Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is time to kick off the 2017-18 school year! As always around this time, it is natural to reflect on the past and to make goals for the upcoming year. Thinking on my own educational experience, I’m extremely proud of the fact that twenty years ago, I walked through the halls of Mt. Airy Middle School (MAMS) as a student. Fast-forwarding twenty years, it is a dream come true to serve the students, staff members, and community as your Assistant Principal. Under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Streaker, I’ve already learned so much on how to transition from the role of teacher to administrator.

Before being hired at MAMS, I had the privilege to teach Special Education, Health, and Physical Education at both New Windsor and Northwest Middle. For over a decade, I was fortunate to coach Boys Basketball at Century High School. Teaching and coaching have provided me with invaluable lessons on the importance of differentiating instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners and to look at situations through multiple lenses. When the opportunity arises, I will not hesitate to turn a student challenge into a teaching moment that may strengthen their character, improve their academics, or help them in the world beyond school. Thank you for this opportunity. It feels so good to be back home!

Please take time to review the information in the newsletter. The postcard mailed to you indicates your child’s homeroom. The “Refrigerator Page” highlights many of the important events that take place throughout the year. In the event that dates change, we will resend an updated refrigerator page in an email.

Mt. Airy Middle is a tight knit community with a strong devotion towards providing our students the best educational experience possible. It is our duty as 21st Century educators to prepare our students to overcome adversity and to hurdle any obstacles that may be in the way of dreams! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and new staff to Mt. Airy Middle family.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer break.

Sincerely,

Chris Hynes, Assistant Principal

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August/September/October 2017

Upcoming Events

**August**

30  6th Grade Back to School Night; 6:30pm (Gym) For parents and students
31  Captain Underpants - Author Visit; 5:00pm (Gym) See information below, must have ticket to attend

**September**

5  First Day for Students
13  PTO Meeting; 7:00pm (Media Center)
14  7th & 8th Grade Back to School Night; 6:00pm For parents
19  School Picture Day
21  Schools/Offices Closed - Rosh Hashanah
22  Schools Closed for Students

**October**

6  2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal Systemwide (Mt. Airy Middle @12:15pm)
18  PTO Meeting; 7:00pm (Media Center)
20  Schools Closed for Students and 10 month staff
25  Flu Clinic for Students

**Upcoming Events**

Dav Pilkey (author of Captain Underpants) will be presenting at Mt. Airy Middle on Thursday, 8/31 at 5pm in the gym. Tickets are required but are free and can be picked up or emailed. For tickets, call A Likely Story bookstore at 410-795-1718. Doors will open at 5pm for pictures and giveaways with Captain Underpants and Dog Man. Mr. Pilkey will start his presentation at 6pm, which will last about 1/2 hour. He will then sign and allow pictures. No outside books will be permitted but books can be purchased on site. This is sponsored by Carroll Reading Council.

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School Day

7:55am  School opens for students
8:15am  Homeroom begins; Attendance taken
3:00pm  Dismissal

**Students are marked tardy after 8:15am.**

The instructional school day is from 8:15am until 3:00pm. Afternoon announcements begin at 3:00pm followed by dismissal. Please be sure to send an email to mamattendance@carrollk12.org or call the office by 8:30am if your student will be absent or late. This will please be aware that all other emails to this account (e.g. early dismissal, work requests) will be disregarded.
Mt. Airy Middle Vision

The Mt. Airy Middle School community will continue our established Tradition of Excellence through character, academics, and citizenship.

Character
- Acknowledge responsibility for personal choices while maintaining self-control
- Interact with others while recognizing boundaries, rights, and rules
- Respect and appreciate diversity

Academics
- Utilize problem solving, time management and goal setting skills, to become independent lifelong learners
- Persevere through challenges and recognize making mistakes as part of the learning process
- Establish the connection between academic achievement and future career success

Citizenship
- Cultivate the virtues of honesty, integrity, and commitment to the well-being of society
- Create experiences which provide perspective to help gain a global outlook
- Participate in service and leadership opportunities within the school and community
Mt. Airy Middle School
102 Watersville Road • Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771
410-751-3554
301-829-1314
Fax 410-549-6475
Karl T. Streaker, Principal
Christopher D. Hynes, Assistant Principal

School Hours
Building Open to Students: 7:55am
Attendance Taken: 8:15am
Dismissal: 3:00pm

Homework Online
Homework information is available on the school website:
www.carrollk12.org/MAM/homework/default.asp. It is the students’ responsibility to record homework assignments. Homework online is a backup resource.

School Counselors
Ms. Novalis  Mr. Canfield
Grade 6 Gold  Grade 6 Blue

Attendance
If your student is absent please call the school or email at mamattendance@carrollk12.org by 8:30am. If your student is late or leaving early, you will need to send in a note.

Home Access Center
This is a resource for parents to view information pertinent to their student including student grades and attendance information:
https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/homeaccess/

Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 16  November 29  December 5
These are evening conferences from 3:30pm-7:15pm. Sign-up will again be online through Sign-Up Genius.

State Assessments
March 5-March 23  Science MISA (8th Grade)
April 23-June 4  PARCC

Back to School Nights
Grade 6 Students & Parents: (Gym)
August 30 @ 6:30pm
Grades 7 & 8 Parents
September 14 @ 6:00pm

Lunch Times
Grade 6: 10:50am-11:20am
Grade 7: 11:30am-12:00pm
Grade 8: 12:20pm-12:50pm

Lunch Prices
Regular $2.75
Adult $3.50
Milk $0.60
Ice Cream vary in cost
Snacks vary in cost

Parent Information Night:
February 27 @ 7:00pm

Volunteer Training
VOLUNTEER TRAINING WILL BE ONLINE; DETAILS WILL BE

PTO Meetings
September 13  7:00pm
October 18  7:00pm
November 15  7:00pm
December 20  7:00pm
January 17  7:00pm
February 21  7:00pm
March 21  7:00pm
April 18  7:00pm

8th Grade Farewell
June 13 or last full school day

Music Programs
Winter Concerts-7:00pm
December 14 - 6th Chorus/Band/Orch
December 15 - 7th & 8th Band & Orch
December 19 - 7th & 8th Chorus

Spring Concerts-7:00pm
May 29 - 6th Chorus/Band/Orch
May 30 - 7th & 8th Band & Orch
May 31 - 7th & 8th Chorus

Drama Programs-7:00pm
Fall Play  November 10
Spring Musical  May 4

Picture Day
September 19
October 31 (retake)

6th Grade Outdoor School
Parent Information Night:
February 27 @ 7:00pm

Weeks of attendance:
April 3 - April 6
April 9 - April 13
April 16 - April 20
April 23 - April 27
Actual teams attending a particular week will be determined at a later date.

