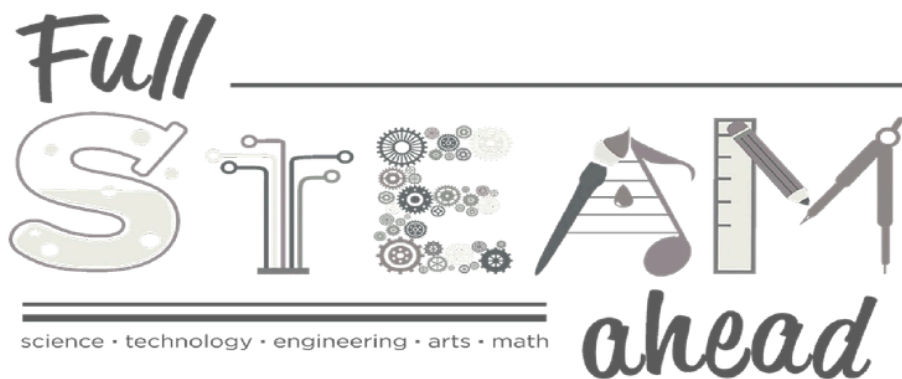




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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF CARROLLWOOD K-8 SCHOOL

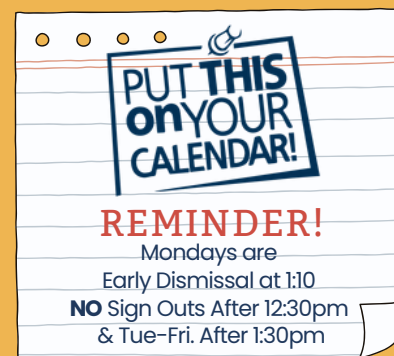


A NOTE FROM MRS. STOVER

A Wonderful Start to the School Year!

The 2026-2027 school year is off to an incredible start at Carrollwood K-8! Our hallways are once again filled with the excitement, energy, and enthusiasm that make our school such a special place. It has been wonderful to see students arriving each day eager to learn, make new friends, and begin new adventures in their classrooms.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families, staff, and community members for helping make the first days of school such a success. From Meet the Teacher to the first day of school, your support, flexibility, and partnership have contributed to a smooth and positive start for everyone. Our teachers and staff worked tirelessly to create welcoming learning environments where every child feels valued, supported, and ready to succeed.



- **9/01** Gold Card Sales Start
- **9/02** Grandparent's Dinner
- **9/07** No School
- **9/10** Student Readiness Bakery
- **9/10** Spirit Event: United Skates
- **9/14** Color Run Fundraiser Ends
- **9/16** NJHS Spirit Day
- **9/18** Middle School Treat Day
- **9/18** Popcorn Friday
- **9/18** Mother-Son Olympics
- **9/21** Hello Week
- **9/24 & 9/25** Fall Pictures
- **9/30** Spirit Event: The Yard
Milkshake Bar



Middle School Sports Basketball Schedule

- **9/08** at Webb Middle School, 6:00pm
- **9/14** at Memorial Middle School, 5:30pm
- **9/24** at Stewart Middle School, 6:00pm
- **9/28** at Pierce Middle School, 5:30pm
- **10/1** at Young Middle School, 6:00pm
- **10/5** Orange Grove vs. CK-8 at Memorial Middle School, 5:30pm

Game Order

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



NOTE FROM MRS. STOVER

As we continue settling into our school routines, we would like to remind families of a few important arrival and dismissal procedures to help keep everyone safe:

Morning Drop-Off Reminders

- Students may arrive on campus beginning at 7:10. All students must be in their seats by 7:40
- Please follow all staff directions and remain in the car line during drop-off.
- Have students prepared to exit the vehicle quickly from the passenger side when directed by staff and patrols.
- For the safety of all students, please do not park or stop in areas not designated for student drop-off.
- Our Valencia Gate and Orange Grove lot closes at 7:35. If arriving after that time you must use the front office lot.
- Students arriving after 7:40, a parent must escort the child into the office and sign them in.

