

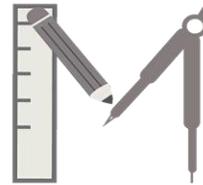
OWLS HOOT



THE OFFICIAL NEW LETTER OF CARROLLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A Note from Mrs. Stover

Welcome Back Owls! It was so nice to see so many families come out for our Back to School Bash hosted by PTA. Students had fun dancing, eating popcorn, blowing bubbles, and playing with other students out on the field. We are so proud here at Carrollwood of our accomplishment of earning a school grade of an A! Our students and staff worked hard this past school year and had to overcome challenges from being back on campus to still facing student and teachers' absences due to COVID. We have reached a new level and will continue to Level Up to new levels.

At Carrollwood Elementary, we believe that a successful school is a product of the partnership between home, school, and the community. For this reason, we encourage you to become actively involved in your child's education. You can become involved by communicating with your child's teacher, checking backpacks, folders, and planners each night, and talking with your child about what he/she is learning at school.



- Mondays is Early Dismissal 12:55 NO Sign Outs After 12:15 on Mon. & Tue-Fri. After 1:15**
- 09/01- Picture Day
- 09/02- Food Drive Ends
- 09/05- No School
- 09/07 Fall Fundraiser Begins
- 09/08- Grandparents' Breakfast (A-L)
- 09/09- Grandparent's Breakfast (M-Z)
- 09/12 FAST Testing Begins
- 09/14- Spirit Night @Anthony's Coal Pizza
- 09/15- Enrichment Club Starts
- 09/19- Hello Week
- 09/21 - Fall Fundraiser Ends
- 09/22- Skate Night 6-8
- 09/28- Student of the Month K-2
- 09/30- Student of the Month 3-5

I would like to remind our families that if your child is a “walker”, this means they are walking from their home to school. I have been receiving complaints from the neighboring residents along Valencia Road that cars are driving up and dropping off students, or parents are parking and waiting for their child at the gate. This is causing a hazard for residents to drive down the street, back out of their driveways, or for lawn and trash services to do their jobs. If we would like to continue to have this as an option for arrival and dismissal, then we must all follow the procedures. The same applies to family members who are parking at the Rec center, then cross the street to have their child walk up to the campus. If you are transporting your child by car, then you must use the car loop. I appreciate your understanding as we must be safe and respectful to our fellow neighbors and community.

Parents or car riders, please do us a favor and keep your hanging tag on your rearview mirror until your child enters your vehicle. We have multiple check points where we are reading names off to get the students to where they need to be.

Finally, our K-8 Committee Team did a fabulous job speaking at the recent school board meeting. They grabbed the attention of the board cabinet, and several people will now be coming out to Carrollwood to meet in person with the committee in the upcoming week.



A Note from Mrs. Calve

Hello Families!

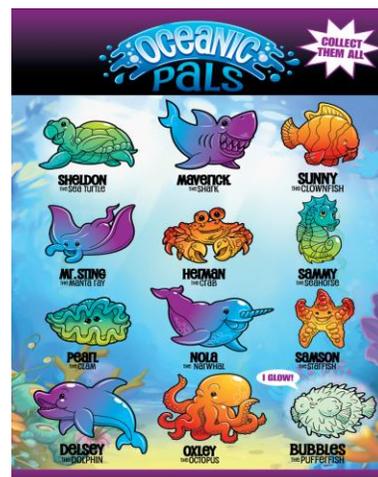
Our students and teachers have already been hard at work getting settled into our new school year. It was wonderful to meet many of you at our Back to School Bash! I am so grateful to be here at Carrollwood working alongside amazing educators who bring high quality instruction to our students every day!

This year all of our owls will be participating in the new Progress Monitoring testing per state requirements. **Third** through **fifth grade** students will take the FAST Mathematics and FAST Reading tests while **VPK** through **second grade** students will take the STAR Mathematics and STAR Literacy/STAR Reading tests.

We will stagger our testing starting on **September 12th**. All of these assessments will take place on computers. These results will be our baseline for this year, and we will test again in the winter and finally in the spring to celebrate the growth our owls have made over the course of the academic year. More information will be coming home soon!



Carrollwood Fundraiser
Kickoff starts September 7 –
23. Have fun fundraising and
earning your Ocean Pals
Collectibles!



ATTENDANCE NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear parents and students, I am so happy to be a member of the Carrollwood staff in Hillsborough County Schools as a school social worker. I'm looking forward to partnering with parents, staff, and students this school year to increase regular daily attendance for each student.

One of the first steps in school success is ensuring consistent, on-time school attendance. This newsletter will be filled with tips, incentives, and important information to promote positive school attendance. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me! It is going to be an awesome school year.