6th Grade Dance
June 1: 7pm-10pm

8th Grade Dance
June 14: 7pm-10pm

REFRIGERATOR PAGE
2017-18
Welcome to a new school year! Our PTO wants you to be informed about what is happening in our PTO and how you can get involved this year. To do this, we ask that you consider joining our Mt. Airy Middle School PTO Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/833152683456206/ You can get updates on PTO sponsored events, important dates and news you need to know. Ask to join and we will post information regularly.

Back by popular demand…THE PTO STUDENT INVESTMENT DRIVE…Drive to Survive! We are skipping the fundraisers - provided that our investment drive is a success. We only ask that each family at MAMS contributes to their school to keep our programs and events going. Our funding is used for items such as cultural arts, field trips, teacher appreciation and the 8th grade dance. 100% of your donation goes to the PTO for our teachers, students and school. Look for more information at Back to School Night where we kick off the drive and announce our prizes!

Twilla Zirkle, President
Kristin Krantz, 1st Vice President
Chris Berry, 2nd Vice President
Terri Bevard, Treasurer
Elisha Stromberg, Secretary

MAMS AGENDA BOOK

This resource is provided to all students courtesy of the PTO. The first few pages contain school information for you to review.

Grade 6 Blue
B200 - Mrs. Snader*, Humanities
B202 - Mrs. Poole, ELA
B204 - Ms. Andersen-Proetorius, Social Studies
B206 - Mr. Anderson, Math (Team Leader)
B208 - Mrs. Weisman, Science

Grade 6 Gold
B209 - Mr. Scholl, Science
B212 - Mr. Nave, Math
B214 - Mrs. McGurk, Social Studies
B216 - Mrs. Whitten, ELA (Team Leader)
B218 - Ms. McDonough*, STEM

Grade 7 Blue
A209 - Mrs. Centi, ELA (Team Leader)
A210 - Mrs. Paczynski, Social Studies
A213 - Mrs. Hastings, Math
A215 - Ms. Walls, Science

Grade 7 Gold
A216 - Ms. Luipersbeck, Science
A219 - Mr. Henning, Math (Team Leader)
A221 - Ms. Jones, Social Studies
A223 - Ms. Lewis, ELA
A225 - Mrs. Haddad, Humanities

Grade 8 Blue
A134 - Mr. Payne, Science
A136 - Ms. Chennoweth, Math (Team Leader)
A138 - Mr. Kibler, Social Studies
A140 - Mrs. Baker, ELA
A142 - Mrs. True*, Humanities

Grade 8 Gold
A124 - Ms. Whitworth*, STEM
A126 - Mrs. Healy, ELA
A127 - Miss Fuhrmann, Social Studies
A130 - Mrs. Ferguson (Westbrook), Math (Co-Team Leader)
A132 - Mrs. Merwitz, Science (Co-Team Leader)
A118 - Mrs. Bevans, LFI

*All 6th and 8th grade students will have both STEM and Humanities, which are semester classes.
Here are the dates for the PTO meetings. As we did last year, we will hold meetings in the evening, to accommodate more parents. Please come & join us in the Media Center to hear the latest PTO news!

- September 13 7:00pm
- October 18 7:00pm
- November 15 7:00pm
- December 20 7:00pm
- January 17 7:00pm
- February 21 7:00pm
- March 21 7:00pm
- April 18 7:00pm
- May 16 7:00pm

PTO Officers

President: Twilla Zirkle - president@mamsppto.org
Vice President: Kristin Krantz - vp1@mamsppto.org
2nd Vice President: Chris Berry - vp2@mamsppto.org
Treasurer: Terri Beyer -treasurer@mamsppto.org
Secretary: Elisha Stromberg - secretary@mamsppto.org

HELPFUL TIPS...

Student Drop off Time: Students may be dropped off at school beginning at 7:55am. No supervision will be provided prior to 7:55am. Any student arriving after 8:15am will be considered tardy and should report to the office for a Tardy Slip. Students who are tardy must enter at the visitor entrance.

Reporting Absences: If your student will be absent or late to school in the morning, please call or send an email by 8:30am to avoid getting an automated absent call. Emails must be addressed to mamattendence@carrollk12.org. Please be aware that all other emails to this account (e.g. early dismissal, work requests) will be disregarded. When reporting in this manner, please include: student's full name, grade, homeroom teacher, date, reason for absence, and parent's name and contact information. If you do not report a student absent by email or phone, the students are required to present a note signed by a parent or legal guardian substantiating a reason for the absence. Notes should be brought in on the day the student returns to school.

Early Dismissals: Parents wishing to pick up their student may do so with permission from the parent and approval from the school. All requests must be in writing and brought to the office by 8:15am. Parents must sign-out students in the office. If parents wish for someone else to pick up their son or daughter, there must be a written request. Anyone picking up a student should be prepared to present a photo ID.

If you move or change your work or home phone numbers, please send the changes, in writing, to the school office. In the event of a move, we will also require proof of residency in the form of a recent utility bill.

Students are permitted to have one am and one pm bus stop. In case of an emergency, students may request to ride a different bus or to get off at a different stop. Notes must be provided from the receiving and sending parents stating the reason for the request and must be given to the school office for approval. If a request is denied, parents of the student requesting the change will be notified.

Legal Custody of Children: It is extremely important to keep the school informed of any custody agreements concerning your child. An official court order or court document is required to establish guidelines for custody and/or restrictions. Please contact the school immediately if there is any change in the custody situation of your child.

