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*January 2017 Newsletter*

Dear Carroll Elementary Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday. We are excited to begin "2017" with a clear mind as we continue to work diligently to reach our academic goals for this year. Staff and students will be encouraged to establish academic or personal goals for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year. Attached, you will find a document regarding setting goals, either academic or personal, for you to review with your child.

January will be a slow month regarding student activities for us at Carroll. With all the activities between Thanksgiving and Christmas, this will be a nice time for teachers and students to settle back into our routines and procedures, as we refocus ourselves on academic goals and progress. Students are encouraged to continue to read at home and log those minutes read onto their "S.T.A.R. Reading Challenge" log sheet or submit via QR code.

As a reminder, the start of our instructional day is 8:10 am. In order for students to be marked present for our attendance records, students must be in their homeroom classrooms by 8:10 am. If you choose to drop off your child in the morning, please arrive between 7:45-8:05 am.

Don't forget that our third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students are continuing to prepare for the upcoming state mandated assessments. The 2017 ELA and Mathematics PSSA testing window is April 3-April 7 and April 23-May 11, 2017. 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.

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| *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 |

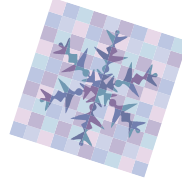
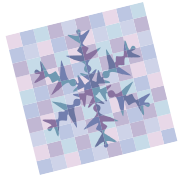
Sincerely,  
*Ms. Kristi Wickard*

*Mark it on your calendar...*

January 5	DIBELS- K-3
January 9	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
January 16	In-Service Day/No School for Students
January 20	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
January 27	Report Cards Sent Home
February 6	Committee of the Whole Meeting at Carroll at 7:00 pm
February 7	PTO meeting at 6:00 in the library
February 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences- 3:30-7:30
February 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences- 3:30-7:00
February 17	No School for Staff and Students (1 <sup>st</sup> Snow Make-up Day)
February 20	No School for Staff and Students

***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.***



### **\*Top Mustangs**

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are “caught” displaying exemplary behaviors or performing acts of kindness toward others. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Friday, or end of the week, five tickets are drawn and the students receive a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store. Congratulations to our top mustang winners for the month of December:

*Kaidi Smith, Kylee Nilsen, Stefani Craft, Angelina Yohn, Bennett Flenner, Brady Sokoloski, Novah Garland, Leland Folk, Brayden Foster, Renee Weigel, Jonah Clark, Arias Conrad, Abigail Risner, Mariah Blumenschein, Colin Braxton, Dylan Brennan, Christopher Risner, Lilah Grafmyer, Breyen Bostwick, Jameson Jones, Sam Autry, Brandon Lauwer, Karen McNaughton, Jessica Summerville*

### **Our TOP MUSTANGS are outstanding!!!**

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#### **A message from our Special Teachers...**

**Art:** Please check out [www.Artsonia.com](http://www.Artsonia.com), an on-line museum for student artwork. All participating students will have artwork posted on Artsonia soon.

**Band/Music:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students performed very well at the Band and Choral Concerts. We were very proud of their hard work in preparation for the concerts. Thank you, Mr. Wright!

**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.

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#### **\*Student Spotlight Corner\***

***\*We want to congratulate Kayden Snyder for being our top seller with our PTO fall fundraiser. Kayden and his family sold over \$900 worth of merchandise. Great Job, Kayden.***

***\*Mrs. Sieg's third grade classroom collected to most Box Tops during our beginning of the year collection. Her classroom collected 1,375 Box Tops! Way to Go, Mrs. Sieg's Third Grade Classroom! They will celebrate with a snack party this month.***

***\*We are proud of our other classrooms as well. Listed below are the second through fifth place finishers:***

***2nd Maggs - 1090***

***3rd Bower - 1013***

***4th Barrick - 806***

***5th Pugh - 729***

***Total Box Tops collected so far this school year- 8542 (\$854.20 for our school)***



#### **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.