

June 2025

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WINFIELD ELEMENTARY



Dear Wildcats!

We hope your June is off to a great start! We only have a few days left in the 2024-2025 school year! Our students, staff, and parents have made this an amazing year. We are so lucky to have such kind students, staff, and families! Winfield is a warm and welcoming community and we appreciate all of the volunteers and parents for supporting our school and students! We wish our fifth-grade students' luck in sixth grade and know they will go on to do great things! For our pre-k through fourth grade students, we look forward to seeing you in the Fall! We hope you all have a safe, relaxing, and fun summer!

Mrs. Purper, Ms. Lombardini, and Mrs. Watts

Winfield Elementary School Vision:

To develop diverse, high achieving lifelong learners who are productive members of the community.

Winfield Elementary School Mission:

What: Communicate expectations to all stakeholders

How: Collaborate to provide meaningful and rigorous instruction

Why: Cultivate diverse, lifelong learners

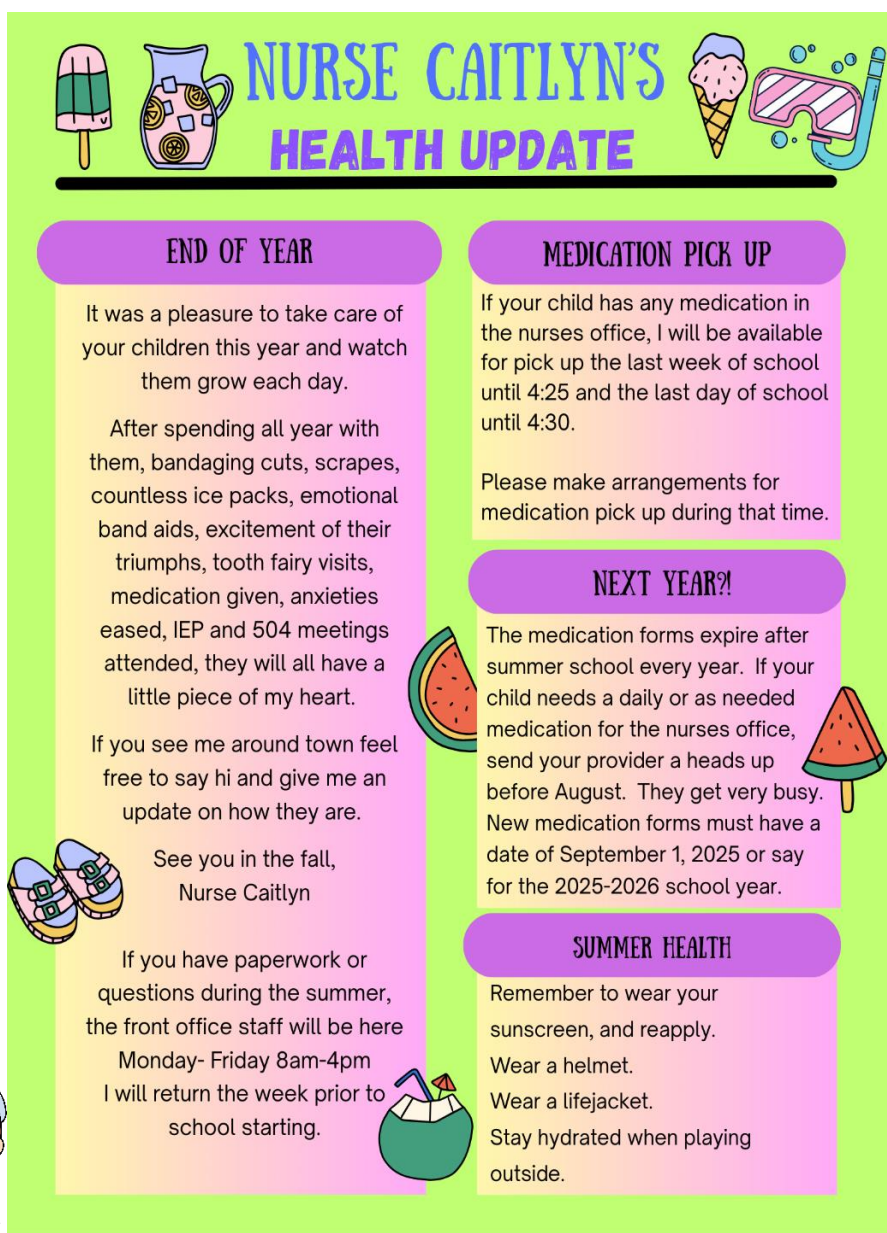
Website: <http://www.carrollk12.org/win/>

Attendance email: winattendance@carrollk12.org

School Hours: 9:30-4:00. Doors open for students at 9:00 and parent drop off doors are closed at 9:25. Students may not be dropped off at parent drop off after 9:25. Dismissal begins promptly at 4:00.

