

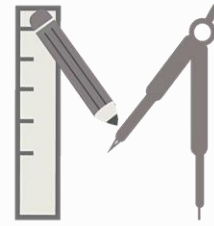
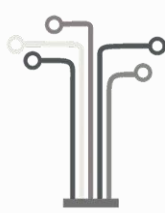
# OWLS HOOT



THE OFFICIAL NEW SLETTER OF CARROLLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## A Note from Ms. Stover

### Principal's Corner

Welcome Back Owls! It's been so nice seeing our students back on campus this school year. Our students have been adjusting well and I appreciate you sending your child to school wearing a mask. The new mask mandate is in effect, as of now, till September 17. The health and safety of our students is very important, on campus we are taking the necessary steps to maintain a clean and COVID free environment. However, the first line of defense begins at home. Each morning it is important that you self-monitor your child and make sure they are feeling well. Any signs of muscle ache or chills, fever, diarrhea, or sore throat; then please keep your child home. This will help us mitigate the spread of germs. This year we won't be recognizing students with Perfect Attendance or Faithful Attendance. We don't want any family to feel the pressure of being at school even when you're feeling sick. Yes, attendance is important for academic growth, but keeping everyone healthy is even more important.

Although school grades haven't been officially announced, I'm proud to say we have earned a school grade of a B! Our teachers and students worked hard to excel learning through a pandemic. We will continue to dive deeper into academics with differentiated instruction and accelerating students this year, as our goal is to achieve to be an A school.



### **Mondays**

**12:55 Dismissal**

**No Sign Outs** After

12:15 on Mon

After 1:15 Tue-Fri

9/2 Fall Photos

**9/6 No School**

9/9 Virtual Grandparents

Day @ 6:30 – 7:30

9/13 Fall Kick Off Catalog

3rd – 4th Math Grade

Monthly Begin

9/27 Math Monthly

2nd & 5th

9/29 Student of the

Month K – 2nd

9/30 Student of the

Month 3rd - 5th

This school year we seem to have more Orange Grove car riders than in previous years. Each day it gets a little bit quicker in the morning and the afternoon. The following steps taken can help us move the line along more efficiently. In the morning: prior to approaching the cones, please have your child put down their electronic device, say their good-byes to you, have book bag and lunchbox in hand so when we open the car door, they are ready to hop out. In the afternoon: If your child is in 2nd grade, please don't be the first in line to pick up. We dismiss our K and 1st graders first; this prevents us from getting our little ones into their car and stalls the line. Second graders don't dismiss from their classroom till 1:55 and it usually takes them several minutes before reaching the cafeteria. Please keep your car tag hanging until your child gets into your car. Whether in the morning or afternoon, it is important to move all the way forward. This will allow us to maximize the number of cars we can get through the loop. Also, maybe inquire about car-pooling with some neighbors to reduce the number of cars coming on campus. Most of all, please be patient and respectful to one another and cognizant of traffic laws and the surrounding neighbors.

Finally, a huge thank you to our families who participated in our OWL Pantry Food Drive. The outpouring of support was unbelievable. We collected over 4,100 food items that will support our own Carrollwood families this school year. I'm so grateful to our PTA who sponsored this event and for the committee members who collected, counted, and organized the food.



### Set up for Success

Students at Carrollwood Elementary are off to a great start this school year in response to overwhelming support from our students, parents, staff, and community. To highlight a few contributors, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the school-wide food drive to support Carrollwood Elementary's food pantry program. We received a grand total of 4,113 donated food items. First grade collected the most items so they will be rewarded with a pizza party! A special thanks to Sarah Lasala, Ilene Taylor, and Whitney Younglove for donating their time and efforts each week to receive, organize, and distribute food items to our families! Additionally, Mission Hill Church has graciously donated 500 backpacks filled with school supplies. Further, thank you Jet's Pizza for promoting positive student attendance by providing incentives for our monthly attendance contests. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed donations or volunteered their time thus far this school year to ensure that the needs of our students are met. If your student or family is in need of school supplies, food, or another form of support, please contact Megan de la Portilla, School Social Worker. Thank you!



