



L.E.A.D...it's up to me!

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## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Carroll Elementary Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your families have had success transitioning to the new school year. We have had a very successful start to the school year and are ready to proceed into the autumn season. It was nice to see our Carroll families attend our Kindergarten Orientation and Open House sessions. Your participation in these school events sends the message to your children that you are engaged in their education and will support them as they progress from their elementary educational experiences to their secondary educational experiences. Thank you for your continued support!

Our students participated in a "Welcome Back" assembly, in which students reviewed a chart that emphasized our expectations with voice levels, reminded students of our school logo and motto and encouraged students to model Habit #1-Be Proactive behaviors.

I want to thank all of our parents for supporting our modifications to our "Parent Drop-Off and Parent Pick-Up" procedures. As a reminder, for "Parent Drop-Off" students are to exit vehicles from the passenger side within the marked areas at the front of the building. If parents must exit their vehicles to enter the building, we ask that you park in the upper level parking lot prior to entering the building. These modifications have ensured the safety of our students as they enter and exit the building on a daily basis.

We will be hosting our Parent Curriculum Nights on September 25 and September 26. These evening events are for parents only. Childcare will be available in the gymnasium for children ages 3 and older. The information presented on these nights will include the district's 5 Focus Points, Title 1 Reading information, and curriculum at each grade level. Please see the dates below for the grade level specific Parent Curriculum Nights. We look forward to sharing this important information with all of you.

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 or Mrs. Barber or send an email notification to [kwickard@westperry.org](mailto:kwickard@westperry.org).

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



### **A message from the School Nurse... Who is at risk for getting head lice?**

Head lice are found worldwide. In the United States, infestation with head lice is most common among pre-school children attending child care, elementary schoolchildren, and the household members of infested children. Although reliable data on how many people in the United States get head lice each year are not available, an estimated 6 million to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children 3 to 11 years of age. Head lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infected person. Anyone who comes in head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Spread by contact with clothing (such as hats, scarves, coats) or other personal items (such as combs, brushes, or towels) used by an infected person is uncommon. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. ~Directly from the CDC

***~Please advise your child/children to not share coats, hats, scarves, combs, brushes, headbands or hair ties during this time of year. It is very important for the clothing items to stay in a book bag, in the sleeves of their coat or in the pockets. This is not an easy time of year as it begins to get colder and these creatures are looking for warm places to grow. The notification above is to provide you with the necessary awareness to be as preventative as possible.***

## **PARENT Information and Reminders**

- Student supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. Students who are dropped off may not enter the building until 7:45 a.m.
- The breakfast program begins at 7:50 a.m. If you drop your student(s) off and want them to participate in the breakfast program, please bring them in time to eat and begin instruction at 8:10 a.m.
- The elementary school day begins at 8:00 a.m. with announcements at 8:10 a.m.
- Any student that arrives after 8:10 a.m. will be tardy and needs to be signed in at the office by their parent/guardian.
- The elementary school day ends at 2:50 p.m. Buses depart school property between 2:55-3:00 p.m.
- All parent pick up will occur at the lower level after the buses depart.



## **Parent Pick-Up Information**

Any student being picked up by their parent/guardian at the end of the school day should be picked up after the buses leave at the lower level parking lot. The only time a student should be picked up at the office is if they need to leave school prior to the end of the school day for an appointment. A note from the doctor or place of appointment will need to be submitted the next school day. If you need to call in to the school to place your child on the “Parent Pick-Up” list, please do so by 2:15 pm.

In order to avoid confusion and comply with school policy, a note is required **each day** a student is picked up from school. When using a handwritten note be sure to include your student’s first and last name, along with their teacher’s name.



## Attendance Information

Regular school attendance is very important to assure your student's academic success. Please refer to Board Policy, 204 Attendance, found on the West Perry website, Board, Policies. The PA Truancy law has changed, making it *imperative that excuses for student's absence is sent in within the three (3) days following the absence(s)*. In the past, an excuse could be changed after the 3 day grace period to reflect parent excuse/doctor's, etc. but no longer. If a student does not turn in the excuse or parent does not send an excuse within the 3 days the absence will remain unlawful. **After three unlawful days the new truancy process begins with notification from the guidance counselor to set up a meeting to discuss reasons for the truancy and how to develop a plan for improved attendance. If truancy (unlawful) absences continue, you may be fined by the district magistrate.**

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We are continuing to practice the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to develop leadership skills within our students. Please encourage the characteristics and use the language of our 7 Habits of Highly Effective People with your children at home.

Our first habit is Habit 1: Be Proactive. This mean that your child is in charge of themselves to make decisions or choices that are proactive and positive. Students will practice and reflect on the following statements:



I am a responsible person.

I take initiative.

I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods.

I do not blame others for my actions.

I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

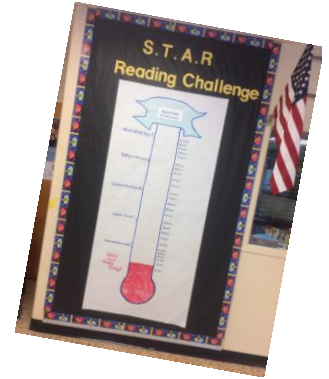
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## S.T.A.R. Reading Challenge

Please encourage your children to be a Carroll S.T.A.R. (Student That Always Reads) and read at least 15-20 minutes every night. Reading logs were sent home on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for students to use to track their minutes read. Reading logs will need to be submitted on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> or Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> so the minutes can be calculated and added to our current total. Our goal this year is to read 500,000 minutes. Our summer readers read a total of 37,719 minutes. We are off to a great start!



### Dates to Remember

September 4	Labor Day- No School for Staff and Students
September 11	School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm at the District Office
September 12	PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm
September 22	Act 80 Day - No School for Students
September 25	Parent Curriculum Night (grades 1-2) 6:00-7:30 pm
September 26	Parent Curriculum Night (grades 3-4-5) 6:00-7:30 pm
October 9	In-Service Day - No School for Students
October 9	School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm at the District Office
October 10	PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm
October 11	Donuts for Dads- 7:00-7:45 am
October 18	Fall Picture Day
October 23-27	Red Ribbon Week