Important Information

Nurses Corner



NURSE CAITLYN'S HEALTH UPDATE

END OF YEAR

It was a pleasure to take care of your children this year and watch them grow each day.

After spending all year with them, bandaging cuts, scrapes, countless ice packs, emotional band aids, excitement of their triumphs, tooth fairy visits, medication given, anxieties eased, IEP and 504 meetings attended, they will all have a little piece of my heart.

If you see me around town feel free to say hi and give me an update on how they are.

See you in the fall,
Nurse Caitlyn

If you have paperwork or questions during the summer, the front office staff will be here Monday- Friday 8am-4pm I will return the week prior to school starting.

MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child has any medication in the nurses office, I will be available for pick up the last week of school until 4:25 and the last day of school until 4:30.

Please make arrangements for medication pick up during that time.

NEXT YEAR?!

The medication forms expire after summer school every year. If your child needs a daily or as needed medication for the nurses office, send your provider a heads up before August. They get very busy. New medication forms must have a date of September 1, 2025 or say for the 2025-2026 school year.

SUMMER HEALTH

Remember to wear your sunscreen, and reapply.
Wear a helmet.
Wear a lifejacket.
Stay hydrated when playing outside.

Lost and Found

There are many items in our lost and found including jackets, sweatshirts and water bottles. Please have your child stop by the lost and found to reunite with their missing items. Also, please write your child's name in their jackets, sweatshirts, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes so we can return the items to your child if it is misplaced. Thanks.

****If these items are not picked up by Friday, June 13th, the items will be donated or thrown away****

****Car Rider Information****

If your child was a car rider this year and they will be a car rider next school year, please keep your vehicle and backpack tags to use again. Your child's car rider number will remain the same. During open house, you will be required to complete another transportation form to verify how your child will be going to/from school for the 2025-2026 school year. If your child will no longer be a car rider or will no longer be attending school at Winfield, please send an email to winattendance@carrollk12.org and you can dispose of the tags.

****Kindergarten Registration****



Kindergarten Registrations are by appointment only!

To register your child, he/she will need to be 5 years old by September 1st. You will also need the following:

1. Parent/Legal Guardian ID (only parent or legal guardian may register the student unless presenting legal documentation)
2. Student's Proof of Birth (Birth Certificate, Hospital Certificate, Passport/Visa)
3. Proof of Residency - Mortgage statement/bill, signed settlement document, property tax bill from current year, Deed with house number, street address and name of parent/guardian, signed lease/rental agreement, Current rent receipt, electric, land-line phone, cable, oil, etc. ***Documentation must be dated within the last 60 days.
4. *Student's Immunization Records will need to be turned into the school nurse by July 25, 2025.*

What to do to help your child get ready for Kindergarten: Encourage your child to listen to stories, talk about the pictures, practice touching each word while reading, answer questions about the story, hold books, find the title and cover of the book, point out letters in the environment, practice drawing, practice writing his/her name, listen to rhyming words, count to 5 verbally, count sets of items to see "how many", recognize numbers 0-5 in their surroundings, sort real objects to talk about their similarities and differences.

****Pre-K Registration****



2025-2026 Pre-K registration is open on the carrollk12.org website. You can visit [Pre-Kindergarten - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](#) for more information about the pre-k program in Carroll County.

****Volunteer Training****



We hope that many of you will decide to volunteer here at Winfield Elementary School. In order to be a volunteer in a classroom, a chaperone on a field trip, or help at a school event you must have taken the online Volunteer Training

Session this school year. You must have completed the training AT LEAST seven (7) school days prior to the school event. You can find the Volunteer Training Session at the Carroll County Public School Website at [Volunteer Program - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](http://Volunteer Program - Carroll County Public School District (carrollk12.org)).

****Attendance****



If your child is/was absent, or will be absent for several days, please contact the school office for pre-approval at winattendance@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3242 with your child's name, date(s) of their absence, and reason for their absence.