TIME CHECK

7:10 am School opens for arrival/breakfast

7:40 Tardy bell

1:55 Dismissal (**12:55** pm on early-release Mondays)

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET TO SCHOOL DAILY:

- ✓ Set regular bedtimes and morning routines.
- ✓ Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- ✓ Avoid letting your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety. Talk to your child's teacher.
- ✓ Develop back up plans for getting to school if your child misses the bus or carpool is unavailable.



ATTENDANCE LINE:

Remember if you child is going to be absent to call the attendance line at 813-975-7640, Option 1. Leave a message with your child's first and last name, date, and reason for the absence. Please also communicate with your child's teacher regarding the absence.

DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT?

Have your student bring in a doctor's note to the front office to have an absence/tardy excused.

QUIZ TIME:

Q: How many days are students expected to be absent each school year?

A: 10 or less. Research shows that students who miss 10 or more days in a school year are less likely to graduate high school than those students who regularly attend.



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Carrollwood Elementary

OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

WORK TOGETHER

LOVE LEARNING

SELF-CONTROL



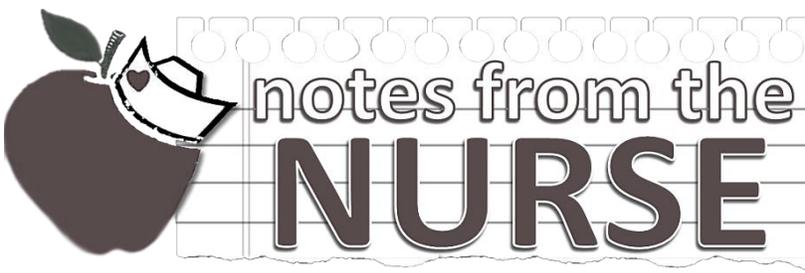
Welcome back to school! I have enjoyed seeing everyone again. This year we will continue to acknowledge students each month for demonstrating the character trait of the month, beginning in September. In August, we have been focusing on the **OWLS** expectations: **O**utstanding citizens, **W**ork together, **L**ove learning, **S**elf-control.

In September, we will focus on the **S** in **OWLS**, self-control. Self-control involves more than controlling our bodies. Self-control also involves controlling our emotions too.

One strategy for controlling our emotions is to “let it RAIN.” R = recognize, A = acknowledge, accept, allow, I = inquire, N = non-identification. The first thing we need to do is recognize or name our feelings. Then we need to acknowledge, accept, and allow the feeling. It is okay to feel whatever we are feeling. We should not try to be happy if we are feeling sad. We are feeling that way for a reason. That leads us to the next step, which is to inquire or investigate. This step involves finding out why we are feeling the way we are feeling. What is the feeling trying to tell us? After we figure out what is behind the feeling, we need to non-identify, or recognize that we are not our feelings. We can let them go. No need to hold on to the feeling once we have allowed ourselves to feel it and figured out what it was trying to tell us. Finally, sometimes it **RAINS**. We need to have **Self-compassion**. Be kind to yourself, just as you would a friend. Parents, when your child is having difficulty controlling their emotions, you can help them “Let it RAIN.”

In the classroom, I will be talking about bullying. Students will learn how to **recognize** bullying, how to **refuse** bullying and how to **report** bullying. Bullying can be defined as when someone is mean to someone, physically, verbally, or emotionally over and over even after the victim has asked the person to stop. It usually involves an imbalance of power. The person doing the bullying could be older or have an important status or there may be several people being mean to one person. Bullying is not a conflict between two people. If it is not one-sided, it would not be considered bullying. That is why it is important to **refuse** bullying, by telling the person to stop or walking away and **report** it by telling an adult. Students will be encouraged to tell an adult at home and a trusted adult at school right away if another student is being mean. That way the bullying can be addressed promptly.

You can report bullying to the teacher, school counselor, or administrator. There is also a link on the Hillsborough County website where you can report bullying. You can find the link along with other information about bullying under the students' tab or go to [Bully Prevention / Overview \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Bully-Prevention-Overview)



My name is Beatriz Shelton, and I am the RN over Carrollwood Elementary. My career began in the ER, but it was time for a change. I love my new career here at Carrollwood Elementary, and I am excited to join the team and always keep your kids safe!

If there are any medications that need to be administered during school hours, whether by the clinic, or self-carry by the student, there are forms that must be filled out and turned in to the school clinic.

The only medications that can be self-carry are life-saving medications such as Insulin/EpiPen/Inhaler, and they must meet criteria for self-carry.

For any additional questions, please call the clinic at **813-975-7640 ext. 226**



My name is Donna Parker, I've been married 30 years this October and have 5 amazing children.

I hold two licenses in the state of Florida, one in Real Estate and another as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

I've been an LPN since 1998 where I worked in Ortho / Neuro at University Community Hospital and med surg at St Joseph's Hospital.

I came onboard school health in 2018 where I've worked at Freedom High School, Mort Elementary, Shaw Elementary and now super excited to serve you and your children at Carrollwood Elementary!
Caring for your children truly fills my heart and soul!



