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News and Notes from Carroll Manor Elementary PTA

Outreach Program

During the month of December, many of the students at Carroll Manor took on giving projects to help other children in our community that are less fortunate. The benefactors of their generosity were the students at the Baltimore Southwest Charter School.

Our first grade students made caterpillar phonics board games for the students at BSCS to use in their school. They also collected over 50 new board games and puzzles that they gave to the first grade students as presents. Our second graders collected and wrapped over 50 new books that they gave to the second grade students at the BSCS as presents. Our third grade students collected new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the children at the school to help keep them warm over the cold winter months. The fifth graders took on a more in-depth project and made each fifth grade student at BSCS a stocking filled with gifts they each purchased and wrapped. The stockings looked absolutely fabulous!

Robin Karner and I delivered all the gifts to the school on December 22nd and we have never seen such heartfelt appreciation as we saw that day. These children were so thankful for our students' generosity that many were in tears saying how good it felt to have other children care about them. Our children truly saw the real meaning of giving during the holiday season and it was a good feeling that I hope they continue to have forever. You should be so proud of your children, I know I am.

Our fourth grade students opted to do a spring project and will soon be collecting recess/play equipment for the students at BSCS to use as the weather warms up. We thank them in advance for their hard work and generosity.

Please take a look at the bulletin board outside the

office for pictures of the children at BSCS receiving their presents.

Hoops for Heart

Another successful Hoops for Heart took place the week of January 12th – 16th. Each class participated during their regularly scheduled Phys. Ed. time. A huge thank you to all the children who participated – collectively they raised over \$2,455.00 for the American Heart Association! What a great accomplishment! A special thank you to Mr. Wall and Holly Musselman for organizing and coordinating this worthwhile event.

BINGO Night

A great time was had by all whom attended our second Bingo night this year. The room was full of excitement and squeals of delight as winners yelled out BINGO! A special thank you to Robin and Chuck Karner for organizing this fun event. Also, thank you to Mary Sevison for manning the food table all night. Lastly, thank you to Mr. Cirrincione, Mrs. Wenck, Ms. Lunz, Mrs. Longhenry, Ms. Zangara, Mrs. Steelwright and Ms. Dengler for being terrific Bingo callers!

Boxtops for Education

This ongoing program has never been as successful as it has been this year. Thank you to all the children and their families who continue to collect and turn these in each month. So far, our school has received over \$500.00 in donations from Boxtops for Education. So, keep cutting and sticking those Boxtops to the pre-printed sheets. Thank you to Laurie Bartlett for all the long hours of counting, collecting and turning in the boxtops

School Store

Are you in need of new glue sticks, pencils, marble notebooks or crayons? Then look no further. The school store is open every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch and our prices can't be beat!

Upcoming Events in February & March

Talent Show – Friday, February 20th

Author Study with Patrick O'Brien –

Friday, February 27th during school

Damon's Night – Friday, February 27th

5 & 7 p.m. seatings

Silent Auction – Friday, February 27th 5-9 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair – March 2nd – 6th

Astronomy Night – March 27th

Clubs this Month

Chess Club will continue to meet through the end of March.

Math 24 Club - Congratulations to the 5th grade tournament winner, Morgan Ferrans. She will go on to represent Carroll Manor in the County tournament on March 7th at the Crowne Plaza in Timonium. Good luck Morgan! The club will continue to meet through the end of February.

Computer Club Session II will continue to meet on Mondays after school in the computer lab through the end of March.

Spelling Aces has three more meetings on 2/19, 2/26 and 3/12.

Sacks of Science projects will continue to be sent home through the end of February.

PTA Meetings

Our next PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 4th at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.** If you are a room parent or chairing an event in March, please try to attend and let your voices be heard. All are invited to attend. There will be refreshments for all and quiet activities for younger children not in school yet!

Thank You

Thank you to Kim Sutton, our Reflections Chair, for a job very well done! Kim's encouragement and dedication ensured that the entire program ran very smoothly. We had over 123 entries this year, more than any other year and we are so proud of all the

students who participated. Special congratulations to all the winners at CM, what a great accomplishment.

Thank you to Carol Keavney and Diane Schiano di-Cola for all the beautiful holiday decorations they did around the school in December. What a warm and welcoming feel you created for our school.

Thank you to Mrs. Mackenzie for organizing and coordinating with Patrick O'Brien for the author study date as well as for sending out and collecting all the order forms for books to be signed. You went above and beyond the call of duty for this great program.

Thank you to Holly Musselman for the beautiful Valentine's decorations she put up around the front entrance and in the lobby of the school. It certainly made us all feel the love in the air.

Thank you to all those individuals who took the time out of your busy day to volunteer in the cafeteria in December, January and February. Your kindness truly made a difference in all our children's lives. It is because of you that they get extra recess every day!

Parting words this month...

As many of us are starting to feel the winter doldrums before March Madness hits, (and Punxsutawney Phil says we have to endure a few more weeks of the cold stuff) why not join us for some hot, delicious food from Damon's Grill on Friday the 27th of February. While enjoying the food, you can also bid on lots of great family auction items. Both of these great events help to fund all the clubs and programs our children receive that are NOT found in other schools. So, thank you in advance for your continued support.

As springtime does approach, be sure and take the time to reflect and be thankful for all the wonderful gifts we have in our lives, especially our children. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events in February and March.

With much appreciation,
Tamara DeHaven, PTA President