****Transportation Changes****



If you have transportation changes for your child(ren), please send in writing, either by a note or an email, the request by 2:30pm. Please include your child's name, teacher, what the change is, who is picking them up, bus number they are riding and the date. You can email the main office at winattendnace@carrollk12.org.

****Signing a Child In/Out of School**** **(When students return to the school building)**



The student school day is 9:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students are expected to be in their homeroom by 9:30. Students arriving after 9:30 will be considered tardy. A parent/guardian is required to bring the student into the office to sign their child in after 9:30. Students may NOT be dropped off in the drop-off line after 9:25. Dismissal time for students is 4:00p.m. Students who are dismissed at a time prior to 4:00 will be marked tardy/leaving early as well. We understand the necessity of doctor/dental appointments during instructional time; however, this should be avoided if possible. We request that parents send a note to the office that morning so that we are aware of your child leaving school. Please keep in mind that proper I.D. is required when signing your child out of school.

Students are to be released only into the custody of their legal guardian or to an individual listed on the emergency card with the written permission from the parent/guardian. In cases where a court order granting joint legal custody is on file with the school, the student may be released to either parent. However, if the parent having physical custody disagrees and wishes to deny student pick up, he/she must provide the school with written notification stating this. This written notification must be initiated by the custodial parent and be on file at the school. The letter of denial will remain on file for the corresponding, current school year, with a need to be reinstated on an annual basis in order to be upheld by the school.

As stated above, **a student may not be released to an individual listed on the emergency card without written permission from the registered parent/legal guardian.** The emergency contact list is a list of individuals to contact when the registered parent/legal guardian is not able to be reached in cases where the child becomes ill or other emergencies.

Being listed as an emergency contact does not grant permission to pick-up the student without the appropriate authorization.

****Student Arrival and Dismissal****



Students are encouraged to ride the bus. Any questions about bus pick up and drop off should be directed to transportation. Parents who choose to drive their students to school must follow the pick-up and drop-off procedures to guarantee the safe arrival and dismissal of all children. The parent drop-off and pick-up lane is in the parking lot on the left side of the building (when facing the building). Students may not exit the car until a staff member is present to welcome them. Parents must wait in line. Parents should only park and walk students into school if they arrive after the parent drop-off lane is closed. In this case, students will be arriving after the bell and will be marked tardy. The parent drop-off line does get congested, so please have your child ride the bus, if possible.

****Home Access Center****



Please keep checking the Home Access Center to stay informed about your child's attendance (all students) and current assignments and grades (3rd-5th). If there are any discrepancies with your child's assignments or grades you can reach out their teacher.

You can visit the Home Access Center at <https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/homeaccess>

For more information about the Home Access Center, you can refer to the following User Guide and FAQ document at <https://mystudent.carrollk12.org/homeaccess/homeaccessfaqs.pdf>

****Tech Support****



If you have difficulties with your child's computer from the school or with Home Access Center, please complete a CCPS Family Support Web Form at [CCPS Family Support Web Form \(office.com\)](https://www.carrollk12.org/office.com).

****Advanced Academics****



The CCPS Advanced Academics Program is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and maximize student achievement. Advanced Academics teachers, in collaboration with classroom instructors, will continue to provide a

continuum of instructional options designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and students identified as possessing gifted learning traits. This may include in-class extended instruction, pullout enrichment groups, and/or advanced resource development with classroom teachers. A Referral and Review Team, as well as collaboration with classroom teachers, will determine student eligibility for advanced instructional options. Indicators for participation include observational checklists, standardized test scores, work samples, and classroom performance. Although students are not typically formally identified until the beginning of third grade, Advanced Academics teachers will continue to provide a range of services for grades K-5. Look for more information about the program to come home throughout the school year.

School Calendar



Early Dismissal Dates

June 13, 2025 - 2h45min Early Dismissal (Last Day of School)

School Closure Dates

June 19, 2025 - Schools/Offices Closed (Juneteenth)

First Grade

First graders have become word study experts! This school year, students have worked hard to master FUNdations concepts and skills in 12 Units; ending with words with 2 syllables! In writing, students are working to finalize their non-fiction research writing – focused on animals. These strong writers are excited to share their published “Best Part of Me” opinion writing at our Writer’s Celebration on June 11th. First grade families are encouraged to attend! In Math, students have completed Unit 5 focused on telling time to the half hour, and measurement! Students have also completed their End of Year Benchmark math assessment.