**CARROLLWOOD
ELEMENTARY PTA**



Hootiefest 2022

Hootiefest is our annual school carnival and will be held on Saturday October 22nd. Last year over \$20,000 was raised to support our fabulous teaching staff. All proceeds are used to support teacher grants. We need many volunteers to make this the best Hootiefest to date! Interested in helping? Join us on September 1st at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Can't make the meeting? Email carrollwoodpta@gmail.com. Zoom ID-884-4622-5088 Passcode-Hootie

Grandparents Day Breakfast

Our annual Grandparents Day Breakfast is BACK! Thursday and Friday 9/8-9/9 at 7:10 in the pavilion. Names A-L on Thursday and M-Z on Friday. All orders must be pre-paid by September 6th and each attendee must purchase a breakfast. Visit our school store to pay online. Cost is \$5 per breakfast. Visit <https://carrollwood.memberhub.com/store> or scan QR code below.

Membership

Have you joined Carrollwood PTA yet? We depend on membership to help support student programs like the Owl Pantry, Hootiefest, Back to School Bash, Enrichment Clubs, and more! This year's focus is on "leveling up" our school technology. Joining PTA doesn't mean you have to volunteer but we would love to have you if you are interested! Membership gives you access to all of our online communication and local discounts. A yearly \$6 membership allows us to support our teachers and staff. This year's goal is 300 members and the class pizza with 100% participation wins a pizza party! Join today!

Scan to visit school store



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 9/1 - Hootiefest Planning Meeting
 9/5 - No School
 9/8 - 9/9 Grandparents Day
 9/14 - Anthony's Spirit Night
 9/15 - Enrichment Clubs Begin
 9/22 - Skate Night
 9/29 - PTA Board Meeting- 7:45/Media
 9/29 - Dad's Club @ 6:45 PM/Glory Days

K-8 Initiative

Carrollwood ES is working to become a K-8 school for the 2022-2023 school year. Our wonderful "A" rated elementary school is thriving, but our current zoned middle school is a concern for many families. Several other elementary schools have made the successful transition to a K-8 model and we feel this is a viable solution to keep our families in the neighborhood.

How can you help? Please consider emailing our stakeholders describing how this would benefit YOU and your family! This CAN happen! Scan the QR code or visit the link below for the K8 letter and list of contact emails. Please join our K8 FB page as well for updates on schoolboard meetings and timelines as well as how you can help make this a reality! Your voice will make a difference. bit.ly/CWESK8



Dad's Club

Interested in joining Dad's Club? Monthly meetings are held at Glory Days Grill. Next meeting is Thursday September 29th at 6:45 PM. Upcoming plans include an annual Golf Tournament, Grillmasters at Hootiefest, and much more. Join the email list at carrollwooddadsclub@gmail.com.

Food Drive

Our fall food drive to support the Owl Pantry kicks off August 29-September 2nd. The grade level that brings in the most number of items wins a pizza party! Items needed include canned meat, canned vegetables (corn), pasta, rice (small bags), pasta sauce, beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, mac and cheese, cereal, granola bars, individually packaged snacks. The Owl Pantry accepts monetary donations or grocery gift cards to stock the pantry throughout the year. Please make checks payable to Carrollwood PTA (memo line-Owl Pantry).

Beautification Update

Over the summer, two new industrial fans were installed in our pavilion. Students and staff are enjoying the much cooler temperatures. The playground shade structure has been ordered and is here! Installation will begin September 19th. Finally, the staff lounge is getting a much-needed upgrade with the purchase of new tables, chairs, and buffet. Thank you to our Carrollwood families and business sponsors!

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs are returning Thursday September 15th through Thursday November 17th from 2:10-3:10. Flyers will be sent home with a list of clubs and online registration begins September 1st on a first come first serve basis. Past club offerings included kickball, Legos, dance, sewing, art, and more. School store link: <https://carrollwood.memberhub.com/store>

Homeroom Parents

Homeroom parent meeting will be held soon! Discussion topics will include Hootiefest, calendar of events, and classroom support. Watch for a text and email about meeting date and time. Thank you for volunteering your time! Questions? mrsvalerielayland@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 September 29th from 5:30-7:00 PM in the media center. Questions? hgrahek@gmail.com and join the FB page!

Volunteer Approval

Please make sure you have a current volunteer application on file if you are interested in volunteering this year. Visit bit.ly/hcpsvol to register.

Sponsorships

Thank you so much to our first round of business sponsors:

Platinum: Channelside Plumbing, West Florida Concrete, and Green Iguana Bar and Grill, Jet's Pizza, Sweets by Kat, Party Yardy, Mihara and Associates, DeDominico Orthodontics

Gold: TLC Pediatrics, Hoopwerx, Code Ninjas, Langee Realty

Interested in supporting our school and joining the banner club? Email Carrollwoodpta@gmail.com for more information.