Visitors to the building: In order to make our school the safest environment possible for both students and staff, we require that all volunteers and visitors wear an ID badge while in the school. As always, everyone must check into the main office upon
**Medication Reminder**

*Students may not transport medication of any kind. Medication must be brought to school by a parent.*

All medication, for student use during the school day, must be brought in by an adult in its original container with a completed medication form. The CCPS Medication form - front & back - can be downloaded from the Mt. Airy Middle School website (under Parent Resources). Click the link for the form: [Front Page of Form](#)  [Back Page of Form](#)  All over-the-counter and prescription medication must have a parent and doctor’s signature on the medication form, including Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Tums, Essential Oils, etc.

The following items are not considered to be medications and therefore students may carry them without being in violation of our drug and alcohol procedure:

- Chapstick
- Non-medicated cough drops (Ludens’, Halls, & Fruit Breezers.) Sucrets, Chloraseptic and Cepacol would be considered a medication
- Saline eye drops
- Hand cream/lotions
- Sunscreen - lotion only, no sprays

Please have your child bring in a parent note for cough drops or a water bottle.

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**COMMUNICATION METHODS**

- School office hours are 7:30am - 4:00pm.
- We will continue to send out Weekly Updates with all the latest MAMS news on Friday afternoon by SchoolMessenger.
- Please make sure your most up-to-date contact information is on your student’s emergency card.
- If there are any changes to your phone number or email address, please contact the MAMS office as soon as possible so will continue to receive important information.
- Quarterly Newsletters will be sent out in August, November, February, and April.

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**EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL**

Starting early October, Mt. Airy Middle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Martin’s A+ School Rewards Program. Even if you don’t shop at Martin’s, friends and family can designate their card and support our school!

All you have to do is:

- Log on to [www.martinsfoods.com/aplus](http://www.martinsfoods.com/aplus) to register online
- OR
- Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Martin’s using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Martin’s website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program and the money can be used for any of our school’s educational needs.

If you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Mt. Airy Middle using ID #21321.

Thank you so much for your support!

*Please encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.*

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Earn cash for MAMS every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for the school - and that adds up fast! For a complete list of participating products visit: [Participating Box Top Items](#)
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If you could provide 2 boxes of tissues, it would be greatly appreciated.

Team assignments will be mailed out the beginning of August. We will send out a SchoolMessenger to notify you when they have been sent. Please look for your brightly colored blue postcard in the mail.
Retirement… a new chapter

Mrs. Lambert has retired after 38 years of service.
Ms. Sollie has retired after 24 years of service.

Moving on…

Ms. Brown has moved to North Carolina.
Miss Carmack is exploring new opportunities in the art field.
Mr. Connor has moved to Florida.
Dr. Fischer will be teaching at West Middle School.

Welcome to MAMS!

Please read faculty biographies for more info!

Mr. Hynes - Assistant Principal
Mrs. Crum-Derr - Art
Miss Fuhrmann - 8 Gold Social Studies
Ms. Jones - 7 Gold Social Studies
Mrs. Snader - 6 Blue Humanities
Mrs. Weisman - 6 Blue Science

EMERGENCY CARDS

On the first day of school, each student will receive only one (1) copy of his/her emergency card. It is critical the preprinted information is carefully reviewed by a parent/guardian. If the card reflects incorrect information you are asked to make note of the revisions on the card. Also, please make sure to complete the Transportation Information section, stating your student’s bus number. All emergency cards must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school, within three (3) school days. Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention to this procedure.

HOMEWORK ZONE

It is important for students to see the value of learning by doing homework. Though our goal is for your child to be an independent learner, your involvement is paramount. Encourage them to work at a specific place independently. Please place importance on your child’s homework by monitoring his or her assignments; ask questions about and discuss their responses. We have great confidence that these guidelines, with your help, will make a big difference for your child. Thank you for your continued efforts and support.

- We will encourage students to take home only those supplies and books needed to complete homework on a given night.
- Students are expected to write assignments in their agenda books, which are provided by the PTO.
- Assignments are to be a product of student research and written by the student. Any clear plagiarism will be penalized.
Meet the Teams

Grade 6 Blue

Mr. Anderson, teaches Math and is the 6 Blue Team Leader. He grew up in the Los Angeles area and attended college in Nebraska. He lives in Howard County with his wife Cyndy and their dog Willow.

Ms. Andersen-Proetorius teaches Sixth Grade ancient civilizations. She loves spending time with her two young daughters, running with her vizsla, eating humongous ice-cream sundaes, and teaching sixth graders!

Mrs. Poole, ELA, grew up in Mt. Airy and attended Mt. Airy Elementary and Mt. Airy Middle. She lives in Westminster with her husband, Jim and their two kids. Elizabeth is 21 and will be a senior at York College in the fall, and Nathan will be a freshman at St. Mary’s. They all love to watch and play sports and hang out with their 4 pets, 2 dogs, and 2 cats. See you in September!

Mrs. Weisman is our 6 Blue Science teacher. She enjoys spending time with her three children, husband, and their new yellow lab puppy named Bunker! She enjoys watching her children on the lacrosse field, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She’s looking forward to meeting all of her new students!

Mrs. Snader is our new Humanities teacher in 6th grade. She is originally from Richmond, VA and has lived and worked in Carroll County for over 20 years. She has 2 beautiful girls that are

Grade 6 Gold

Mrs. Whitten, English Language Arts teacher and 6 Gold Team Leader, is spending her summer traveling and visiting with family and friends. Some of her hobbies include cooking, reading, and playing with her Boston Terrier dog, Bella. She’s looking forward to meeting everyone in August, although Bella is really going to miss her when school starts again!

Mrs. McGurk teaches Sixth Grade Social Studies at Mt. Airy Middle. She grew up in Michigan and has traveled the world courtesy of the U.S. Army. She enjoys traveling in her RV and relaxing with her family and dogs. In her free time, she searches for the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot, wrestles alligators, and rides unicorns.

Mr. Nave is married with five children. One son graduated from Towson University and is employed as an accountant, a daughter who graduated from East Carolina University and is a nurse at University of Maryland Hospital in the NICU department, a daughter beginning her senior year at West Virginia University in the dental program, a son attending Westminster High School and a daughter who is in 7th grade at West Middle. He graduated from James Madison University and Western Maryland College. He enjoys golf (and math), exercising (and math), summer vacations spent at the beach (and math) and coaching high school athletics (and math).

