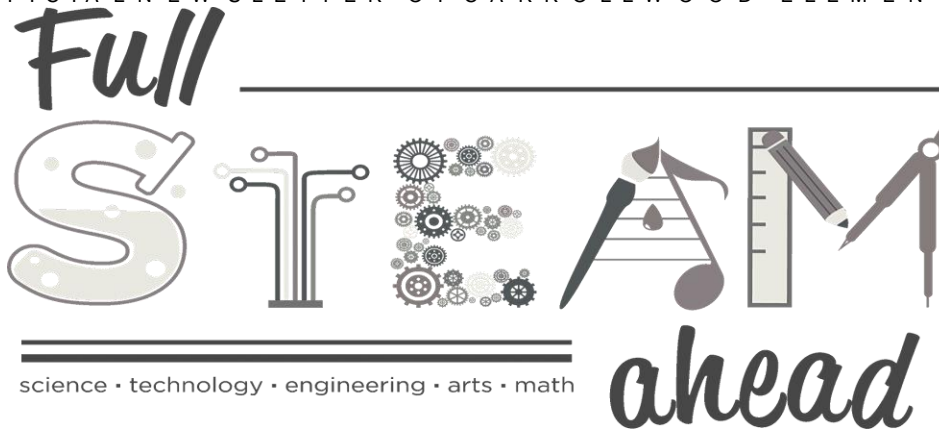


# OWLS HOOT



THE OFFICIAL NEW LETTER OF CARROLLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## A Note from Mrs. Stover



*Happy New Year and Welcome to Carrollwood Elementary School! In the month of January, we have enrolled approximately 20 new students to our school. Families are coming to us from within the district, out of county, out of state, and from Cuba. We welcome you to our school and we like to keep the communication between home and school open to everyone by communicating about school events through many different platforms. First, our school newsletter is sent out monthly via hard copy. We also have our Carrollwood website that pertains to information about our school and a digital copy of the newsletter can be found. We have a Twitter page and our PTA has a Carrollwood PTA Facebook page. In addition to the digital platform, we update our school marquee weekly and send out Parent link messages through phone calls, emails, and text message. You are automatically registered to this district platform when you enrolled your child. It is linked to the primary number and email you provided on the enrollment form. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need assistance in receiving communication through one of these platforms.*

*I would like to recognize our students who represented our school this month by participating in many different events. First **congratulations** to our Chorus and Orff students who were selected by the state to perform in The Florida Music Educator's Convention as part of the All-State Music Ensembles under the direction of our music teacher, **Scott Brown**. These students put in many hours of practice before and after school to be ready for this performance.*

*All State Chorus: Lily Dougherty, Giana Gerena, Primo Mennie, Aiden Pace*



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| <b>Mondays is Early Dismissal 12:55</b>                                  |
| <b><u>NO Sign Outs After 12:15 on Mon. &amp; Tue-Fri. After 1:15</u></b> |
| <b>01/30-02/06</b> Enrichment Registrations                              |
| <b>02/03</b> Popcorn Friday  |
| <b>02/09</b> Enrichment Clubs Begins                                     |
| <b>02/10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip at USF Tech                |
| <b>02/11</b> Beautification Day  |
| <b>02/14</b> Jump Rope for Heart   |
| <b>02/15</b> Spring Photos/No Uniforms                                   |
| <b>02/16</b> Conference Night 3-8pm                                      |
| <b>02/17</b> Non School Day  |
| <b>02/23</b> Student of the Month K-2                                    |
| <b>02/23</b> HUDDLE 5:30pm   |
| <b>02/23</b> Skate Night   |
| <b>02/24</b> Student of the Month 3-5                                    |
| <b>02/27</b> Getting Ready for Kindergarten Week                         |

All State Orff:

*Gabe Malone, Jaslyn Cantero, Molly Maranzana, & Ashley Sinn*



***Congratulations** to our 5th grade students who came in **2nd place** for the *Preliminary Western Division competition for Black History Brain**

