards Sent Home
February 5-8	Parent/Teacher Conferences (more information to come in January)