Savannah Boger,  
4th grade with her  
parents Howard &  
Emily Boger



Pastor Gary &  
Lynn McNeal  
of Mission Hill  
Church



It's time to CELEBRATE!

Carrollwood has a lot to celebrate this month! We are welcoming our new bilingual paraprofessional, Magda Orraca. She is so excited to work with our ELL students here at Carrollwood. Some of you may have already had the opportunity to meet her!

We are also celebrating HISPANIC HERITAGE here at Carrollwood. We have so many students whose families are from Hispanic countries. They have shared their rich culture with us here in the United States. Many famous Hispanic-Americans have made contributions to science, music and art and have also shared their delicious food with us. On our morning show we will learn about some of these famous Hispanic-Americans as well as feature some of our own students. This year we will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual poster contest. The theme this year is... ***Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope***. A flyer will be sent home with directions on how to enter the contest. I encourage *all* of our Carrollwood students to participate! The winners will be featured on the morning show. We have such talented and creative students here at Carrollwood and I am so excited to see all of the entries!

Selina Llewellyn, ELL Resource Teacher

### A Note From Mr. Testoni

The school year has begun, and our instructional priorities are taking shape as we continue to work together as a school community in meeting the ever-evolving needs of our students.

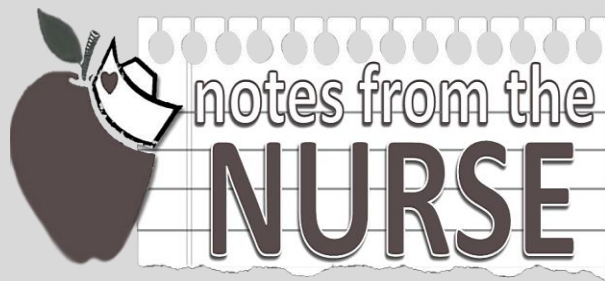
At Carrollwood Elementary School we have continued to build our academic achievements around the practices of implementing standards-based learning experiences and student academic progress monitoring. This year our K-2 students are working with the new K-2 English Language Arts B.E.S.T standards. This is the first year of B.E.S.T. (Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking). standard implementation in the state. Next year the B.E.S.T. standard implementation will include all grades K-5 and address both Language Arts, as well as Math / Science. To support the implementation of the K-2 ELA standards the district has adopted the Wonders K-2 reading series to support our learners.

The beginning of the year brings with it a whole new set of data points used by all stakeholders (especially our students) to progress monitor academic growth, set academic goals and generate differentiated learning experiences focused on acceleration, throughout the year. The following schedule will be used by K-5 students to complete all beginning of the year assessments.

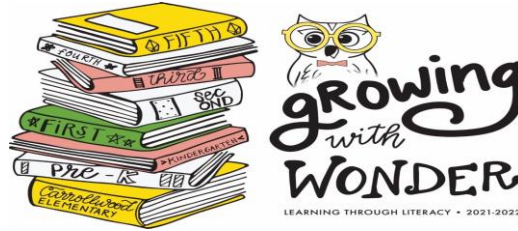
8/16-8/20: 1<sup>st</sup> grade iReady diagnostic Fall, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Math Standards Assessment, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Science Standards Assessment

8/23-8/27: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade iReady diagnostic Fall, Kindergarten FLKRS opens

8/30-9/3: Wonders Screener Window Opens, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Fall Writing Assessment



When in doubt, keep them out. Attendance line: 813.975.7640 option 1



## Media Center

Welcome back to school and to another great year in Media and Technology! I am looking forward to bringing back some of our reading programs and to continuing to creatively provide a dynamic media program for our students.