***Bowl:** (Cole Serynek, Liam Jones, Haley Singer, Caleb Rielo, Savannah Boger. Final competitions will be February 11th. **Thank you** to **Ms. Emmons** and **Mrs. Bosko** who practiced with the students daily during lunch time.*



***Congratulations** to our students who will be representing us at the district **STEM Fair** which will be held on **February 28th**. We can't wait to hear how they will do. **A huge shout out** to **Owen Pullaro**, whose artwork was submitted by his art teacher **Ms. Daniele** and is currently being displayed at the **Tampa Museum of Art***



*Finally, **thank you parents** for supporting us in our fall catalogue and cookie dough sales. Students who sold one item or more were able to attend a **Bubble Show** provided by **Blaze**. They even got to see me turn into a **huge bubble!***

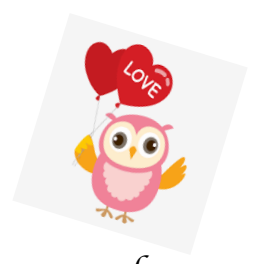


*Way to go to our **Carrollwood Owls**, we are so proud of you!*





# *A Note from Mrs. Calve*



*Hello Families!*

*As we move into the month of kindness, love, care and compassion, I'd like to express how much I have love seeing the growth that our students have been making! Our data from our FAST and STAR PM2 is in, as well as our iReady Diagnostic 2. Please be looking for invitations to our upcoming Conference Night on Thursday, February 16th, where you can data chat with your student's teacher to learn about his/her growth achieved, and how to further support his/her learning at home.*

*One of the most successful out-of-school practices is having your student read at home. This is reading that your student finds enjoyable—reading for fun! Please encourage your owl to pick up a book, a graphic novel, a magazine, etc. and spend 20 minutes a night reading. Start a family book night, a book club, and/or take a field trip to the library. Read TO and WITH your student, and don't be afraid to abandon a book if it's not enjoyable. If you have questions about good-fit books, please reach out to your student's teacher and he/she will be able to guide you.*

***Thank you, families,** for your continued help in getting our students to school on time. Our instructional day begins at **7:40AM**—please ensure your student is arriving before 7:40AM so that he/she can arrive to class, get unpacked and have a great start to the day! We love having our owls here on time, ready to learn!*

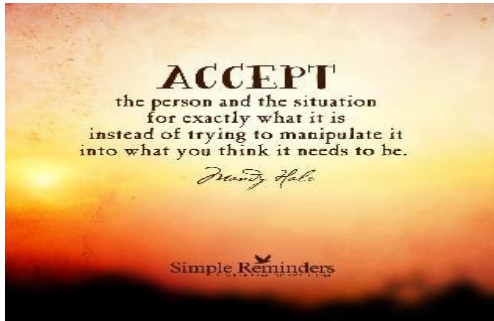
*Finally, with the fluctuations in temperature, we have collected quite a large amount of jackets and coats in our lost and found. If your student is missing items, please encourage him/her to take a look in our lost and found. Helpful hint: please record your student's name in all jackets/coats/sweaters/hoodies—this makes the "finding" process much easier and allows us to help get items back to students.*





# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

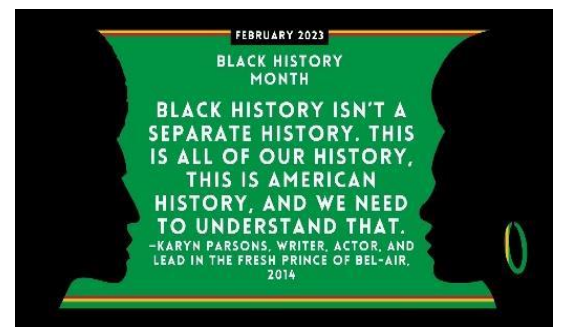
*Welcome back! I have missed Carrollwood and everyone so much. I had to take an unplanned medical leave in December. I started back on January 11th and have been enjoying seeing all the students, staff, parents, and other stakeholders after my long break. I am working hard to address anything I missed while I was gone or was working on prior to my leave. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I work through everything, but feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about anything.*

