

Wow! Can you believe it is May already? As we prepare to wrap up the school year, I want to remind all parents to follow our drop off procedures in the morning. These procedures are in place to ensure safety for our students, parents, and staff members. The only places parents should be dropping off students by car is in the Orange Grove loop starting at 7:10 and then in addition to the Orange Grove loop, we have the McFarland loop at 7:30. The Valencia gate is for walkers only who live in the original Carrollwood vicinity. Parents should not be driving their child to this location to drop them off. Our Orange Grove walkers should use the crosswalk located at Orange Grove and McFarland. We have a crossing guard present so our students can safely cross the street.

The school year has flown by very quickly and we are so proud of our students. They have worked hard on their academics and persevered this school year. Our 3rd-5th graders are ready to show us they are ready for the FSA testing which will begin the week of May 2nd and our primary grades will begin their iReady Diagnostic testing.

I would like to thank you all for making Teacher Appreciation week so special for the staff. Seeing the children carry in flowers, cards, and showing their love to their teacher made it so special. A BIG thank you to PTA for our travel theme this school year and for the goodies, treats and food from around the world. We appreciated being spoiled all week long.

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12:15 on Mon. & Tue-Fri. 05/02 -05/06 iReady Diagnostic 3, 1st & 2nd Grade 05/03 - 05/04 FSA ELA,

4th & 5th Grade

05/10 - 05/11 FSA Math, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades 05/16 -05/20 iReady

Diagnostic 3, KG 05/17 -05/18 SSA Science,

5th Grade 05/25 Student of the Month K - 2 05/26 Student of the Month 3-505/27 Students Last day –

Dismissal @ 11:25am

I know parents like to ask about teacher requests for the next school year. Balancing classes while adhering to state guidelines of scheduling does not lend itself to accepting placement request. My administration team works closely with grade level teachers when placing students in classes for the next school year. This is a process that takes many hours per grade level to complete as we look at many different facets when creating a new class. Thank you for your understanding and trust in us.

This summer our front office will be closed due to renovations, and we will be working out of the Media Center. We will also be hosting our Summer Learning Program and ESE Summer Program here at Carrollwood. Information will be coming home soon to students who are eligible to attend. If you have medicine or any other pertinent items that you need to pick up from the front office, you must do so by May 27. Please look for up to date information on our school website for information on the 2022-23 school year.

Finally, I would like to wish our departing 5th graders well and may your journey to middle school be a successful and prosperous one.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer!



Our Golf Tournament was a huge success and enjoyed by all participants. Proceeds from this event will go toward Our Campus Beautification Project. Thank you to our wonderful PTA & Dad's Club for supporting this event.



A Note from Mr. Testoní

Hello Owl Families!

As we continue to work through the 4th quarter and testing, I wanted to share some important dates with you to keep in your calendars as we finish up testing and grade reporting for the year.

May FSA & iReady Diagnostic 3 Testing:

5/2-5/6 <u>M-F:</u> iReady Diagnostic 3, 1st & 2nd Grades

5/3-5/4 Tuesday & Wednesday: FSA Reading, 4th & 5th Grades

5/10-5/11 Tuesday & Wednesday: FSA Math, 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

5/16-5/20 <u>M-F</u>: iReady Diagnostic 3, Kindergarten

5/17-5/18 Tuesday & Wednesday: SSA Science, 5th Grade

Report Cards:

Your student's report card for the 4th quarter will be available digitally to families on **Friday, June 3rd**. More information on this report card release date and how you'll be able to access your student's 4th quarter report card will be coming from Hillsborough County Schools towards the end of May.

Have a Great Summer, Owls!!!





Celebrating Amazing Attendance!



We are so happy to congratulate Ms. Schamell's 1st grade class for having the best attendance in March 2022! These students arrived at school daily, ready to learn with positive attitudes, and won a party for their commitment to positive attendance. We want to thank **PDQ** for sponsoring this party with individual meals for the students and teachers to celebrate amazing attendance here at Carrollwood.

Self-Care During Testing Season

While arriving to school every day and on time is important during testing season, students taking care of their mental and physical health is priority! Test taking can generate a lot of anxiety for students, so it is essential that students and parents make time to take care of themselves, so stress is kept at a minimum. Here are some selfcare tips for students to help take on testing this month.

