



CARROLLTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tereesa Bey, Ed.D, Principal | teresa.bey@pgcps.org
8300 Quintana Street | New Carrollton, MD 20784 | 301-918-8708 | www.pgcps.org/carrollton

July 30, 2026,

Dear Carrollton Elementary School Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Carrollton Elementary School!

Whether your family is returning or joining us for the very first time, we are thrilled to welcome you to another exciting year of learning, growth, and achievement. Our staff has been working throughout the summer to prepare engaging learning experiences, welcoming classrooms, and meaningful opportunities that will help every student thrive.

At Carrollton Elementary, we believe every child has the potential to succeed. Together, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment where students are challenged academically, encouraged to grow socially and emotionally, and inspired to become confident, lifelong learners.

This year's school theme is: **"WE CAN, WE WILL, & WE MUST MOVE FORWARD BY DESIGN."**

This theme reflects our belief that success does not happen by chance, but through intentional planning, perseverance, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. Every decision we make is centered on ensuring that students receive the high-quality instruction, encouragement, and support they need to reach their fullest potential.

We, at Carrollton, recognize that our families are our most important partners in education. Your involvement plays an important role in your child(ren)'s success. Together, we can make this school year one filled with meaningful and memorable learning experiences.

Our Vision

Every learner empowered. Every educator inspired. Every day designed for excellence.

Our Mission

Carrollton Elementary School develops the knowledge, character, and confidence of every learner through rigorous instruction, collaborative leadership, meaningful family partnerships, and equitable opportunities, preparing students to excel in college, careers, and civic life.



Other Important Information

ParentVue Account

We strongly encourage all parents to sign up for a ParentVue account if you have not already done so. Having a ParentVue account ensures you receive all important PGCPS information. Please view this [video](#) and refer to the [ParentVue Parent Guide](#) for more information about your ParentVue account. If you forgot your password, you can visit [this page](#) for technical assistance with resetting your login information.

Transportation

Transportation information will be available prior to the first day of school. First, make sure to download the Chipmunk App for real-time transportation updates. Please visit this [page](#) to learn how to download and set up an account.

School Supply List

Carrollton is providing school supplies for all students. Families may also support teachers by donating items from classroom wish lists. [Click Here](#)

School Meals

- Free breakfast and lunch daily (no applications needed).
- À la carte snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

School Uniforms

Carrollton is a **Mandatory Uniform School**. All students must wear uniforms beginning the first day of school. [English](#), [Spanish](#), & [French](#)

Immunizations

PGCPS offers immunization clinics to help families stay up to date. Maryland requires all kindergarteners to receive a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine.

School Hours

- **7:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.**
- Doors open at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast.
- Students must be in class by 7:30 a.m. to avoid being marked tardy.
- Early dismissal ends at 12:30 PM. No students can be dismissed early after that time.
- Please ensure timely arrival and pick-up. Staff is not responsible for students after dismissal.

Student Attendance

Regular attendance is critical for student growth. To support on-time arrival:



- Use before/after-school programs.
- Coordinate with a trusted family member if needed.
- Use assigned bus routes when available.
- Leave home a few minutes earlier.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

First Day of School

- Students meet teachers in designated outdoor areas.
- Teachers will hold signs with names/grade levels.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten families may walk students to class **on the first day only**.

Pre-K Families

- Beginning the **second day**, drop-off/pick-up at teachers' exterior classroom doors (back of school).

Kindergarten Families

- Drop-off/pick-up at the front entrance of one of three designated exterior doors. Teachers will open the doors to greet students. Do not exit cars between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. Staff will assist students.

Grades 1-5 Families

- Use the traffic circle wave-and-ride system. Parents should not exit cars to let students out. This slows our arrival process. We want all students to enter on time.
- Students will enter through the front door, then proceed to the cafeteria to pick up breakfast or directly to class.
- Families may not enter the building unless there is an emergency.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders:

- Week 1: Teachers meet students outside. From Week 2 onward, students enter through the front doors.
- On-site parking is limited. Please walk if possible.
- Traffic is **one-way and single-lane only** around the circle. No left turns are permitted. Please follow the instructions of the staff present in the traffic circle. Doing so will help ensure a safe, efficient, and timely drop-off and pick-up process.
- Drive as far as you can in the traffic circle.
- **Please do not stop at the front entrance.** Continue driving as far forward as possible in the traffic circle before stopping. Keeping the entrance clear allows more vehicles to enter the traffic circle, helping us maintain a safe, efficient, and timely arrival process for all



CARROLLTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tereesa Bey, Ed.D, Principal | teresa.bey@pgcps.org
8300 Quintana Street | New Carrollton, MD 20784 | 301-918-8708 | www.pgcps.org/carrollton

students. Have your child ready to exit the vehicle quickly, follow staff directions, remain in your vehicle between **7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.**, drive slowly, and stay alert at all times.

All families are expected to follow the [PGCPS Code of Conduct for Families, Volunteers & Visitors](#) when on school property.

Dates to Remember

- **Back-to-School Night (New & Returning Families):** August 20 | 5:00–7:00 p.m. (PreK & Kindergarten should not attend)
- **Student Orientation Day (New Prek and K Families):** August 24 | 7:45 am (Pre-K); 8:45 am (Kindergarten)
- **First Day of School:** August 25 | 7:30 a.m. (Doors open at 7:15 am)
- **Labor Day Holiday (No School):** September 7
- **Annual Title I Meeting & After School Programs Showcase:** September 10 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Professional Development (No School):** September 16
- **Yon Kippur:** September 21
- **ELD/Special Education Family Night:** September 24 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Quick Links:

- [2026-2027 PGCPS School Calendar](#)
- [School Meals](#)
- [Class Dojo Link](#)

The CES First Responder Document

Please use the First Responder Document to identify the right staff member for specific needs. Allow 24-48 hours for non-emergency responses. For emergencies, call the school directly. [Carrollton's First Responder Document for Families](#)

Student Information Form

Families, please complete this form for each child enrolled at Carrollton: [Carrollton Elementary School Student Information Form](#)

Student Publicity Form

Families, please complete this form for each child enrolled at Carrollton: [Carrollton Elementary School Student Publicity Form](#)

We can't wait to welcome you on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:15 a.m.**

With gratitude and purpose,
Dr. Bey & Ms. Wimbush