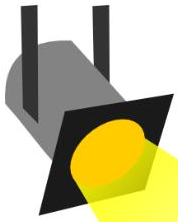


*The character trait of the month for January was honesty/integrity. We address both because integrity is such an important trait and honesty is an integral part of integrity. Integrity involves doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do. Students with integrity do the right thing even when no one is watching. They aren't always looking for praise and they know the difference between right and wrong. They have the ability to make tough decisions and care about others and their community to the point that they will do the right thing even when the wrong thing might benefit them.*

*In February, we will focus on acceptance. Students will learn that we are all different and that is okay. We will discuss the importance of accepting others even if they aren't just like you. Differences are a good thing and what makes each of us unique. February is Black History Month and students will also learn about some of the amazing contributions of black people to our American History.*

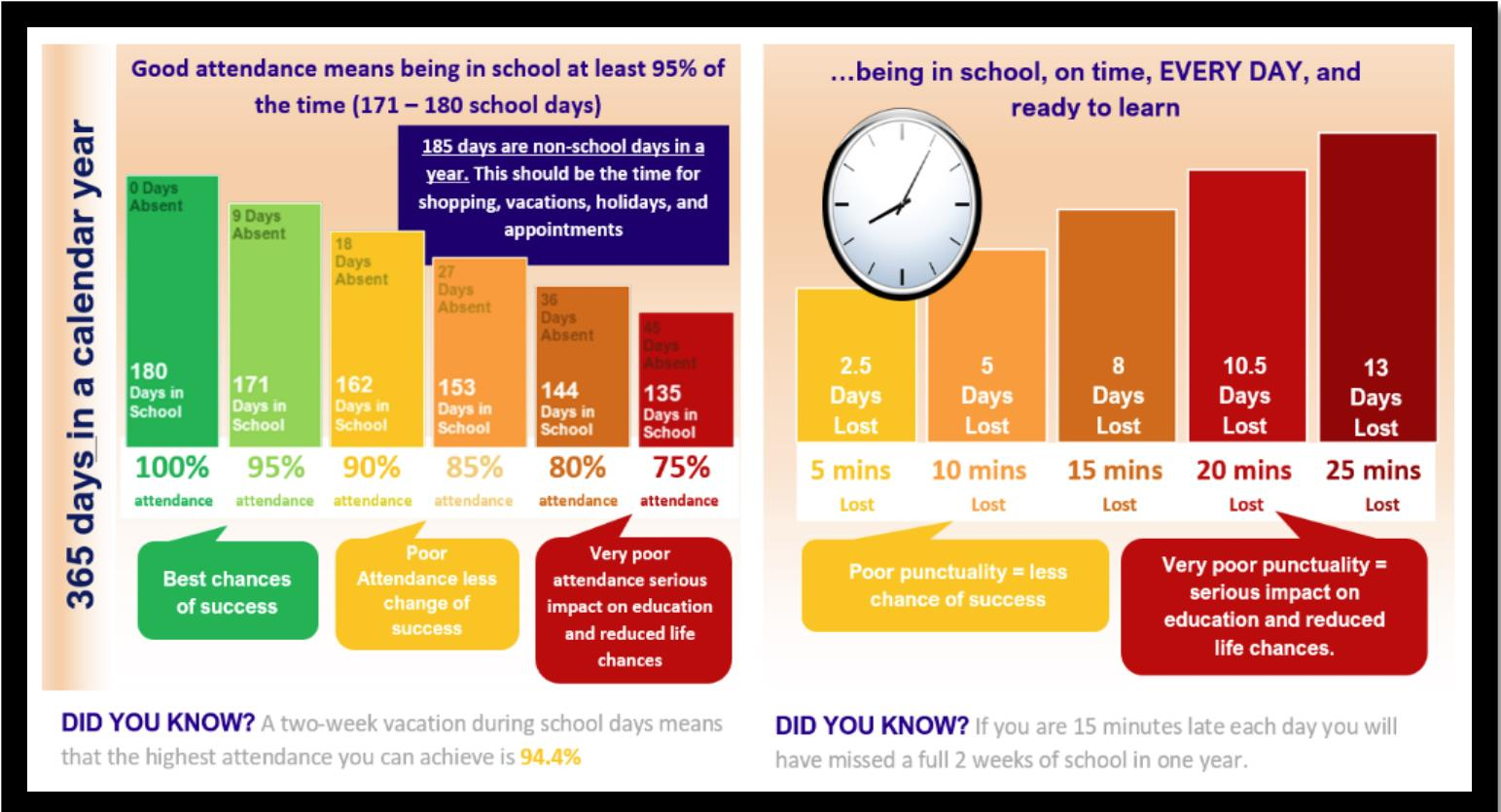
*Veronica Kreisher, Guidance Counselor*





# Spotlight on Attendance

Daily attendance at school has a significant impact on your child's academic success. Even occasional tardies can accumulate and lead to hours of lost educational time. It is so important that student arrive to school on-time, daily to ensure they're not missing valuable instructional time. Take a look at the graphs below for some important information on absences and tardies.



If you are experiencing any barriers to regular attendance, please contact **Amanda Rio, School Social Worker**, so we can problem solve together!

Amanda Rio, Social Worker 813-975-7640 x 243 amanda.rio1@hcps.net

# Florida VPK



## 2023-2024 School Year Instructional program for Pre-K children!

Eligible children must turn four years old by September 1, 2023 and may not have previously participated in a Kindergarten or VPK program.

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The VPK Program is the first 3.5 hours of the school day.

