

CAROLINE

CONNECTION



Greetings Caroline Families,

Today was our Martin Luther King celebration during morning program. It was delightful to see our entire school joined in song. Thank you Mrs. Preston and all of our students for your hard work to make it special. In Dr. King's own words, *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."* Let's continue to let the light and love of our children shine bright!

Kudos to our families who drop students off in the morning. The traffic is flowing smoothly and safely! Let's continue this outstanding trend of safety and community!

I had the pleasure of visiting 5th grade this week and observed a cooperative science lesson on filtering solutions. I observed several math lessons this week in 4th grade, who is studying division with remainders.

There is no school Monday for Dr. King's Day. Stay warm and safe through the impending winter storm.

Most sincerely,

Karen Rachetta

January 17, 2019

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CALENDAR

January:

(1/14-March 25)- Winter Session of PTA After School Enrichment

21- Martin Luther King Jr. Day-NO SCHOOL

28- PTA Meeting- Presentation of Equity

February:

1- Sock Hop

14- Valentine Day



2/18-2/22 President's Day/ Winter Recess

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 1/21/2019
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY RECESS**



ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 8th, 2019

Dear Caregivers, Students, and Staff of Ithaca City School District,

Our school district will observe the week of February 4-8, 2019 as **Black Lives Matter at School: A Week of Understanding, Affirmation, and Social Action**. We hope that this week will serve to deepen our care and understanding of the lives of our Black students. We are inviting schools and classrooms across our district to engage in teaching and learning activities that affirm Black lives.

Teaching our students how to develop relationships across differences, examine bias, and advocate for justice allows us to prepare them to be leaders and citizens. Schools should be places where students and staff know each other, trust each other, and care enough about each other to have honest conversations about race, class, and power.

How Did This Week Come to Be?

Black Lives Matter at School is an independent movement that began as a day of social action in the Seattle Schools in 2016; since then it has been embraced by other school districts in our nation. Although similar in name, Black Lives Matter at School is separate from the Black Lives Matter movement. Educators in over 20 cities participated in this national affirmation of the lives of Black students, teachers, and families including, Seattle, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Rochester, Boston, New York City, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and beyond. In Ithaca, our district's equity team (a group of 12 teachers) saw joining this movement as an opportunity to further align instructional practices with our district's commitment to culturally responsive and inclusive education.

What Will Happen During this Week?

Each school will be participating in some way. The most important thing we can do is to let our students know that we love and respect them, and that they are a vital part of our schools. In order to achieve this goal, teachers may pilot new Anti-Marginalization case studies, teach lessons that focus on Black studies/cultural affirmation, and/or facilitate discussions among students and colleagues about race. They may invite local leaders and experts as guest speakers. They may read poetry of Black authors, study Black scientists, congressmen/women, or local Black people that have made great changes in our own community.

Do All Lives Matter?

Yes, *all* lives matter. It is especially important to highlight the value of Black lives in a society whose history involves centuries of slavery and denial of civil rights to Black citizens. It means that in our school district, Black lives must be affirmed and validated. It also means that we must reflect on privilege, implicit bias, race and class.



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How Do I Get Involved?

School staff should contact their building principal and Equity Team Member for suggestions. Families and caregivers should contact their child's schools and teachers to find out how they can contribute. Also, anyone can access more information about Black Lives Matter at School "Week of Social Action" by going to blacklivesmatteratschool.com. Be sure to tweet out what you and your students are doing, and use the hashtags #BlackLivesMatterAtSchool and #ICSDEquity.

Week of Action

This is intended as a week of affirmation, support, respectful conversation, and raising awareness. It is well placed as part of Black History month and year-long efforts that include increased professional development opportunities for culturally responsive teaching strategies, Anti-Marginalization curriculum writing, enhanced family engagement, and inclusive practices. We would like our students to know that our district understands that inequities based on race exist, and that we are working to affirm the lives of all people of color. We believe we all have a responsibility to work for equity.

Thank you,

Dr. Luvelle Brown
Superintendent

Lily Talcott
Deputy Superintendent

Robert Ainslie
School Board President

Adam Piasecki
ITA President

Brad Pollack
IPDA President

Carla Strong
ESP President

Lisa Sahasrabudhe
Teacher on Special Assignment
for Culturally Responsive Practices
(on behalf of Equity Team)

Mary Grover
Inclusion Officer

Chris Hortsman
EA President



...because together we can make a difference in every child's educational experience.

