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Learning to Empower Myself to Achieve my goals will Determine my success!

## NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Carroll Elementary Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your families have made the necessary adjustments to prepare for the autumn season. It is hard to believe that it is November already. We have just concluded our first marking period. If you haven't done so already, please remember to submit your parent/teacher conference request form to your child's teacher. Our parent/teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 3:30-7:30 pm and Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 3:30-7:00 pm. This is a time for parents and teachers to discuss how students are developing socially, behaviorally and academically. Don't forget to sign up for this opportunity!

We ended October with two successful events- Scholastic Book Fair and Donuts for Dads. We were very thankful for all of the parent volunteers who supported our book fair whether it was collecting money, supporting students as they selected books or simply monitoring the crowd. We also had a successful celebration for our "DADS" with our PTO sponsored event, Donuts for Dad. We had over 460 participants during this event. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying this time with their dads, uncles, grandfathers, brothers or other men in their lives. (We even had some moms since some dads were out of town!) Thank you PTO for a well-organized event.

I will be sending home a newsletter each month. The newsletter will contain important information, upcoming events, and highlights from students or their classrooms. I would like to recognize the efforts of our students and their activities outside of our school setting. If you have something exciting that you would like to share about your child (i.e., team sport accomplishment, girl/boy scout honor, etc.), please send your notification into the office to Ms. Zimmerman.

Hopefully the newsletter will keep you informed on the incredible things taking place here and will be helpful in your planning throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Kristi Wickard*



### Box Tops Update

The contest is very close, so keep clipping and sending in the Box Tops! Below are the top 5 classes.

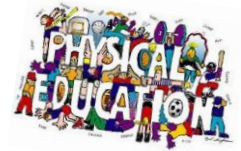
1<sup>st</sup> Place....Mrs. Jones, 477  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place....Mrs. Sieg, 459  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place....Mrs. Pugh, 415  
4<sup>th</sup> Place....Mrs. Bower, 407  
5<sup>th</sup> Place....Ms. Barrick, 404



\*Please continue to collect and turn in your Box Tops! The fall classroom contest will end on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Special's Spotlight



**Music:** "We will be providing a comprehensive instrumental program to **all students** in Grade 4. That experience will take the form of added recorder, rhythmic and pitch reading experience, Orff instruments, Ethnic drumming as well as a culminating activity in experimenting and choosing a musical instrument to play in Grade 5."

**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. Artsonia is the largest online museum for children! Artsonia is a wonderful place to view and share with family members your child's artwork. Artsonia, even if you are not a member, is a great place to view art projects that are being created at Carroll Elementary. To view Carroll Elementary art, all you have to do is visit [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) and type in Carroll Elementary for the search. The Shermans Dale, Pennsylvania Carroll Elementary should then be selected. All art projects that have been placed on Artsonia from our school will then appear!

If you have not done so and are interested in joining Artsonia, all that is necessary is a note or e-mail to your art teacher providing your permission, child's name and e-mail address. We will place your information on the website. You will then be sent an e-mail from Artsonia to directly gain permission to place your child on the site. Your child will receive a number behind his/her first name (last names are never shown) so you can view and share your child's art with family and friends. Family and friends can then write comments to your child, which you can post! Merchandise with student artwork printed on it, is also available for purchase, if you so choose. 20% of Artsonia merchandise sales comes back to our art room so we can purchase art supplies.

Thank you for supporting Artsonia and the arts at our school!

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**Physical Education:** 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.



**A message from the School Nurse...** \*Don't forget that the daily temperature is changing. Please ensure that your child has a warm jacket and any additional accessories for outside recess in the cold weather.

## Dates to Remember

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| November 1     | End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period          |
| November 1     | PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm                              |
| November 9     | Parent Teacher Conferences; 3:30-7:30 pm           |
| November 10    | Parent Teacher Conferences; 3:30-7:00 pm           |
| November 11    | In-Service Day - No School for Students            |
| November 15    | Picture Re-take Day                                |
| November 23    | Trade-Off Day - No School                          |
| November 24-28 | Thanksgiving Break                                 |
| December 12-16 | Santa's Secret Workshop                            |
| December 6     | PTO Meeting @ 6pm                                  |
| December 20    | Holiday Concert @ 7pm at New Bloomfield Elementary |
| December 21    | Red/Green/Tacky Sweater Day                        |
| December 22    | Pajama/Slipper Day - Holiday Classroom Parties     |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 2 | Christmas Break                                    |

\*PTO will be sending home information requesting volunteers for Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Classroom parties. Keep an eye out for this information!