Each school will assign VPK seats based on a points system. Schools will notify families that are awarded a seat in the VPK program no later than early April, 2023.

**5 points** will be awarded if the parent/guardian is a staff member at the VPK Site.

**4 points** will be awarded if the child is zoned for the Peeps/VPK school.

**2 points** will be awarded if the parent/guardian is an employee of Hillsborough County Public Schools.

**1 point** will be awarded for each criterion below:

- ◆ Parent or guardian is an active member of the military. (military ID must be shown)
- ◆ If a sibling is attending the VPK site for which the student is applying. (A "sibling" is defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, living in the same household.)
- ◆ Qualify for McKinney Vento Act

A WEEKLY fee for Extended Learning Time (after VPK) will apply.

(Full Pay=\$100, Reduced = \$50, Free= \$25)

**Apply Now for a VPK Certificate at [www.elchc.org](http://www.elchc.org)**



**VPK Hotline 813-272-4516**

## Wait List for 2023-2024 Now Open!





- 1/30-2/6- Enrichment registration
- 2/3- Popcorn Friday
- 2/9- Enrichment Clubs Begin
- 2/11- Beautification Day
- 2/16- Conference Night and NO Enrichment Clubs
- 2/17- No School
- 2/23- Skate Night
- 2/23- Huddle Meeting

## Building Future Forward Classrooms

We are THRILLED to announce that with our fundraising and sponsorships, we are able to order 11 Newline Boards to start off our journey to provide a Newline board for each classroom. At our general meeting last Thursday, Ms. Stover announced that administration will be providing an additional 5! We

are well on our way to our goal of 43 boards!

Benefits of interactive boards include increased engagement, accommodation of all learning styles, makes learning more enjoyable, limits equipment needs such as Elmo and projectors, and increased connection to the world via the internet.

### How Can You Help us reach our goals?

- Do you know a corporate sponsor who would be interested in helping to support a neighborhood school?
- Does your company do a matching funds program?
- Would your family or friends like to sponsor a board?
- Would you be willing to help us in writing grants to secure new boards?

