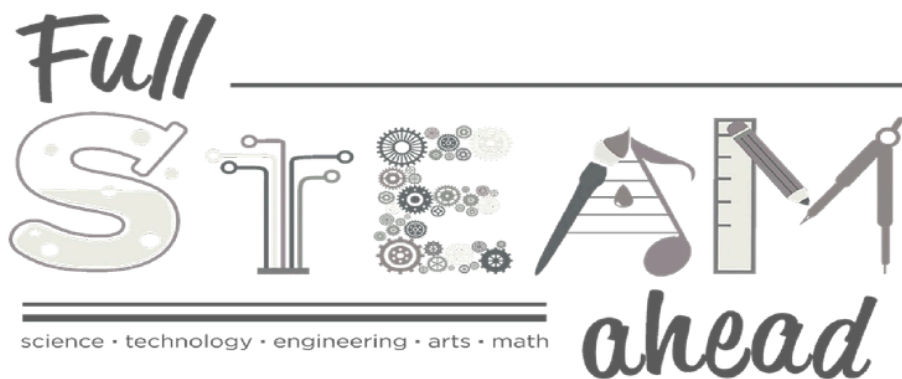




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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF CARROLLWOOD K-8 SCHOOL



A NOTE FROM MRS. STOVER

🌟 Celebrating Excellence in Education

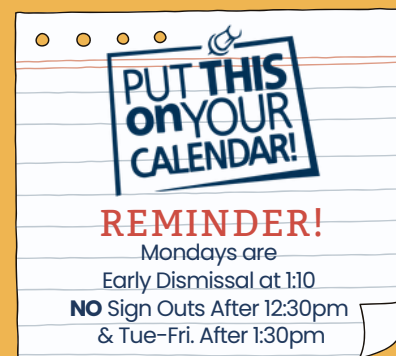
Carrollwood K-8 is proud to recognize three outstanding educators who have been selected to represent our school in Hillsborough County's Excellence in Education program.

Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Andrea Varona

Support Staff of the Year, Ms. Gloria Kosiba

Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year, Ms. Kyla Burd

We are incredibly proud of these remarkable women and grateful for the countless hours they dedicate to supporting our students, families, and staff. Their passion, commitment, and unwavering dedication help make Carrollwood K-8 an exceptional school. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Varona, Ms. Kosiba, and Ms. Burd on this well-deserved recognition!



- **10/08** Spirit Event: Noble Crust & Mom's Night Out: 5pm – 10pm
- **10/09** Ends of 1st Nine Weeks
- **10/12** No School
- **10/16** Color Run Event
- **10/16** K-8 Talent Show: 6pm – 8pm
Heritage Hall @ Lake Magdalene Church
- **10/19 – 10/23** Book Fair
- **10/22** STEAM Night: 5pm – 7:30pm
- **10/23** Popcorn Friday: Owl Pantry
- **10/26** K-2 Student of the Month
- **10/27** Picture Retake
- **10/28** 3-5 Student of the Month
- **10/28** Spirit Event: Miss Anita's Crafts
- **10/30** NJHS Fall Grams



Middle School Sports Basketball & Volleyball Schedule

- **10/01** Basketball at Young Middle School, 6:00pm
- **10/28** Volleyball at Steward Middle School, 6:00 pm

Game Order

Girls play first, followed by a break. Boys play immediately after the break.



NOTE FROM MRS. STOVER

This November, Hillsborough County voters will decide on Referendum 3.

In 2018, voters approved the Half-Penny Promise: a one-half cent sales tax dedicated to fixing what schools' regular budget couldn't cover, things like outdated A/C systems, leaking roofs, safety gaps, and aging technology. It's not a new tax, and it can't fund salaries or daily operations; every dollar is capital funding, tracked and independently audited.

Referendum 3 would renew that same rate so the work can continue through 2038.