SEPTA: Special Education Parent Teacher Association

Our mission is educational equity and social inclusion for all students

SEPTA welcomes and values the participation of families, caregivers, teachers and staff from all backgrounds, works collaboratively with the Ithaca City School District to provide **educational equity, social inclusion and achievement** for their students who may have different needs, and provides support for involvement in assessing resources and exercising informed choice in how to best meet those needs.

Contact us:



Ithaca SEPTA



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Come to our Next Meeting!!

Monday, January 28th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beverly J. Martin Elementary School Cafeteria

Guest Speaker:

Amy Jo DeKoeper, Student Transition & Deaf Services Coordinator

Topic:

The Special Education process and where to find help

**Upcoming 2019 Meetings:
March 11 & May 13**

New York State



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Childcare & dinner will be provided. RSVP not necessary but appreciated

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2019 Sock Hop

Hosted by Caroline Elementary PTA & the Caroline 5th Grade Class

Friday, February 1, 6–8pm in the Caroline Gym

Dinner, Dancing, and Fun!

SOCK HOP DANCE

Dress in 50s style, modern, or anything in between!
Shoes or sneakers required in gym.

CONCESSIONS

Pizza, hot dogs, drinks, cookies, cupcakes, and much more!

ADMISSION

Suggested donation: \$5 per family. Note: this is a family event, and children need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

SILENT AUCTION

Bid high, bid often until 7:30pm on gift certificates & more from local businesses including: Sciencenter, Cayuga Nature Center, YMCA, Greek Peak, Ellis Hollow Pool, Sky Zone, State Theatre, Jump Around, Circus Culture, Clay School, EMS, Lowes, Moosewood, Hunts Auto, Core Life Eatery, Carriage House and many more!

TOYS AND GAMES RAFFLES

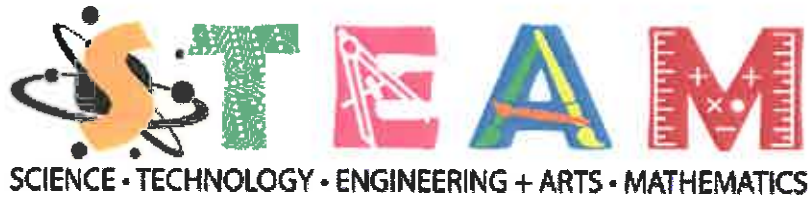
Buy tickets (50¢ each or an arms-length for \$5) and enter to win fun toys and games!



Questions? Email Treva: trevalevine@gmail.com

Note: All concession, auction, and raffle proceeds benefit the 5th grade class!

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The Caroline Elementary PTA will host its annual STEAM night on
Tuesday, April 23rd, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Caroline Elementary.

This event is FREE and open to all elementary students and their families.

STEAM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. During STEAM Night at Caroline, parents and children will move from station to station, participating in different activities geared towards teaching STEAM principles. Organizations setting up activity stations include:

- Astronomer Wallace Watson
- BorgWarner Morse Systems
- Boynton Middle School Sixth Grade Science
- Caroline Elementary Physical Education
- Cayuga Nature Center
- Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom
- Community School of Music and Arts
- Community Science Institute
- Cornell Accounting Association
- Cornell Biomedical Engineering Society
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County GO SOLAR Program
- Cornell Engineering World Health
- Cornell EYES (Encouraging Young Engineers and Scientists)
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology Bioacoustics Research Program
- Cornell Partners in Health
- ICSD Instructional Technology
- Ithaca College Department of Physics & Astronomy
- Ithaca Generator
- Ithaca Physics Bus
- LIONS Club Vision Screening
- Math Engaged
- Usborne Books & More
- Women in Computing at Cornell

Every family will receive a map of the organization locations and a description of the various activities when they arrive at the school. **A limited number of promotional STEAM bags and a STEAM-related book will be given away for free to families when they arrive. We hope to see you there!**

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Create a savings habit at Caroline!

FREE clip on critter with deposit in January!

In cooperation with Alternatives Federal Credit Union, your child can save money at school (Even a penny a week!). The credit union is run by school staff and PTA volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact the main office.

Your Student Credit Union hours:

Thursdays from 7:40am to 8:00am in the front hall.

If your child already has an Alternatives account, they can use that account at school. If your child needs a new account, use the form on the back to request an application.