Mr. Scholl is starting his 11th year of teaching sixth grade physical science at Mt. Airy Middle. When not in school, he usually spends time hiking, camping, and fishing or just outside for some fun in the sun. This summer much of his time will be spent playing with his five year old son Caleb and three year old daughter Abigail. He can’t wait to meet all of you and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Miss Luipersbeck*, 6th Grade STEM. This summer she’ll be spending time in Siesta Key, Florida and St. Michaels, Maryland at the beach. While at home, she likes to kayak around Frederick and Baltimore. She’s looking forward to beginning the 6th grade STEM program at MAMS.
**Grade 7 Blue**

**Mrs. Centi**, Team Leader and ELA teacher for 7 Blue, grew up in New York City and has lived in Mt. Airy for the past twenty+ years. She has taught high school, college level, and middle school English in New York and Maryland, as well as Special Education. Over the summer, Mrs. Centi enjoys relaxing by the pool, reading, going to the beach, and spoiling her grandson, Derek.

**Mrs. Hastings**, Math, is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle! Her summer will be spent at the beach, several FCA sports camps, and doing some projects at home! She loves to play soccer and tennis, and is training for a half marathon in October.

**Mrs. Paczynski**, Social Studies, is married with two grown children. Alex is a Software Engineer in California and Kate is married and a second grade teacher at Crofton Elem. in Anne Arundel County. She & her husband are military/civilian brats and love to travel. She has been to every US State, Japan, Australia, and almost every country in Europe. This summer she is off to Ireland and South Carolina.

**Ms. Walls**, Science, is a Carroll County native who grew up in Sykesville. Recently graduated, she is an alumni of Shippensburg University with a degree in Mid-Level Education with concentrations in Language Arts and Science. She’s excited to return to Mt. Airy Middle and continue

**Grade 7 Gold**

**Mrs. Weaver**, Team Leader, teaches Life Science. She received a B.A. in Biology at the University of Delaware and then her Master of Arts in Teaching from Towson University. Her favorite part about teaching is giving students the opportunity to design labs and dissect frogs! In her free time, she enjoys cooking, being outside, decorating, painting, and spending time with family and friends.

**Mr. Henning** teaches Math and is looking forward to his 34th year of teaching. Mr. Henning is in charge of the drama club at school and is excited about the Fall production: The Snow White Variety Show and the Spring musical. Mr. Henning's main hobby is music. He conducts a professional handbell ensemble where he enjoys interpreting the music and lifting the listener's spirit. Now if you are on Team 7 Gold, get your brain ready, the time will soon be here to bring on the math!

**Ms. Jones** teaches Social Studies for 7 Gold. She recently graduated from Frostburg State University and she is a Carroll County native. She enjoys watching football, going on trips, and anything outdoors. She's excited to meet all of her new students!

**Ms. Lewis** is our 7 Gold ELA teacher. She is a native Marylander, from Hereford in Baltimore County. In her spare time, she loves to travel and while she’s traveling, she takes as many pictures as she can! Ms. Lewis also volunteers as a Young Life leader at South Carroll High School. She’s looking forward to meeting all her new students.

**Mrs. Haddad**, Humanities, is starting her 2nd year at Mt. Airy Middle after having taught 9 years at Mt. Airy Elementary. When not in school, she enjoys reading, shopping, and spending time with her three daughters. Over the summer she can be found at the beach or traveling up and down the East Coast watching her daughter play soccer.
Grade 8 Blue

Ms. Chenoweth, Math/Team Leader, is a graduate of Liberty HS and Towson University, and is entering her 9th year teaching math at Mt. Airy Middle. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been to several different countries outside the U.S. She loves spending time at the beach, reading, kayaking, and attending Orioles games. She is also frequently involved in musical activities, including choral and solo performances at church events.

Mrs. Baker teaches ELA, and graduated in 2011 from the University of Maryland, College Park with a B.A. in Secondary Education and another B.A. in English Language and Literature. This is her 6th year teaching at Mt. Airy Middle. She is looking forward to spending her summer reading, relaxing by the beach, and will be busy chasing around her 18 month old daughter, Ava!

Mr. Kibler teaches Social Studies. He and his wife moved to Carroll County from Buffalo, NY in 2012. He is an avid fan of hockey, soccer, and lacrosse. He and his wife Laura are having the time of their lives raising their one year old son, Landon. He is very excited to travel with many of the 8th graders to Costa Rica this summer. He is looking forward to teaching U.S. History.

Mr. Payne teaches Science. Prior to MAMS, Mr. Payne taught Earth Science at New Windsor Middle School for 10 years. He is looking forward to his summer traveling with his wife, Elizabeth. He’s excited about starting his third year at Mt. Airy Middle School!

Mrs. True* loves 8th grade and is excited to continue with Humanities this year! Mrs. True has been at Mt. Airy since 1999, and started her teaching career in Carroll County in 1992. This summer will be busy for the True family as she and her daughters will be performing in The Glyndon Area

Grade 8 Gold

Mrs. Merwitz, Co-Team Leader, teaches Science. She has a Bachelor’s in Industrial Design from Auburn University and her Master’s Degree from Towson University. One of her favorite pastimes is watching SEC football. She also believes the Monday after the Super Bowl should be a national holiday.

Mrs. Ferguson (Westbrook), Co-Team Leader, teaches 8th grade math. This summer she will be traveling to see friends in Florida and relaxing in the sunshine. She got married in July! This past year she was known as Ms. Westbrook and is excited to be called Mrs. Ferguson this coming school year! She is looking forward to seeing all of her eager math students in the fall!

Mrs. Healy is excited to begin her 15th year of teaching English Language Arts at Mt. Airy Middle. She grew up in Prince George’s County, went to Duke University, and worked as a book editor in New York City before earning her master’s in teaching from McDaniel College. She and her husband live in Westminster, their daughter is a social worker in Baltimore County, and their son works at Discovery Communications in Silver Spring. In her free time, Mrs. Healy enjoys reading, going to movies, doing yoga, watching “So You Think You Can Dance” (while wishing that she could), and spending time with her family.