Color Run Fundraiser Success

A huge thank you goes out to our students, families, staff, sponsors, and community members for your tremendous support of our Color Run Fundraiser!

While final numbers are still being calculated, we are excited to share that we have raised approximately \$20,000. This incredible accomplishment reflects the generosity and dedication of our Carrollwood K-8 community.

Funds raised will help support:

Additional campus shading

Artificial turf improvements

Technology upgrades

Campus enhancements that benefit all students

Students who qualified for participation will enjoy the Color Run Celebration on October 16.

We look forward to a fun-filled event as we celebrate this outstanding achievement together.

Thank You, Carrollwood K-8 Families

Your support makes a difference every day. Whether you volunteer, participate in school events, support fundraisers, or simply encourage your child to do their best, you are an important part of our success. Together, we continue to create meaningful opportunities and a thriving learning environment for all students.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Carrollwood K-8 family, and we wish everyone a wonderful October!

Warm regards,

MaryJo Stover

Principal

Carrollwood K-8 School   



A NOTE FROM MRS. STOVER

Dear Carrollwood Families,

Everyday matters! We want your child in class each day, learning alongside their teachers, building meaningful relationships with classmates, and participating in the experiences that make our school community special.

The week of October 5–9 is a great opportunity to reinforce strong attendance habits and help ensure our students are making the most of every learning opportunity. This is also one of several weeks during the school year when the Florida Department of Education collects attendance data that helps determine school funding.

When students are in school, they are not only supporting their own academic success, but their attendance also helps our district receive essential funding for resources such as teacher salaries, classroom materials, student programs, and other school needs.

We encourage families to make school attendance a priority and help students arrive at school each day and on time. Consistent attendance is one of the most important ways you can support your child's success, both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for all you do to support our students, teachers, support employees, and our entire school community.

Everyday matters. Every student counts!

Mrs. Stover





★ A Message from Ms. Bernhard

Dear Carrollwood K-8 Families,

October is here, and there is so much to celebrate at Carrollwood K-8! Our Owls are settling into routines, making new memories, and showing what it means to be kind, curious, and ready to learn. I've loved getting to know our students and seeing their personalities shine throughout the school.

I especially loved seeing students visit the Hootie Cart and make thoughtful choices about how to spend their Hootie Bucks!

As our school year continues to take off, I'm looking forward to all that October has in store for our Carrollwood family!



♥ **Ms. Bernhard**
Assistant Principal



ELP Is Taking Off!

Our Extended Learning Program (ELP) will be starting soon for students in grades 3-5! ELP will give students additional opportunities to strengthen their skills, prepare for FAST assessments, and build confidence in their everyday learning. Please be on the lookout for more information, announcements, and letters coming home with details about the program. We are excited to provide this extra support and help our Owls feel prepared and confident throughout the school year!



Cafeteria Corner

Our cafeteria behavior has been great, and we want to keep it that way! One area we are continuing to practice is using our **table-talking voices**. Keeping voices at a comfortable level helps create a cafeteria where students and staff can enjoy lunch, socialize, and hear one another.

Our goal is a safe, happy, and welcoming lunch environment for everyone. Our PBIS Team is also continuing to think of fun ways to recognize and reinforce positive cafeteria behaviors.



Attendance Matters

Our CK8 Goal is 96%+!

Students benefit from strong instruction when they are present, on time, and at school for the full day.

This also includes early pickups, which causes students to miss instruction.

★ *Be here* ★ *Be on time*
★ *Make the most of your day!* ★



Arrival Reminder

Please remember that faculty and visitor parking spaces are not for parent parking or waiting during arrival.

If you arrive at the cafeteria carline, please join the line and remain in your vehicle. If you use the front car line, it opens at 7:20 a.m. after buses arrive.

Please do not park in the grass or walk your child to school from another area, as this creates a safety concern.

