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President's Message

Welcome to Spring! In my opinion, it is the best season that Maryland offers. I hope that you and your family enjoys the warmth and beauty of the season.

PTA has had such a busy winter! Our PTA provided many in school events for all grade levels, through our cultural committee.

We had our dads and donuts event in March. Wow! Over 250 people attended. Thanks for all

of the donations. Look at the dates below for upcoming events with our spirit committee.

Believe it or not, I am almost at the end of my term as PTA President. I have loved this position because I got to meet and work with really great people. We will be nominating a new board at the April 8th meeting for the upcoming school year. Hope to see you there!

Need to Know?

Here's where to go:

[Www.carrolltownepta.com](http://www.carrolltownepta.com)

Much thanks for all of your support,

Mary Ellen O'Neill

Dates to Remember

April 1st: Early Dismissal

Closed

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April 2-5th: School's Closed

April 30th: BINGO NIGHT!

May 14th: Mom's and Muffins; 8 am

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June 4th: 5th Grade / Faculty Softball Game; 2:15 pm

We need you!

Our PTA is in need of some new members to help with many committees for the upcoming school year.

Many of those who are chairs of committees this year, have children that are moving on to middle school.

Please look at the lists

of committees (for more details see [www. Carrolltownepta.com](http://www.Carrolltownepta.com)) and see what you can fit into your schedule.

I think that you will find that when you are working on an event for the children, you will have a good time and meet many fun people. (that has been my ex-

perience over the last 7 years!). Contact me for any questions and I will be happy to explain the duties of the committee further.

Thanks!



“We never knew the love of a parent until we became a parent ourselves” - Henry Ward Beecher

The Executive Board

Nominations are currently being received for the new PTA board for 2010-2011.

The roles are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these roles,

please contact a person on our nomination committee:

Mary Ellis:
pmmthe@yahoo.com

Chris Karper:
christopher.karper@gmail.com

Jami Karper:
jami@karper.net

We will nominate at the April 8th meeting at 7 pm. Please come!

Committee Openings

The following committees need new chairpersons:

1. Membership
2. Miscellaneous Fundraisers
3. Publicity

4. Business Products
5. Literacy

All other committees need new members. Some may like to have a co-chair as well.

Please read the attached

information about these committees and see what works for you.



Spirit and Birthday Books

Spirit Committee:

Carrolltowne's Spirit Committee coordinates spirit wear sales twice a year (fall, spring)

We plan events and after school activities, such as Bingo night, Moms & Muffins, Dads & Donuts, a school dance, spirit days, etc.

This committee is in need

of more members. Please email Christy Magill if you can volunteer for the upcoming school year!

freckles2520@hotmail.com

Birthday Books:

Each child in our school receives a new book in the month of their birthday.

The children get so excited to see the birthday book committee people come in with their basket of books! Contact Julie Weller if you would like to be on this fun committee.

rjckb@hotmail.com

Membership and School Sign

Membership:

We had a very successful year! Over 400 parents are members of our school's PTA. Over 70% of our teachers are members as well. Thanks for joining. We use the funds that we raise from your payment to provide many activities

for your children. This committee is looking for a new chair person. If you are interested, please email Mary Ellen O'Neill at maryellenoneill@gmail.com.

School Sign:

The school sign that faces Ridge Road tells people who drive by all of the great things that occur at Carrolltowne! If you have some time to change the monthly messages, contact Mary Ellis.

pmmthe@yahoo.com

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Language and Sunshine

Language

The language committee is currently planning for the 2010-2011 school year. We are always looking for new ideas and new committee members. Topics for next committee meeting include: how to

fulfill minimum enrollment levels and keep prices low, whether or not to have snack time before classes and how to publicize the importance of exposing children to languages. Please email Deb Cancro for more infor-

mation.

debond@yahoo.com

Sunshine

This committee sends cards and gifts for special occasions to staff members. Contact Jen Shatto:

jjtshatto@msn.com

Community Service and Volunteers

Community Service

Our community service committee does so much for our school and community. We collect books and money for new books for charities. We help a senior population at the holiday time for basic needs and seasonal cheer. This year we

helped with the jump rope event which helped raise over 7,000 for the Red Cross and Haitian relief efforts.

More information will be coming regarding helping out our Sykesville Fire Department.

For more information on this committee, please email Chrissy

Elliot at-
crispix@verizon.net

Volunteers

Our trainers for volunteers are the best! They tell how to be a volunteer and all the rules with great efficiency! For more information, contact Sarah Sheetz at
ssheetz@bcps.org

Hospitality and Math/ Science



“The work of volunteers impacts all our lives, even if we are not aware of it.”

*Anthony Worrall-
Thompson*

Hospitality Committee

This committee has been busy getting ready for the incoming Kindergarteners! We provide a packet to welcome the new families and we tell them all about Carrolltowne.

Later this spring, we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week. Email Carolyn Case if you are interested in helping with this committee.

case-
mail_MD@comcast.net

Math and Science Committee

The Science Fair will be held April 8th! Come see the creative projects from our students. It will held in the cafeteria from 6:30-7:30.

Ways and Means

This committee works on our Fun Run each year. As you may know, the Fun Run generates money for our yearly spending for PTA things.

Next year's Fun Run

theme is yet to be decided. Want to help with that and be on the committee?

Contact Michele Geidel or Kristen Bernadzikowski at

kwbwahoo@comcast.net,
nmgeidel@comcast.net

Yearbook

Wait until you see this year's edition of the Carrolltowne Yearbook! It looks GREAT!

Our committee, comprising of parents and fifth graders, worked for months, gathering photos from all grade levels and events. Then, they placed them on the page in a variety of crea-

tive ways. This was the first year that the committee used digital technology to put together the yearbook, so the committee had to spend time learning that format.

When all was said and done, the final product shines. Can't wait for all of you to see it! Copies should be out in late

May for those who ordered one.

To be on this committee, email Cheryl Leupen or Mary Ellis:

dcleupen@verizon.net,
pmmthe@yahoo.com,

School Store

The Carrolltowne School Store has moved to Thursdays! The School Store is open for business Thursday mornings before classes begin, in the cafeteria. The School Store sells a wide selection of fun

school supplies, including decorative pencils, highlighters, folders, notepads, calculators, key chains, locker accessories and erasers. These items range from standard to unusual, and everything is less than \$2.50, with most items being under 75 cents.

The School Store provides an opportunity for our children to use their skills in budgeting money, simple calculations, and making change. The proceeds from the School Store are used to support various Carrolltowne projects, ranging from orchestra instruments to helping pay for the publication of Cardinal Tales.

Plantings

Each year, the fifth graders beautify our gardens at Carrolltowne with many plantings. They also weed and mulch. This is done with their science teacher, Mr. Bounan.

If anyone has plants that they can donate,

the fifth grade would love to have them.

Perhaps you are dividing perennials in the next few weekends? They can be of use! Native plants to Maryland, such as black eyed Susan's, would be of particular interest, but we are not too choosy!

Also, any mulch that you could donate would be great.

Contact Mr. Bounan

For more how you can help:

mhbouna@k12.carr.org

Thanks for
all that you
do to make
our school a
great place
for our chil-
dren!



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