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Request for a new Savings Account application

Save weekly	3 months	6 months	9 months	1 year	5 years	10 years
\$1	\$13	\$26	\$39	\$52	\$260	\$520
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\$10	\$130	\$260	\$390	\$520	\$2,600	\$5,200
\$20	\$260	\$520	\$780	\$1,040	\$5,200	\$10,400

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Yes I want to become a saver and I need a new account application.

Student name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Please return to the Main Office, ATTN: Student Credit Union. For more information or to get involved, please contact Joe Cummins, Community Development Educator at joe@alternatives.org or (607) 216-3429

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Caroline Elementary PTA Invites you to our January meeting:

Meetings are held in the music room.
Childcare is provided in the cafeteria.

Meetings are open to the entire school community – parents, teachers and staff. You do not need to be a PTA member to attend.

January 28, 2019 5:45pm-7:00pm

At this meeting we will learn about the ICSD Equity Report Card through a presentation from The Equity Inclusion Leadership Council (EILC). The Equity Report Card is a tool the ICSD has created to monitor its progress in achieving equity throughout the district. Specifically, the Equity Report Card helps the ICSD and broader Ithaca community think collectively about: students' experiences in ICSD schools; the impact of the ICSD's efforts to eliminate race, class, disability, and gender as predictors of academic performance, co-curricular participation, and discipline; and how everyone can contribute to the goal of increasing equity in the ICSD and throughout the community.

We will also briefly discuss new business, and vote as needed to approve previous monthly expense reports.

We hope to see you there! Questions? Email us! president@carolinepta.org

Let's Celebrate Caroline's Wilderness Trail!

Caroline PTA is organizing a **Fun Run** for all Caroline students and their families to be held on our Wilderness Campus this May.

We're looking for a few folks to help out with the planning. Do you have an idea about how to make this a super fun event? Could you help call or email sponsors so that we can provide event t-shirts free to every student? Is there another way you can contribute?

Please contact Sarah Feldt to volunteer and share your ideas!
sarahfeldt324@gmail.com



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Caroline PTA is a volunteer organization, made up of Caroline parents, caregivers and teachers. We need everyone's help to make our school the wonderful place that it is!
Thank you volunteers for all that you do!

Advocacy

Treva Levine

Banking Every Other Thursday

Adriana Rightmeyer

Box Tops/Labels for Education

Nancy Helms

Caroline @Ithaca Festival Parade

Amy Seldin

Caroline Garden

Rebecca Schillenback

Cass Park Pool

Lindsay Groat

Coordinate homeroom parents

Sarah Feldt

Co-President

Sarah Feldt, Leslie Patterson

Cornell Fall Backpack Liaison

Kelly Sauve

Directory

Sue Mann

Doug's Fish Fry

Treva Levine, Sara Barker

Enrichment

Amy Hastings, Susan Mann, Arjan Makar

Facebook

Christine Butcher

Farm to Table Market

Sara Barker, Leslie Patterson, Sarah Feldt, Allison Burger

Healthy Foods Committee

Jillian Liner, Sara Barker, Charles Goodman

Kindergarten Welcome

Miranda Swanson, Kelly Sauve

LEGO Club

Alan McCarty

Mailbox organizer & checker

Alan Karasin

Movie Night

Leslie Patterson
Lauren Ciambriello

PTA Council

Jen Christianson

Scholastic Bookfairs

Milly Stephenson

School Supply Fundraiser

Alan Karasin

Secretary

Kelly Sauve

Snack Cabinet

Kerry Angelo, Jen Kelly

Sock Hop

PTA Board & 5th Grade parents

Spirit Wear

Kelly Suave, Brittany Crispell

STEAM Night

Lee Cheong

Supplies Organizer

Dana Chaika

Talent Show

Maria Van Dyke, Diane Hamilton, Terezka Korinek

Teacher Appreciation

Brittany Hinman, Maria Van Dyke, Treva Levine

The Great Escape

Amy Seldin, Sam Tretcher

Treasurer

Alan Karasin

Updating the School Sign

Liz Corbett

Vice President

Miranda Swanson

Webmaster

Alan Karasin

Winter Market

Jordan Johnson,
Arjan Makar

Yearbook Club

Sarah Feldt, Jen Kelly

There are opportunities for you to get involved!
These events need you:

Fun Run
Green Team
Marketing

Membership
New Student Welcome
Wilderness Campus

Officer Board for
2019-2020

Want more information, or want to help? Contact president@carolinepta.org

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