Miss Fuhrmann teaches Social Studies for 8 Gold. She is a recent graduate of McDaniel College. Miss Fuhrmann grew up in Chatham, New Jersey and loves going down to the Jersey Shore during her summer vacations. Her favorite pastime is going to baseball games to cheer on her favorite team, the New York Mets! She also enjoys swimming and going on hikes. Miss Fuhrmann is looking forward meeting all of her new students!

Ms. Whitworth* is our new 8th grade STEM teacher. She grew up in Westminster and attended UMBC. In her spare time, she loves to go on adventures with her three little boys. She also enjoys
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Mrs. Lichty will be heading home to Texas for a visit, a rodeo and some good barbeque the second school is out for summer. She will top school vacation off with a viewing of the solar eclipse in Columbia, SC, a location being viewed by scientists as the ideal vantage point. It’s certainly ideal for her; it’s where her adorable granddaughters live!

Mrs. Potito, Media Clerk, was raised in Fairfax Co., VA and has received degrees from both James Madison University and McDaniel College. She loves reading, baseball, and visiting baseball stadiums. She is looking forward to another year at MAMS.

Specials

Mrs. Kolupanowich, Spanish teacher and Co-Team Leader, is beginning her 12th year at Mt. Airy Middle. Mrs. K grew up near Philadelphia, graduated from Shippensburg University with a BA in Spanish, and later earned a Master's degree from McDaniel. She enjoys sewing and baseball.

Mr. Weaver, is our Technology Education teacher and Co-Team Leader. He graduated from North Carroll HS in 2004 and University of Maryland in 2008. His hobbies include watching sports, woodworking, and general beard maintenance. His apartment smells of rich mahogany.

Mrs. Lantz, FACS teacher, just completed her 26th year in CCPS and her 16th year at MAMS. She loves to travel, a good movie, trying new recipes and caring for her family. She is a graduate of WV Wesleyan College and McDaniel graduate studies. Her three children completed their education in CCPS. Two have graduated from college and the youngest will be a Sophomore at the Univ. of Alabama. Personal Motto: “Be the best person you can be, every day.”

Mrs. Reed, General Music/Chorus teacher, is from Hagerstown, MD, where she lives with her husband, two labs, and newborn son. She will be busy changing diapers and helping her husband at all of his barbecue competitions around the tristate area. She hopes to find the time to garden, hit the beach, sew, and sneak in a few good books before heading back to school.

Mr. Summers is our Instrumental Music teacher. You’ll find Mr. Summers rooting for the Redskins & Nats in his spare time. He is looking forward to returning to MAMS in the fall. However, with several gigs on the summer calendar, he will be busy playing his trumpet. He wishes everyone a fantastic summer ... see you in September!

Ms. Stouffer, Health Education, is beginning her 23rd year teaching at CCPS, and 3rd year at Mt. Airy Middle School. During summer vacation, she will be travelling to Cape Cod and Myrtle Beach, as well as, spending time with family in Florida. Her cats, Maxwell and Macy, are looking forward to hanging out with their “mom” this summer. In her spare time, Ms. Stouffer enjoys cruising in the Caribbean, photography and reading.

Ms. Fleming has been teaching physical education at Mt. Airy Middle School for 29 years. She attended Mt. Airy Middle School and South Carroll HS. She is a graduate of Towson State University where she played volleyball and then went on to earn her Master's Degree from McDaniel College. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and traveling.

Mr. Mihalko, physical education, is beginning his 14th year teaching for CCPS. Mr. Mihalko grew up in Sykesville, MD and graduated from Towson University. During the summer, Mr. Mihalko enjoys spending time with his children and at the beach. He is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle.

Mrs. Langrall’s, PE, latest adventure has been to become a 200 hour certified yoga teacher over the last 9 months. While taking many yoga classes (even goat yoga) she is still active with running 5ks (she surprised herself and won 1st place in her age group in the Bulldog Dash) and bike riding on the NCR trail. She & her husband along with their 4 kids who live all over the country - #4kids4states, will converge in Topsail Island NC for a week in August. That will be 10 adults and 5 “Littles” (all 3 y.o. and under) spending some quality beach time together. What are your adventures this summer??

Mrs. Crum-Derr is our new Art teacher. This summer she will be organizing and decorating the art room to make it
Mrs. Apellaniz is our 8th grade resource teacher and has been at Mt. Airy Middle for 22 years. She is originally from New Jersey and graduated from Georgian Court College. During her summer break, she enjoys reading, the beach, and spending time with her husband and two boys. This summer she is looking forward to relaxing on the beach at the Jersey Shore, taking a cruise with her entire family to celebrate her parents 50th wedding anniversary and hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains. This school year, Mrs. Apellaniz will have her own 8th grader at home as her youngest son will be in 8th grade.

Mrs. Trout is our 7th grade resource teacher. She has been teaching for many years but this will be her 5th year at Mt. Airy Middle School. She is married and has three children in high school this year at Century. She is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle!

Mrs. Schaeffer is in her 17th year of teaching special education in Carroll County. She has also spent time teaching English in Africa. She graduated from Frostburg State University and McDaniel College. She’s married with six kids, two boys and four girls. They enjoy road trips, hiking, and camping together.

Mrs. Taddei is our Speech/Language Pathologist. She is a Pennsylvania native and a Bloomsburg University alumnus. She is the mother of three former MAMS students, who are now all at Towson University. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, biking, hiking, painting, and running.

Mrs. Barnes is excited about being the ELA Specialist at MAMS. She is looking forward to working with students and teachers from all grade levels this year! She enjoys spending time with her family, especially vacationing in Ocean City. Together, they also enjoy canoeing and kayaking along the Susquehanna River.

Mrs. Bevans, LFI, has been working as a special education teacher in Carroll County Public Schools for 12 years. This summer, she will enjoy spending time with her husband, 2 daughters and newborn son. They will have many adventures throughout the summer break. She looks forward to another great year at MAMS.

Ms. Bruce-Maskeroni, ESOL Resource Teacher, has been teaching in Carroll County schools for ten years. After spending six years as a high school English teacher, she has taught ESOL for the last four years and is looking forward to her third year at Mt. Airy Middle. This summer, she is looking forward to spending time with her family, dogs, books, and tomato plants.