Afternoon Pick-Up Reminders

- Display your car tag clearly from your rearview mirror each afternoon.
- If you do not yet have a car tag, please display your child's first name and grade level in large, bold writing.
- Families should remain in the designated pick-up line and follow staff directions to ensure a safe and efficient dismissal process.
- Please remember to pull all the way forward.
- Please be patient during the first few weeks as we work together to establish routines and ensure every student gets home safely.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and achievement. Together, we will make this our best year yet!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Here's to a wonderful school year at Carrollwood K-8! 🐾📚✨

Mrs. Stover





MS. BERNHARD'S SEPTEMBER FLIGHT PLAN



A MESSAGE FROM MS. BERNHARD

This year, Carrollwood K-8, Home of the Owls, is blasting off into an exciting space-themed school year! I am so happy to be here as your new Assistant Principal, and it has been such a wonderful start to the school year. From the moment I arrived, our students have been incredibly welcoming, kind, and an absolute pleasure to be around. I am already enjoying getting to know our Carrollwood Owls and watching them learn, grow, and shine each day.

CARROLLWOOD IN ORBIT

We are wrapping up our beginning-of-year testing. Parents, please be on the lookout for your child's testing scores as they become available. These results help us better understand your child's needs and how we can support their growth throughout the school year. As we continue our journey, please remind your child to be respectful, safe, and responsible each day. When we work together as a school and family, we can help our Carrollwood Owls have a successful year and reach for the stars!

ACADEMICS

Mission Vocabulary is helping create a schoolwide culture where students explore and use rich vocabulary every day. The goal is for students to feel confident using language to communicate, learn, and make connections across all subjects.

The Facts:

- Students must know 95% of words in a text to fully comprehend it.
- Students need to acquire approximately 14–22 new words each day to continue growing their vocabulary.

BERNHARD BEYOND

Fun Fact: I LOVE to read!

Favorite Author: Mitch Albom

Favorite Books: For One More Day
& Finding Chicka

3...2...1...SAFE DISMISSAL

Help us keep parent pickup safe, smooth, and moving quickly! Please use the official Carrollwood K-8 car tag and write each child's grade level, first name, and last name on the tag. If you are picking up multiple children, please list all children on the tag. Hang the car tag on your rearview mirror when you enter the parent pickup line and leave it there until your child is safely in the car. The tag allows our staff member to call your child's name on the walkie and provides an additional safety check for staff and Safety Patrols helping students into vehicles to ensure they are getting into the correct car. A visible car tag helps make dismissal faster AND safer! Need a car tag? They are available in the Front Office, and we will also have them available at Parent Pickup next week. After next week, car tags will need to be picked up from the Front Office.

Thank you for helping us keep our Carrollwood Owls safe!



CARROLLWOOD K-8 PTSA



Every Owl. Every Voice.

September Newsletter

carrollwoodk8ptsa@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grandparents DINNER
CATERED BY GINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Wednesday, September 2nd
5:00-6:00PM KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE
6:00-7:00PM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chamberlain High School Cafeteria

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Trail Mix & Chill

MAKE YOUR OWN FALL SNACK MIX
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Sponsored by CK8 PTSA

Popcorn Friday
SEPTEMBER 18TH

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

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
STUDENT READINESS

Carrollwood K-5
MOTHER-SON OLYMPICS

ORIGINAL CARROLLWOOD PARK
11430 ORANGE GROVE DRIVE TAMPA, FL 33618 ACROSS THE STREET FROM CK-8

SEPTEMBER 18TH 6-8PM

SHOUT OUT TO OUR SPONSORS:

Bronze

Seagate Chiropractic
Glow Aesthetics
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Much Joy Pet Services