★ *Thank you for helping us keep arrival safe and smooth for all of our Owls!* ★

★ *Keep Soaring,*
★ **OWLS!** ★



◆ News from Mr. Brink ◆

Hello Carrollwood K-8 Families,

As we continue moving through a strong start to the school year at Carrollwood K-8, I want to take a moment to thank our families for the important role you play in helping our students be successful. A strong partnership between school and home makes a tremendous difference. Reading with your child, reviewing homework together, asking questions about what they are learning, and reinforcing positive behavior and good decision-making are all simple ways parents can stay actively involved. Even as students get older and become more independent, they still benefit greatly from knowing that their parents are engaged in their education.

One area where we especially need continued parent support is with our school dress code. Please take a moment each morning to look at what your child is wearing before they leave for school and make sure it is school appropriate. Our most common dress code concerns in middle school have involved students rolling up their shorts and tying the backs of their shirts in knots. These small adjustments can quickly cause an otherwise appropriate outfit to become inconsistent with school expectations. A quick check at home can help us avoid unnecessary distractions during the school day and keep the focus where it belongs—on learning.

We have also officially completed our PM1 FAST testing. Our teachers have already reviewed the results and are using that data to make instructional adjustments based on what students need most. This information gives us an important starting point for the year and helps teachers identify strengths, areas for growth, and opportunities to provide additional support or enrichment. In addition, nearly all middle school schedule changes have now been completed, and classes have been balanced as closely as possible to create strong learning environments and provide teachers with the best opportunity to deliver high-quality instruction.

Positive behavior outside of the classroom is equally important. One area where students can make a big difference is in the lunchroom. Playing around, pushing, or being careless around tables can easily lead to spilled milk, food, and other items ending up on tables and floors. While accidents certainly happen, many of these messes can be avoided by making responsible choices. Our custodial team works incredibly hard to keep Carrollwood K-8 clean and welcoming, and we ask our students to show respect for their school and for the people who care for it by cleaning up after themselves and behaving appropriately during lunch.

I would also like to recognize two staff members who have stepped up in a tremendous way this year. With Mrs. Atienza taking this school year off, Mrs. Haydel and Ms. Gillet have gone above and beyond to help support our middle school students and families on the counseling side. Their willingness to take on additional responsibilities, solve problems, support students, and help keep everything running smoothly has been invaluable. We are extremely fortunate to have both of them as part of the Carrollwood K-8 family.

Finally, I want to give a special parent shout-out to Sarah Lasala and Alexis Fruge, parents of two of our middle school students. Both have gone above and beyond in supporting our school and helping me keep our middle school year running smoothly. Their involvement, willingness to help, and commitment to Carrollwood K-8 positively impacts far more than just their own children. Our entire middle school community benefits from having families who are willing to be active partners in making our school the best it can be.

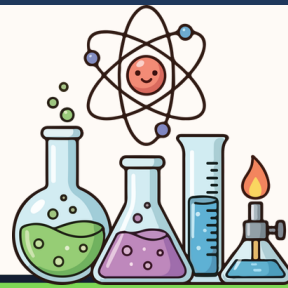
Thank you to all of our families for your continued support. When parents, students, teachers, and staff work together, we create the kind of school environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

We appreciate everything you do to help Carrollwood K-8 continue moving forward as **One School, One Mission!**



MEDIA NEWS

Carrollwood K8 - October



Fall BookFair

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Dates

Oct. 13th - Oct. 16th
Student Browsing

Oct. 19th - Oct. 23rd
In School Shopping

FAMILY SHOPPING NIGHT During STEAM NIGHT, Oct. 23rd

Book Fair profits go towards enhancing the Media Center Program in many ways. Thank you for your support!

Media Updates

All classes came for library orientation in September. The library is open and our students are reading away! Volunteer opportunities are available. Please be on the look-out for an email from Sign-up Genius to get on the schedule. Thank you!