Mrs. Bowser, GT Specialist, has been teaching in Carroll County Schools for 26 years including 23 years as a math teacher at New Windsor Middle and 3 years as a GT Specialist at Mt. Airy Middle, Northwest Middle, and New Windsor Middle. The highlight of my summer will be spending time with my family. I am excited about returning to Mt. Airy Middle staff in the fall to work with a great group of staff and students!

Mrs. Aponte-Rivera is an Instructional Assistant. She is looking forward to a wonderful time on vacation in Puerto Rico with her husband and granddaughter. She loves car races, reading good books, and most of all, spending time with her six grandchildren. She is looking forward to the start of a wonderful school year!

Mrs. Strayton, Instructional Assistant, graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College and has a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work from Widener University. She has two wonderful kids. Adam is a Senior at Elizabethtown College, majoring in Business and Industrial Engineering. Laura is a Freshman at James Madison University, studying Nursing. A very proud mom! She will be traveling through Italy for two weeks in July.

Mrs. Plummer, Instructional Assistant, is from Dayton, Ohio. She is married to David. Her 3 kids have gone through MAMS. Brian and Michael have graduated from South Carroll and attend the University of Maryland. Megan is a sophomore at South Carroll.

Mrs. Gilman, Instructional Assistant, has worked at Mt. Airy Middle School since 2005. She is married and has four children and a West Highland Terrier. All four of her children attended MAMS. Her youngest son Jeffrey will be a senior at South Carroll High School this year. She loves music, reading, and boating on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. Sipes, our permanent substitute, attended Mt. Airy Middle as did her two children. She taught Special Education at Mt. Airy Middle for eight years before staying home to raise her children. She has been our permanent
Counseling Office

Mr. Canfield, school counselor, enjoys working at Mt. Airy Middle. He has served Carroll County Public Schools in a myriad of service roles which include middle school counselor, high school counselor, pupil personnel worker and crisis intervention specialist. He holds a M.A. in Management from Webster University and a M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from the University of West Georgia. He is a retired United States Air Force Senior Master Sergeant. During the summer, you'll find him pedaling slowly on the Western Maryland Rail Trail. In the fall, he is all about the Ravens. He looks forward to another great year in helping students with their social, emotional, academic and career counseling needs at Mt. Airy Middle School.

Ms. Novalis, school counselor, is excited to begin her 4th year at Mt. Airy Middle and her 10th year working for CCPS. She holds a Master's Degree from McDaniel College. She first discovered the joys and challenges of working with adolescents during and after college serving at River Valley Ranch, a summer camp just outside Manchester. She has worked as an afterschool program coordinator for at-risk middle schoolers, behavior support and special education assistant. These varied experiences have helped her to approach situations with a wide-angled lens. Ms. Novalis enjoys performing music in the community (and at school whenever possible). She’s also a fan of puns!

Mrs. Mason, Registrar, has worked at Mt. Airy Middle for 18 years. She enjoys singing and reading. This summer she will be visiting family in North and South Carolina.

Administrative Team

Mr. Streaker, Principal, is beginning his 8th year at Mt. Airy Middle. He is a graduate of South Carroll HS, Frostburg State University and Hood College. Mr. Streaker and his wife, Nicole, a kindergarten teacher, spend the majority of their “spare time” with their two children, William and Hannah. He is an avid fan of local sports including the Ravens, Orioles, and Terps. Mr. Streaker will be volunteering with Camp Hope to work on home improvement projects for people in need in Western Maryland and enjoying day trips to Hershey Park, Washington, DC, and Baltimore.

Mr. Hynes, Assistant Principal, is anxiously waiting to begin his first year at Mt. Airy Middle School. He is looking forward to meeting the students, staff, and members of the Mt. Airy community. This summer, he and his wife will embark on a 20 mile hike in and out of the Grand Canyon to reach the breathtaking waterfalls of Havasupai, Arizona. Upon his return, he looks forward to spending quality time with his family and continuing on with local adventures with his son.

Mrs. Trumpler is in her 21st year working as a CCPS nurse, all at Mt. Airy Middle. She enjoys gardening, reading and going to Ocean City whenever she can. She's been married for 37 years and has two grown daughters that are teachers in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. She enjoys spending time with her granddaughter Addy whenever she can.

Mrs. Hynes, Office Manager, is beginning her 21st year at Mt. Airy Middle. She is married and has four married sons and new “daughters”, five adorable grandchildren. She is looking forward to another exciting year at Mt. Airy Middle School.

Mrs. Obremski, Secretary, has been a member of the Mt. Airy community for 16 years. She & her husband Chris have been married for 28 years. They have two sons; Stephen is 24 and Jason is 10. She enjoys running and completed her first half marathon this year. This summer she is looking forward to a relaxing vacation in Ocean City, spending time exploring New York City, and spending time with family and friends.
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

CCPS has established new guidelines for the use of Portable Electronic Devices. You may view these guidelines here: BYOD Guidelines.

Mt. Airy Middle staff look forward to utilizing the increasing availability of technology to enhance instruction. In addition to CCPS guidelines, below you will find Mt. Airy Middle’s procedures for use of portable electronic devices:

- At all times, students must be given approval from staff in order to use portable electronic devices in all locations on the campus of Mt. Airy Middle.
- The audible notification of portable electronic devices must be turned off during the school day to reduce disruption.
- Portable electronic devices should be placed out of view unless students have approval from staff to use their device.
- Portable electronic devices may not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- When approved for use by staff, ear buds may only be used in one ear to ensure that students can hear direction from staff in the event of an emergency.
- Students may not share earbuds or allow others to listen to their device.
- Students are not permitted to initiate or receive communication using their device without receiving prior approval from staff.
- In the event a student’s use or possession of an electronic device becomes a disruption to the school, the student may lose the privilege to possess an electronic device.

Social Media Safety Links

With the onslaught of new “Social Media” outlets it’s never too late for tips on how to keep your kids safe online. Take the time to review these sites for guidelines and information; and have a conversation with your children about social media etiquette and safety.

http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/
http://www.commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents/social-networking-tips

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Handbook

During the first week of school, 6th grade students and new 7th & 8th grade students will be given a copy of the CCPS Student Handbook. This handbook contains numerous policies and procedures that your child is responsible for understanding. Please review the handbook with your child and pay particular attention to the following policies:

- Electronic Devices
- Search and Seizure
- Substance Abuse
- Violent Acts
**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

In an effort to make the transportation of your child as safe as possible, listed below you will find rules regarding student transportation.