We are excited to implement technology integration that will provide engaging learning opportunities for our students. Thanks to district, school, PTA, and community efforts our students are now 1:1 with devices in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have also enhanced technology in primary classrooms with additional Chromebooks for student use. As always, our computer labs are up and running, and the Media Center will run a laptop lab for flexible use and lessons throughout the school day.

Carrollwood students love to read and visit the MC! The Media Center is gearing up for student orientations starting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just as last year, we will be following protocols that will foster a clean and sanitized environment. If you have turned in a volunteer form, please keep an eye out for an email invite to Signup Genius. Volunteers will be used in limited capacities in the Media Center this year. Please make sure to update or complete the online volunteer application on the district's website.

Please support the Media Program by participating in the upcoming fundraisers:

- Legacy Bookplate purchases through PTA (can be purchased on PTA member hub)
- Upcoming Book Fair during the first week of October.

As always, thanks so much for your dedication to literacy and for your support of the media program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Irvin, Media Specialist

# PTA Newsletter for September

## Important Dates

Fall Pictures- 9/2 no uniforms  
Grandparents Day- 9/9  
Jeremiah's Spirit Night- 9/14  
Dad's Club- 9/16  
Skate Night- 9/30

## Spirit Shirts

Our second order window closed on August 20th and the shirts will be distributed in the first week of September

## Membership

It's not too late to join the PTA! Remember PTA is more than just volunteering. Your donation helps to support student programs, teacher appreciation, beautification, enrichment programs, and so much more. Click the code below to order membership and show your school spirit with a car magnet! Once you join, you also receive our monthly newsletters and updates.



## Grandparents Day



Join us for a special Grandparents Day Celebration on September 9th at 6:30 PM. Plan to spend the evening with your grandparent(s) including a zoom celebration and a dining out event (participating restaurants will be announced in the flyer). Grandparents can also purchase bookplates in honor of their grandchildren and dedicate a book of their choice to our school library. Bookplates can be purchased through the flyer or the PTA school store website.



Interested in joining Dad's Club? Join the email list to stay up to date with events and volunteer opportunities! [carrollwooddadsclub@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwooddadsclub@gmail.com)

A HUGE Thank you to our Carrollwood Elementary School Sponsors! Please consider supporting these wonderful businesses who are supporting our school this year! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Please email [carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwoodpta@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Questions or concerns? Please contact us as [carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:carrollwoodpta@gmail.com)**

Welcome back! It has been so exciting to see all students back in person this year. In August, we reviewed and practiced the OWLS expectations: Outstanding students, Working together, Love of learning, Self-control. We will continue to remind students to demonstrate the OWLS expectations throughout the year. In September, I will begin classroom lessons. We will begin the year with lessons on bullying. Students will learn how to "Recognize, Report, and Refuse." Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if they see bullying, or a bully is targeting them. Parents can report bullying to the teacher, a student services staff member (counselor, social worker, psychologist, resource officer, or school nurse), administration, or via the Hillsborough County School District's website. This year I will focus on helping students learn about feelings, empathy, and growth mindset. The character trait of the month for September is self-control. Self-control is the ability to control one's actions and reactions.

**Tips for helping your children with self-control**

1. Help them to self-soothe as early as infancy. Be there for them and provide reassurance when they are upset but give them age-appropriate tools they can use to calm down. Some examples are belly breathing, taking a time-out, movement, talking, journaling.
2. Help them name their feelings and allow them to feel those feelings. When they are ready, help them use coping strategies, such as belly breathing or going for a walk to help them calm down.
3. Model self-control
4. Practice self-control with do overs. For example, "I understand you were frustrated that you could not see your friend, but I need you to speak to me in a respectful tone. Let's try that again." Praise them when they get it right. Role-plays work great too!
5. Focus on the positive and reward them when they exhibit self-control.

I am always here to support parents, teachers, and students and am only a phone call away (813-975-7640 Ext. 228). Let's Grow with Wonder together during the 2021-2022 school year!