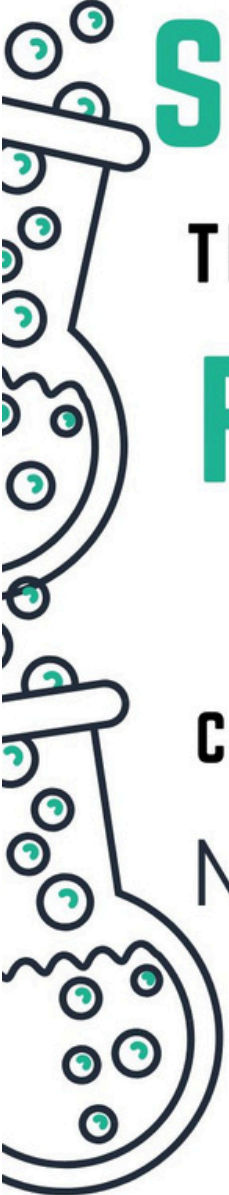
October Activities

- Kindergarten Library time
- Not-so-spooky read alouds
- Primary - Read w/ a ghost
- 5th gr. Spooky Lit
- Creepy Campground Reading
- Flashlight Check-out
- Book Fair & STEAM Night
- Author Visit - 4th & 6th grades
- M.S. Library Lunch
- BINGO & Just Dance

STEMtober

The library will support the district's STEMtober initiative throughout this month!

- STEAM book displays
- Estimation Stations w/ prizes
- Morning Show Vocabulary
- STEAM Night Event
- and more!



SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, 10/22 5:00 - 7:30 PM

FAMILY STEAM NIGHT

CARROLLWOOD K8 STAFF PRESENTS

MAD SCIENCE LABS

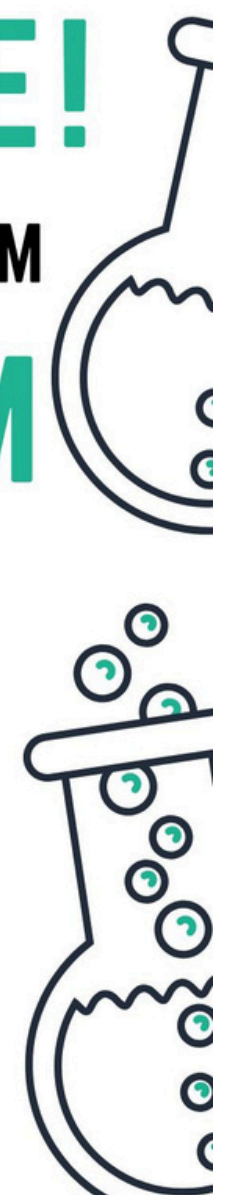
DINNER PROVIDED BY PTSA

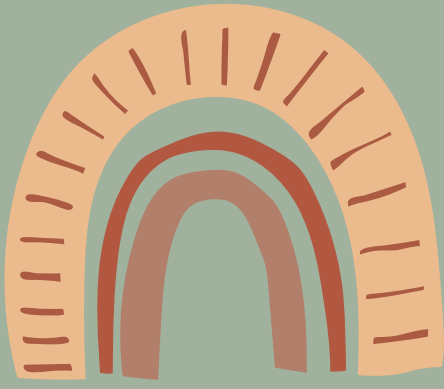
MAD SCIENCE LAB ROTATIONS

BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT!

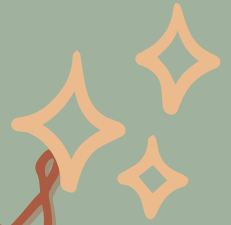
**MOSI, NEW LABS, AWESOME BOOKS,
DISTRICT STEM PARTNERS,
COMMUNITY VENDORS & MORE!!!**

**EVENT RSVP & LAB SIGN-UP
WILL BE SENT HOME IN OCTOBER**





COUNSELOR'S CORNER



I have continued my monthly visits to our K-5 classrooms, talking with the students about our character traits and Mindsets! Start With Hello week was GREAT, thanks to you! We celebrated our many connections and saw examples of why respect is SO important to those connections. Please ask your students what they are learning from Ms. Gillett's classroom visits . It Started with HELLO week, but we will continue all year to encourage everyone to make those connections, reach out to one another, and help all students to feel like they belong here at CK8 because we are a school family!