- **1.** Maintain a **regular sleep schedule** as multiple studies show that sleeping more leads to better grades and more energy to focus in school.
- **2. Eat and hydrate!** Remember to have a good breakfast and bring water and snacks as the brain and body need nutrition to thrive.
- **3.** Spend some **time outside** every day because having a change of environment can help the mind refocus and relax.
 - **4.** Do you something your child or family loves! Make sure to spend time after school engaging in **fun hobbies or activities** that you enjoy.

5. Movement and creative activities can provide an emotional outlet for many children. Movement also releases feel good chemicals in the brain called endorphins that promote well-being and improve mood.

6. Lastly, **reassure students** when they may be feeling anxious about testing. We know our students are prepared and will do amazing this month during testing!

Amanda Rio, School Social Worker









May is Mental Health Awareness Month nationwide!! Our district's theme this year is "Pain is real But so is HOPE"

Pain is real. But so is HOPE!

Seek Help Find Optimism Change Perspective Attend to your Emotions

Please join in as we celebrate the entire month of May on wellness, hope, and lowering stigma!

Look out for Spi it Week during May 9th-13th!

(Get ready to wear green, tie-dye, and your favorite team sport shirt)





5/10- Jeremiah's Spirit Night
5/19 PTA Board Meeting
5/24 Island Fin Spirit Night

Bundt Cake Fundraiser

Carrollwood Elementary has a diverse group of students with various needs. We have students with Autism, various Learning disabilities, Down Syndrome, ADHD, Deaf or Hard of Hearing and more. Their unique needs may require different equipment, supplies, sensory items, etc. The additional funds will help our program provide for the needs of our students while facilitating an understanding of the diverse needs of children and how they learn. Visit our school store link below to order a delicious bundt cake AND support our wonderful ESE program.



Dad's Club Golf Tournament

Thank you to all who participated in the Dad's Club Golf Tournament! It was a huge success and helped raise money for our beautification focus this year. Special thank you to Mike Melasi and Matt Eichmann for organizing this amazing event!

Teacher Appreciation

Thank you for helping us spoil our wonderful teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. A special thank you to our Teacher Appreciation chairperson Kristy Taylor for organizing such a special event. Check out the pictures on our Carrollwood PTA FB page!

Popcorn Friday

Our April popcorn Friday was a HUGE success. The Owl Pantry raised over \$700.00! A final popcorn Friday will be in May! Stay tuned for more details. Thank you to Sarah LaSala and Ilene Taylor for working tirelessly this year to make sure our owls have everything they need!

2022-2023 PTA Board

Congratulations on our new PTA executive board members that were elected at our Spring General Meeting! HUGE thank you to our outgoing treasurer and secretary, Amalia Whitcomb and Pam Wachowicz. You will be missed. Interested in serving on a committee next year? Email <u>carrollwoodpta@gmail.com</u> for more information and check out the list of committees below! !

https://bit.ly/CWPTA

President- Ashley Wilson VP-Alexis Fruge, Kristy Taylor, Sarah LaSala, Victoria McWilliams Treasurer- Katie Hage Corresponding Secretary- Kaitlin Kennedy Recording Secretary- Rebecca Guy

Beautification Update!

We are so excited to start our campus updates! With the money raised this year we are installing two industrial fans in our pavilion, a shade structure over our large playground, and updating our "Hootie" on the outside of the pavillion! Thank you so very much to our Carrollwood families who helped make these improvements possible.

<u>The Huddle</u>

The Huddle is a group for parents and teachers who support our students with different abilities. Interested in joining? Please fill out the form below. The next meeting will be held at the end of May. https://forms.office.com/r/r5XAu

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<u>5th Grade Events</u>

We will miss our 5th graders, but they will be going out in style. Special thank you to our hardworking 5th grade chairs, Heather Grahek, Pam Wachowicz, and Nicole Barolo 5/23- Kickball game, 5/24- Ice Cream Social, 5/25-Field Day and lunch, 5/26- Candy Awards 5/27- Slide show, clap out, and banquet.