**Authorized Bus Passengers:** Students may not ride buses other than the one that regularly transports them to school. Students are allowed one am and one pm stop. Exceptions to this policy will be granted only on an emergency basis by the school administration.

**School Bus Vandalism:** A student who damages a school bus in any manner is to be denied the privilege of riding the bus unless repairs have been paid. Riding privileges may be restored to the student after payment has been made or may be withheld by the principal or assistant principal for an indefinite period.

**Transporting Musical Instruments and Projects:** Only those musical instruments or projects that can be held on the lap of students along with the school textbooks may be brought on the bus. Larger instruments or projects that create a safety hazard and occupy a lot of space shall not be permitted on the school bus.

**Bus Referrals:** Parents will be notified if a student receives a bus referral. Inappropriate behavior may result in loss of bus riding privileges.

**School Bus Regulations:**
- Be at the bus 5 minutes before pick-up time.
- Take your seat promptly and remain seated for your ride to/from school.
- Sit in the seat facing front; keep your feet, books and other articles out of the aisle.
- Always keep your hands and head inside the bus.
- Report any damage that you see to the driver.
- Eating, smoking or using profanity or vulgar language is not permitted.
- Conduct should be quiet and orderly so the driver is not distracted from the important job of driving. Listen to the driver’s instructions.
- Wait until the bus has come to a stop before leaving your seat.

Cross 10 feet in front of the bus with the warning lights when crossing in front of the bus. Always look left, right, left to check for traffic before crossing any street, even when crossing in front of the bus with its red warning lights on.

**Bus routes are expected to be available at** [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org) **in early August. Routes are scheduled to be published in the Carroll County Times “back-to-school” issue in mid-August. Students should arrive at their bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the listed pick up time for the first week of school.**

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**BOOK BAGS**

Students may use book bags to transport books to and from school; however, students must leave their book bags in their lockers during the school day. This is for the safety of all students and staff. Students will be given sufficient opportunities to visit their locker throughout the day so that they will not need to carry all of their books. These locker visit times will be determined by each individual team. Students can carry gym

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM**

All students must either wear a Physical Education uniform (t-shirt and gym shorts) or bring dark shorts and a light colored shirt during Physical Education. Students will have an opportunity to purchase a MAMS Physical Education uniform through our Physical Education Department during the first week of school. The cost will be $7.00 for the shirt, DRESSED TO LEARN

In general, all students are doing a great job following the guidelines for the county dress code. However, at times, they need to be reminded of the following:

- Skirts and shorts should not be excessively short.
- Shirts must cover the midriff area and meet the top of the lower attire at all times.
- Shirts/tops should not reveal cleavage.
- No mutilated, cutout or ragged clothing shall be worn.
- Pants shall cover undergarments at all times and not be so long that they drag on the floor.
NEWSLETTERS
In an effort to go “green” and minimize costs, we are no longer mailing newsletters.
If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with your child, please contact Mrs. Phillips at paphill@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3554. Please state your child’s name, grade and homeroom.

Student Accident Insurance
This year, CCPS will be sending an email home to each parent, explaining Student Accident Insurance. The application is to be submitted online at www.studentinsurance-kk.com. If you need more information, please contact the school office at 410-751-3554.

Integrated Pest Management Program
The integrated Pest Management (IPM) program employed by Carroll County Public Schools uses inspection, monitoring, employee education, and sanitation practices to minimize the use of pesticides in our schools.
Maryland law requires that parents of all elementary students be notified automatically prior to application of any pesticide. Parents of secondary students must request to be placed on a pesticide notification list.
Carroll County Public Schools notifies all students and staff 24 hours prior to scheduled applications of pesticides on school property. If an emergency pest control situation, arises and a pesticide is used, notification will be made within 24 hours. Space spraying of a pesticide throughout an entire room or area by a fogger or aerosol device requires one week advance notice to all students and staff.
Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained in the Department of Plant Operations. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Mr. John Timcheck at 410-751-3114. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact Mr. Raymond Prokop, Director of School Support Services, at 410-751-3177.

NOTICE
The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A. H. E. R. A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County Public Schools are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at: 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

CONSENT AND RELEASE
Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape
Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child’s photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.
If you do not wish to have your child’s voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing.
It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child’s name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications
There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child’s art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child’s work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.
POLICY STATEMENT ON PLACEMENT, PROMOTION, INTERVENTION, AND RETENTION:

The Board of Education endorses and encourages the belief that all students can learn, progress, and achieve when individual differences are recognized and addressed through effective instruction and intervention. It is the policy of the Board of Education of Carroll County that decisions regarding the placement, promotion, retention, and acceleration of students shall be based on multiple factors related to the degree of success the individual student has achieved in completing the assigned curriculum. The final responsibility for decisions on placement, promotion, intervention, retention, and acceleration of a student rests with the principal. The decision-making process shall include parents/guardians, CCPS staff, and students when appropriate. Grades Six, Seven, and Eight: To be promoted to the next grade, students must pass all core academic subjects (mathematics, reading/language arts, science, and social studies) A student who fails any of the core subjects for the year shall be considered for retention. A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, etc., to address the subject-area deficiencies, shall be promoted.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or age. CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca
Director of Research and Accountability
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-751-3068

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.