As we move into October, we will focus on having the COURAGE (our October character trait) to be PASSIONATE (Passion First is our MINDSET) about things that matter to us. The last week of October is RED RIBBON WEEK, and our school theme this year will be We have the COURAGE to say BOO to bullying. Look for a flyer highlighting our daily activities for that week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Great American Teach-In will be held on November 19th ! Information and registration form will be coming home this month.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any comments or concerns. Email me tracey.gillett@hcps.net or call me at 813-975-7640 ext. 230.

MS. TRACEY GILLETT
Elementary School counselor
Carrollwood K-8



CARROLLWOOD K-8 PTSA



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UPCOMING EVENTS + FUNDRAISERS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 11AM - 2PM



LET'S CONNECT!

Check Out
Our Website



carrollwoodk8ptsa.com

Up to date calendar of events,
ways to volunteer, helpful
parent resources, and more!

Follow Us On
Social Media



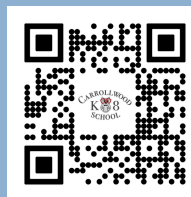
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PTSA Memberships must be
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The Ortiz Generation Alliance
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La Segunda Bakery & Cafe
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Devonshire Homes
Once Upon a Child -
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Bay to Bay Lending

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Mom's Night Out & CARROLLWOOD K-8 SPIRIT EVENT

5-10PM
DINE-IN, TAKEOUT, OR UBER EATS
20% GIVEBACKS
FAMILIES DINING IN PLEASE MENTION "CARROLLWOOD K-8" AT CHECKOUT

NOBLE CRUST CARROLLWOOD

Thursday, October 8th

BAR HIGH TOPS WILL BE RESERVED FOR "MOM'S NIGHT OUT" EVENT FROM 5-8PM

Carrollwood K-8 PTSA

Owl Pantry

You Donate. We Shop. Our Owls Benefit.

Donate HERE

Your donation to the Owl Pantry provides additional food & essentials to students in need.

Popcorn Friday

OCTOBER 23RD

\$1 OR **\$20**
PER BAG OR SPONSOR A CLASS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
OWL PANTRY

12% OF THE SALES WILL BE DONATED TO CARROLLWOOD K-8'S FSE PROGRAM

Culver's FSE CARROLLWOOD K-8 & CULVERS OF CARROLLWOOD PRESENT

SCOOPIES SHARE NIGHT

MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2026

6PM-8PM

LOCATED AT:
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DRIVE THRU, TO-GO, & DINE IN AVAILABLE

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CARROLLWOOD K8 MIDDLE SCHOOL
FALL DANCE

HootChella

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
4-6PM AT THE MAIN STAGE (THE PAVILION)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT INTEREST CLUBS

Clubs begin October 2nd and are the first Friday of each month.

DURING SCHOOL

Students get 40 minutes to socialize and explore a new hobby or activity!

Clubs include:

- FANTASY FOOTBALL
- CREATIVE WRITING
- GAMES
- MINECRAFT
- ROBOTICS
- CRAFTING

AND MUCH MORE!

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Where does your money go?