Melting Pot, Grillsmith & Burger 21
All State Ric and Carissa Cave
The Little Gym Carrollwood
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Azzarelli Asphalt Paving
The Frost Family
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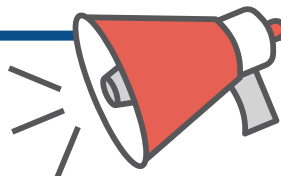
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Gold

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Citrus Park Music School
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Ray & Charlene Barbershop
Tommy's Express Carwash
Hungry Greek

Aviators -
The Ortiz Generation Alliance
Rangers Soccer
La Segunda Bakery & Cafe
Michael Shaw Real Estate
Devonshire Homes
Once Upon a Child -
North Tampa
Bay to Bay Lending

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
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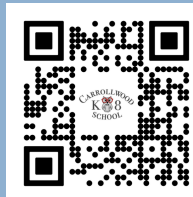
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Become a
PTSA Member



PTSA Memberships must be
renewed every school year.

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wear and uniform provider.
Any questions regarding spirit
wear should be emailed to:
jincy@shopeliteink.com

MEDIA NEWS

Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

We are gearing up for another magical year in the Media Center! Library orientations will begin in early September. During the next couple of weeks we will be prepping the Media Center to welcome our 900 plus students!

I have received a good amount Media Volunteer Forms and KG Volunteer Forms. It's not too late to turn yours in if you are interested in volunteering in the library. All volunteers must have an approved online application via the HCPS web site. I will be in touch soon with volunteer opportunities.

Please see the program highlights below!

Carrollwood K8
September

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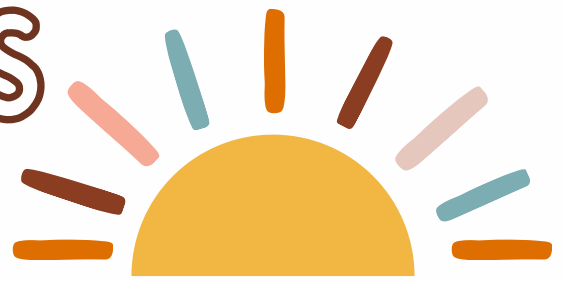
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Program Highlights

- Primary Storytime/Lessons
- Seasonal Activities
- Estimation Stations
- 2 Book Fairs & STEAM Night
- M.S. Library Lunch
- Literacy Programs
- Celebrate Literacy Week
- STEM/Makerspace
- Digital Citizenship
- Middle School Monthly MC
- Morning Show - 5th gr.
- Library Skills Lessons 3 and up
- Author Visits/Storyteller Visits

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

The 26/27 school year BLASTED OFF, and we are now in ORBIT! I've been busy working my way around the school, welcoming our students (new and returning) to another exciting year at CK8! We have completed our district mandated presentation of the ACT now PowerPoint with all classes K-8! Unless you opted out for your child, they should have a good idea of why it's important to be Alert, how to show people that we Care and when it's important to Tell a trusted adult about a situation. They should also know who those trusted adults are both at school, at home, and in the community.

Congratulations to our August students of the Month! They were recognized for being Respectful and 100% Accountable, our first Mindset and Character trait of the school year.

Our September Mindset is "We are Connected", and our character trait is RESPECT. I will be visiting each classroom monthly with lessons to reinforce these values and assist our students with healthy development of social and emotional skills! I'm honored to be the School Counselor at Carrollwood and love connecting with our community! Please reach out to me at tracey.gillett@hcps.net or (813)-975-7640 ext 230 with any questions or concerns.



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL !!

Tracey Gillett MS, NBCT
Elementary School Counselor
Carrollwood K-8



CARROLLWOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT

SCAN TO COMPLETE

Need help finding food, uniforms, supplies, etc??
Complete the form below



CARROLLWOOD EVALUACIÓN DE NECESIDADES

ESCANEA PARA COMPLETAR

¿Necesita ayuda para conseguir alimentos,
uniformes, suministros, etc.? Complete el siguiente
formulario.