Raymond Prokop           Carey Gaddis
Director of Facilities   Supervisor of Community & Media Relations
125 North Court Street   125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157  Westminster, Maryland 21157
(410) 751-3177           (410) 751-3020
Carroll County Public Schools
2017-2018 School Calendar

September
5    Schools Open—First Day for Students
21   Schools/Offices Closed—Rosh Hashanah
22   Schools Closed for Students—Professional Development Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants

October
6    Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Development Time Available for Instructional Staff; Schools Closed for Prekindergarten Students
20   Schools Closed for Students and 10-Month Staff—Professional Meeting Day

November
10   Marking Period Ends. Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
22   Schools/Offices Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal — Last Day Before Thanksgiving Holiday; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
23-24 Schools/Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Holiday
27   Schools/Offices Reopen

December
25-29 Schools/Offices Closed — Christmas/Winter Holiday

January
2    Schools/Offices Reopen
15   Schools/Offices Closed — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
29   Schools Closed for Students — Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items; Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants

February
19   Schools/Offices Closed — Presidents’ Day

March
9    Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Development Time Available for Instructional Staff; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students
30   Schools/Offices Closed—Good Friday

April
2    Schools/Offices Closed—Easter Monday
3    Schools/Offices Reopen
10   Marking Period Ends — Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers Work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students

May
28   Schools/Offices Closed — Memorial Day

June
13   Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students
14   Last Day for Students, Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide — Professional Time for Teachers
15   Professional Time for Teachers—Last Duty Day for Teachers, Non-work Day for Instructional Assistants

Approved: 11/19/2016

*Emergency Closing Days
If any of the six (6) emergency closing days are not used, the last day for students and staff are as listed below:

One (1) day not used — Last Student Day — June 13, Last Staff Day - June 14
Two (2) days not used — Last Student Day — June 12, Last Staff Day - June 13
Three (3) days not used — Last Student Day — June 11, Last Staff Day - June 12
Four (4) days not used — Last Student Day — June 8, Last Staff Day - June 11
Five (5) days not used - Last Student Day - June 7, Last Staff Day - June 8
Six(6) days not used - Last Student Day - June 6, Last Staff Day - June 7

In the event that the school year is shortened due to unused emergency closing days, the last student day will be a two-hour and forty-five minutes early dismissal. The one-day immediately following the last student day will serve as a professional day for teachers.

If further emergency days are required, the following schedule will be implemented:
One (1) day needed — The last student day will be June 15

If additional emergency days are needed beyond June 15, the Board will request a waiver from the requirement that the school year end no later than June 15, allowing make-up days to be scheduled the following week.
Immunization Requirements

Who: Current 6th Grade Students will need the new immunizations prior to entering 7th Grade (2017-2018 School Year)

What: Documentation of updated immunizations:
- MCV4 (Meningococcal Vaccine)
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis [Whooping Cough])

Or

Health care provider note with proof of appointment that falls within 20 calendar days of the first day of school, September 5, 2017.
(Specifically an appointment on or before September 25, 2017)

What we need from you:
After students have received the required immunizations, please provide documentation to the school nurse. We will need documentation from your health care provider or a completed immunization form. This can be faxed, scanned, emailed, dropped off by parent, or delivered by the student. The information needs to be submitted to the school nurse.

Any student not in compliance by September 5, 2017 will be excluded from school. Students may return to school when documentation of the required immunizations is provided to the school nurse.

Questions:
Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that your child’s immunizations are up to date. If
Welcome to the Cafeteria!
2017-2018

Please be sure to join us every day for a delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch. Here are some things that we think you need to know to enhance your cafeteria experience.

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**Meal Account and PIN Information**

- Did you know that your child has a cafeteria account? Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique, Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.

- What is the PIN? Each student has been issued a unique, 5 digit PIN. Parents can find their child’s PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, select the registration button in the far upper right area. Once you click on registration, the demographic information appears. The Cafeteria PIN can be found under the Emergency Section on the right. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.

- How do I put money on the account?
  - Visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to add any value to the account with a credit card. (There is a small service provider fee for the transaction.) You’ll need your child’s PIN to complete the simple registration process. Please note: online payments may require up to 24 hours to process before your child can access the money in school.
  - You can still send in cash or a check to your school’s cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account.
  - The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.

- Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and set up a FREE account. Once you complete the simple registration process (you’ll need your child’s PIN to get started) you can set up low balance alerts and monitor what they are purchasing.

- What happens to my account at the end of the school year? Money that is left on your child’s account will carry over from year to year. The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.

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Sending cash or check to school? Include this form with your initial payment.

Student’s Name ________________________________  Homeroom Teacher _________________

Amount Enclosed $__________

___ Please place All of the money on my child’s general account for the purchase of either meals, milk or snacks

___ Please place the money on my child’s account, but I want to specify:
  $__________ for Breakfast and Lunch
  $__________ for Milk or Snacks
Meal Charge Policy

In the rare event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge up to two days of breakfasts and lunches. Beyond the two days, the student will be served a complimentary meal of a sandwich and side items until repayment is made. Unpaid meal charges are treated consistent with all other school system obligations at the school level. For more information visit https://www.carrollk12.org/admin/financeservices/foodservices

Wellness Policy

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website (www.carrollk12.org) to learn more about our Comprehensive School Health Program and Wellness Policy.

Smart Snacks in Schools

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in all of our cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. When money is deposited on account, it is automatically available for the purchase of both meals and snacks. Parents who would like to limit their child’s account to meals only, notify your school’s cafeteria manager.

Please visit https://www.carrollk12.org/admin/financeservices/foodservices for detailed information on the snacks available in our schools.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year. Meal benefits from the 2016-2017 school year will expire on October 18, 2017.

Meal Benefit Applications can be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

Meal Prices

**Breakfast**
- Elementary: $1.50
- Secondary: $1.75
- Reduced: $0.30

**Lunch**
- Elementary: $2.50
- Middle: $2.75
- High: $3.00
- Reduced: $0.40

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Farm to School Week

We’ll be celebrating our local agricultural bounty the week of September 25-29

EAT MORE LOCAL!

The Carroll County School Food Service Program serves locally grown produce at Breakfast and Lunch. Buy School Meals and Eat More Local!

Prepay Online!

#3ways2pay
1) Your child can deposit a check or cash into their account on the cafeteria line
2) Make an online credit card payment
3) Send in cash daily

A variety of a la carte items that meet the SMART SNACKS for Schools Nutritional Requirements can be purchased to supplement a purchased or packed lunch.

Cafeteria Question of the MONTH:
Q: How can you specify if your child’s money on account can be used for meals or snacks?

A: When money is deposited on account, it is automatically available for the purchase of both meals (breakfast and lunch) and snack items. Parents who want to limit the money on account to meals only can notify your cafeteria asking them to “allocate” the funds to meals only. You can do this by calling, e-mailing, visiting or sending a note to the cafeteria with your request.

Visit the CCPS website for more detailed information on the snacks available in our schools. www.carrollk12.org