CARROLLWOOD K-8 STUDENTS

Grandparents Dinner
Class Shirts
Talent Show
Huddle Meetings
STEAM Night
Hootiefest
PBIS/Achievement Awards

Holiday Shop
Hoot Hoot Cart
Multicultural Night
In-School Field Trips
Read-A-Thon
Owl Programs
Campus Beautification

ELEMENTARY

Mother-Son Olympics
Father-Daughter Dance
Picnic Under the Pavillion
Spring Enrichment Clubs
Field Day
5th Grade Field Trip
1st & 5th Grade Gardens

MIDDLE SCHOOL

In-School Interest Clubs
Pep Rallies
Treat Days
Middle School Dance
8th Grade Dance
Level-Up Party
8th Grade Field Trip
Student Ambassador Program
Student Readiness (MS ESE)

CARROLLWOOD K-8 STAFF

Staff Spirit Shirts
Back to School Luncheon
Welcome Back Coffee
Teacher(s) of the Year Gifts

Teacher Grants
Monthly Hospitality Treats
Conference Night Dinners
Teacher Appreciation Week

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Carrollwood K-8 Home of the Owls

September 21, 2026

Dear Parents:

All educators in Florida are monitored to ensure they meet certification and training requirements as mandated by law. Per Florida Statute 1012.42, when a teacher is assigned teaching duties out of the field in which the teacher is certified, the parents of all students in the class shall be notified in writing.

Hillsborough County Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. The district is assisting our teachers by developing an *Individual Professional Development Plan* to complete the requirements needed to become in-field.

All of our teachers are certified to teach, although some of them are currently out-of-field and are working on additional areas of certification. You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers or paraprofessionals who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. If you would like more information, please contact the school at (813-975-7640).

The table below lists teachers who are currently out-of-field.

Teacher	Classes Taught (Assignments)	Assignment Start Date	Certification(s) Held	Out of Field Area/Classes
Barbara Otis	Access	August 10, 2025	ESE K-12/Gifted/Reading Endorsement	ESOL
Alexis Urso	4 th ELA	August 10, 2025	Elementary Ed/ESOL	Reading Endorsement
Annelise Diaz	Access	August 10, 2025	ESE K-12	Elementary Ed K-6
Daniel Westgate	Social Studies	August 10, 2025	English 6-12/Reading Endorsement	Social Science 6-12
Shawn Ethridge	Language Arts	August 10, 2025	ESE/English 6-12/Reading Endorsement	ESOL
Adrew Garibaldi	Math	August 10, 2025	Elementary Ed/Math/ESOL	Gifted

Sincerely,

 MaryJo Stover
 Principal
 Carrollwood K-8 School

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Carrollwood K-8 La Casa de los Búhos

Septiembre 21, 2026.

Estimados padres/encargados:

Todos los maestros en Florida son supervisados para asegurar que cumplan con los requisitos de certificación y capacitación, según lo establece la ley. De acuerdo al Estatuto de Florida 1012.42, cuando un maestro se le asigna una posición docente fuera de su área en la cual se ha certificado, los padres de todos los estudiantes en esa clase serán notificados por escrito.

Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Hillsborough están comprometidas a proporcionar una enseñanza de calidad para todos los estudiantes, y lo hace empleando a las personas más capacitadas para enseñar y apoyar a cada estudiante en el salón de clase. El distrito está ayudando a nuestros maestros con el desarrollo de un Plan Individual de Desarrollo Profesional para completar los requisitos necesarios para que sean certificados en esa área.

Todos nuestros maestros están certificados para enseñar, aunque algunos de ellos están actualmente enseñando fuera de su área de certificación, y están obteniendo certificaciones en otras áreas. Usted tiene el derecho de saber las credenciales profesionales de los maestros o auxiliares docentes que están enseñando a su hijo(a). La ley federal le permite solicitar información sobre los maestros de su hijo(a) y al mismo tiempo, nos obliga a proporcionársela en un tiempo adecuado, si usted lo solicita. Si desea más información, por favor comuníquese con la escuela al 813-975-7640.

La gráfica a continuación muestra los maestros que están actualmente enseñando fuera de su área de certificación.

Maestro(a)	Clases impartidas/asignación	Fechas de inicio de la asignación	certificación(es) obtenidas	Examen de área temática fuera de los estudios
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Sinceramente,

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