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January 2018 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 "2018" with a clear mind as we continue to work diligently to reach our academic goals for this year. We will continue our focus with the 7 Habits as January looks at Habit #4- Think Win-Win. Our second graders will be providing information regarding this habit during our whole school morning meeting on January 4, 2018.

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, as well as continue to practice their math facts for the "Here's the Scoop" Math Fact Challenge.

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 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

*Check it Out

* Keep on, Keeping on

*Extra, Extra Read All about It

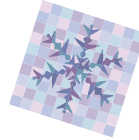
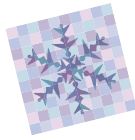
*Plug it in, Plug it in

*Unpack the Question

*Slash the Trash

*Be Slick and Predict

Sincerely,
Ms. Kristi Wickard



Mark it on your calendar...

January 8	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
January 9	PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm in the library
January 15	In-Service Day/No School for Students
January 17	End of the 2 nd Marking Period
January 25	2 nd MP Report Cards Sent Home
January 26	PTO Movie Night at 7:00 pm
February 5	Committee of the Whole Meeting at Carroll at 7:00 pm
February 5-9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (More information will be sent home at a later date.)
February 13	PTO meeting at 6:00 in the library
February 16	No School for Staff and Students (1 st Snow Make-up Day)
February 19	No School for Staff and Students
February 23	Spring Picture Day PTO Movie Night at 7:00 pm



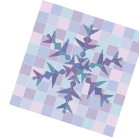
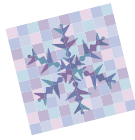
A few reminders:

- ✓ ***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.***

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.



A message from our Special Teachers...

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 4th and 5th 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: Jump Rope for Heart takes place during the month of February. '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.



***Top Mustangs-Habit #1, Habit #2, and Habit #3**

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 December- Habit #1. Habit #2 and Habit #3!

Lillian Benner~Case Bower~MacKenzie Lohr~Darius Turner~Finn Ebersole~Cesare Cottone~Sydney Koons~Hayden Fleisher~Navaeh Foster~Alex Prutzman~McKenna Jones~Brodi Neal~Payton Failor~Weston Shenk~Lily Shope~Brayton Benner~Jessica Lynch~Erin Lupfer~Wyatt Robinson~Ashlynn Bakker~Cheyanne Weaver~Brooke Howe~Damien Yocum~Kaylee Abel~Wyatt Miller~Andrew Shope~Peyton Gusler~Chase Krupyak~Damian Duncan~Liam Weibley~Willow Wyland~Judah Rummel~Micky Byndas~Evan Keaton~Adam Baker~Brandon Lauver~Nate Bell~Taylor Callaghan~Nick Oerman~Isabella Rauch~Levi Radnor~Marina Liller~Samuel Stover~Ben Mullen~Chase Clark~Riley Fisk~Carson Fritz~Emily Kern~Carly McConnell~Hunter Failor~Gabe Henry

Our TOP MUSTANGS are outstanding!!!

PTO News:

*Mrs. Saylor's class were top sellers for our fall fundraiser. The students enjoyed ice cream sundaes as their reward.

*PTO will be hosting a “Cookies and Cocoa” event on January 19, 2018. Every student will be invited to enjoy a warm treat, compliments of the PTO!