In Science, students are learning about Animal Habitats and finishing up our Best of Bugs unit. As a part of our end of the year celebration, students will take part in our annual First Grade Carnival on June 6th, where they will complete activities and challenges focused on a review of all concepts learned this year in both ELA and Math. Our ABC End of Year Countdown is still on and jam packed with many fun days ahead in June – including Space Day, Camping Day, and Pirate Day (just to name a few!). What a wonderful year it’s been! From the first-grade team to your family... we wish you a wonderful, fun filled summer!

Second Grade

It is hard to believe we are preparing for the final few days of the school year! Second graders continue to work hard to show all that they have learned this year and we are so proud of them!

In Word Study, we continue to work with the double vowel syllable type with both one and two syllable words. As we wrap up the end of the school year, we will finish out with our last two units. The next unit is reading and spelling words with the double vowels -au and -aw (August, autumn, saw, draw). The final unit in word study is reading and spelling words with -le in them (tickle, able, simple, etc.). Second graders have been working so hard all year throughout these word study units to really improve their spelling!

In Writing, students will be editing and revising work. They will also be presenting their biography projects that they worked so hard on at home. We will wrap the school year up with completing summer writing activities to reflect on what a wonderful 2nd grade year it has been, as well as preparing for the excitement of the summer! Students will use all of the skills they have learned for writing to complete these last activities.

In Whole Group, we continue to answer questions by locating text evidence within fiction and nonfiction texts. We will focus on skills including cause and effect, compare and contrast, author's purpose, theme/central message, and main idea and details.

Third Grade

Third grade has had an exciting year! We have traveled across the USA and learned about our 50 states! Hope you and your families are able to go visit some of the beautiful locations this summer and come back with new information.

Our book study, *Lemonade Wars*, was a wonderful way to finish the year. Remember that you can buy the series on Prime or check your local library to borrow the book. The Carroll County Library system offers a wonderful and engaging reading program over the summer. Sign up to challenge your child's reading and earn chances for some awesome prizes. Happy Reading!

A summer review calendar will be sent home for your child to review concepts. In addition, please work with your child on his/her fact fluency. Both of these activities will help your child be prepared for 4th grade.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Fifth Grade

We made it! It is officially the last month of your fifth grader's elementary school experience!

In Humanities, we will be piloting a new ELA curriculum called Benchmark Advance. This will be the new curriculum for all 5th graders starting in September.

In STEM, we will finish our last fifth grade math unit learning about Geometry and our last science unit of Survivor.

On June 12, the fifth grade promotion will be held at Winfield from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. The following are some reminders about the event. Students should dress their best for the promotion ceremony. Each student will receive 3 tickets. **All guests are required to have a ticket to enter the building. More information to come.**

The fifth grade picnic will be held on June 13, which is the last day of school for students. **The fifth grade picnic will be for students only.** A permission form for your child to eat the catered hot dogs, chips and popsicles will come home with your child. Please make sure to sign and return it ASAP.

School Safety and Security Summary



It is a priority of CCPS and Winfield Elementary to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Visitors are required to use the main entrance and ring the doorbell to ask for entry into the building. Upon entering, will be asked your name and reason for entering the school. You will then be asked to report to the main office. Any visitor who intends to proceed beyond the office must have valid photo ID.

The school follows the Standard Response Protocol to respond to emergencies that may arise. Staff and students practice several emergency drills (Lockout, Lockdown, Shelter, and Evacuate) throughout the school year to learn these procedures.

In the event of a true emergency at our school, parents should be on the lookout for information to come from CCPS Central Office via email or phone. To allow staff and emergency personnel to respond to the emergency, parents should refrain from calling the school or coming to the school until specific instructions have been communicated. A School Resource Officer has been assigned to the elementary and middle schools in our region. This officer has been tasked with providing security, handling crimes that may occur at the school, and developing positive relationships with students. He makes frequent visits to Winfield to check in and say hi to students and staff!

We ask parents and community members to assist in keeping our school safe. If you see something, say something. If you become aware of a possible threat, please notify school administration (during school hours) or law enforcement (outside of school hours). Though most threats are unsubstantiated, all threats are taken seriously.

The School Dude Safety Center app is available to all parents and students. It has information about responding to critical incidents. See the QR codes below. The Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line is also available for community members.



CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name. If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians' consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received. There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians' consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

*****The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)*****

Management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education for Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.