Newline boards are a standard addition in all new schools. Our goal is to outfit each classroom at Carrollwood by then end of the 2023-2024 school year. This year, the proceeds from our gala will be used to further supplement our classrooms with Newline boards. Ask your student how they use the board in the media center. Interested in seeing firsthand how amazing these tools are? Reach out to [carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwoodpta@gmail.com).

## Yearbook

Photos needed for Yearbook! Please submit before 2/10! Download the app at [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate).  
School code is 1015995956903649

## Skate Night



## Beautification Day

Join us February 11th from 9-1 pm to spruce up our campus. Visit the sign up genius link below to see what our needs are. Can't wait to see you there!  
<https://bit.ly/3CESGarden>

## Spring Enrichment Clubs

Spring Enrichment clubs begin 2/9 and registration begins 1/30 and ends 2/6. Clubs offered include sports, yoga, cooking, steam, and more! Register online at our school store <https://bit.ly/hootiestore>

## Givebacks Program

Unfortunately Amazon has discontinued their Amazon Smiles program. Memberhub, our PTA supported platform offers a "Give Backs" program which is pretty amazing. Shop at popular retailers such as Walmart, CVS, Sephora, etc and a percentage of your purchase support Carrollwood PTA! Visit <https://bit.ly/CESgiveback> to sign up!



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## Dad's Club

Interested in joining Dad's Club? Next meeting date is 2/23. Upcoming plans include an annual golf tournament. Join the email list at [carrollwooddadsclub@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwooddadsclub@gmail.com).

## Huddle

The Huddle is a group for parents and supporters of Carrollwood Elementary students who have different needs. The next meeting will be held 2/23 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the media center. Questions? Email [hgrahek@gmail.com](mailto:hgrahek@gmail.com) and join the FB page!

## K-8 Initiative

The boundary analysis vote has been moved to March to allow for more community engagement. We are confident that K8 will still be a priority for the 23-24 school year. Please follow our Carrollwood K8 facebook page for updates.

## What is PTA?

PTA membership helps provide programs and support to our amazing students and faculty. For only \$6 a year, you can support Carrollwood Elementary! What does PTA do at Carrollwood? PTA sponsors Hootiefest each year and donates all proceeds to teachers and their classrooms, provides food for STEAM night, sponsors Grandparents Day, provides for the Owl Program, fundraises for school improvements (this year the focus is technology), sponsors Teacher Appreciation Week, sponsors beautification projects, provides for red ribbon week, student incentives, provides food for staff meetings, offers enrichment clubs twice a year, and advocates for our families, students, and teachers at the district, state, and national level.

**Not a member? Join at**

**<https://carrollwood.memberhub.com/store>**

## Sponsorships

**Thank you so much to our business sponsors!**

**Platinum:** Channelside Plumbing, West Florida Concrete, Green Iguana Bar and Grill, Gulfshore Plumbing, Sweets by Kat, Party Yardy, Noralis Lopez Zayas, Realtor (Align Right Realty Carrollwood), Langee Realty, Ilene Taylor, Realtor (Mihara and Associates), DeDominico Orthodontics, Bounce Genie, The Flores Lam Team (Coldwell Banker Realty), Massage Envy-Carrollwood, Susan Wilcox

**Gold:** TLC Pediatrics, Hoopwerx, Code Ninjas, Jet's Pizza, Moon Drop Yoga, Hotel Engine

***Interested in supporting our school and joining the banner club? Email [Carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:Carrollwoodpta@gmail.com) for more information***

## Gala Volunteers Needed

In order to allow more time for planning, the gala has been moved to April 14th. Interested in helping to organize this event? Please email [carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwoodpta@gmail.com)

## Bingo Night

Bingo Night and our Winter General Meeting was so fun! We had 100 people attend and this was the first on campus general meeting in three years! We are looking forward to adding more family fun school events this spring. Thank you to Coach Raynor who made Bingo fun for our owl families!

Thank you to Ms. Stover and Ms. Calve who announced that administration will be adding 5 Newline boards to our 43 board goal. Our next general meeting will be April 27th.