

CAROLINE

CONNECTION



Greetings Caroline Community,

I hope you are enjoying the interesting weather we have been experiencing. Delays and bad weather affect everyone's schedules. I cannot stress how grateful I am to the families who are taking it slow during drop-off. Our driveway and parking lots were salted three times prior to school start time, only to freeze up at the most congested time. Mr. Walter Mann and Mr. Eric Woodward are out in the parent drop off lot every day and have been instrumental in keeping traffic flowing and our children safe. Your cooperation is most appreciated!!

Communication regarding closings and delays can be accessed on the ICSD website, television stations, and radio stations below:

RADIO	TELEVISION	WEB PAGES
WPIE 1160 AM (Ithaca)	WYXL 97.3 FM (Ithaca)	WTVH Channel 5 (Syracuse)
WTKO 1470 AM (Ithaca)	WICB 92.1 FM (Ithaca)	WIXT Channel 9 (Syracuse)
WHCU 870 AM (Ithaca)	WPCX 106.9 FM (Auburn)	WBNG Channel 12 (Binghamton)
WMBO 1340 AM (Ithaca)	WYYS 99.9 FM (Cortland)	Spectrum News 10 (Syracuse)
	WSKG NPR 90.9 FM (Binghamton)	www.cnycentral.com
		www.9syr.com
		www.wbng.com
		www.spectrumlocalnews.com
		www.ithacacityschools.org

The District is also in the process of implementing text communications for families who sign up. Please sign up according to the information below.



The ICSD is adding text messaging capability to SchoolMessenger Communicate, the system we currently use to call and email families. The new service will allow schools to send parents and guardians important informational text messages about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more, directly to their mobile devices.

Any ICSD parent or guardian who wishes to participate in this service need only to: (i) **verify that their wireless phone number is on file and listed as the first number in SchoolTool**, our student information system; and (ii) **opt in at any time from their wireless device** by texting "Y" or "Yes" to the district's short code number, 67587. Those who need to add, change, or rerank their wireless numbers can do so by submitting an update request directly in the SchoolTool Parent Portal, or by contacting their child's school.

All parents and guardians who have wireless phone numbers on file and have not proactively opted in by **February 6** will receive opt-in invitation text messages from Communicate on that day. The invitation will request that recipients confirm their willingness to receive text messages from the ICSD by replying "Y". Those who neither proactively opt in, nor reply to the invitation message will not receive any future texts from the district.

For the next few weeks, we'll be encouraging parents and guardians to opt in and take advantage of this new capability. If you'd like to learn more about it, please view the "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" document. Instructions for parents and guardians on how to verify their wireless number and submit update requests in the SchoolTool Parent Portal can be found [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Karen Rachetta

**January 25,
2019**

VOLUME: 16

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
1- Teacher
Appreciation
Breakfast

14- Valentine Day
14- Caroline
morning program

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

FUN BREAKS!

CAYUGA NATURE CENTER CAMPS



School's Out! - Winter Camp
February 18 - 22, 2019

Come discover why winter is a great time to enjoy the outdoors! Join us for some winter-themed adventure!

School's Out! - Spring Camp
April 15 - 19, 2019

We'll shake off the winter chills as we defrost with some early spring activities. Come spring into the outdoors with us!



REGISTER NOW!



CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

1420 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY • (607) 273-6260

www.priweb.org/schoolsout



SUMMER CAMP

AT THE CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

*Where Nature is your teacher
and Earth is your classroom.*

Programs for children from 3 to 14+
Have fun while learning about the
environment and the great outdoors!

Early bird discount
Save 10% off all July camps
if you register before
April 15!

July 1st through August 30th

www.priweb.org/summercamp

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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Ithaca Kid Film Fest



Saturday afternoons in Willard Straight Theatre on the Cornell Campus

Ithakid admission \$5 / \$4 kids 12 and under unless otherwise noted



Science Fair Sat Feb 2 2pm

2018 > 1 hr 30 min > USA > directed by Cristina Costantini, Darren Foster

Science Fair follows nine high school students from around the globe as they navigate rivalries, setbacks and, of course, hormones, on their journey to compete at The International Science and Engineering Fair. *Recommended for ages 8+*

Ralph Breaks the Internet Sat Feb 9 2pm

ALSO PLAYING SUN FEB 10 @ 4:30

2018 > 1 hr 52 min > USA > directed by Phil Johnston, Rich Moore; with John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Taraaji P. Henson

Six years after the events of **Wreck-It Ralph**, Ralph and Vanellope discover a wi-fi router in their arcade, leading them into a new adventure. *Recommended for ages 8+*

Modest Heroes: Ponoc Short Films Sat Feb 16 2pm

2018 > 1 hr > Japan > directed by various

Studio Ponoc, the new animation studio featuring many artists from the venerable Studio Ghibli, made an immediate splash last year with **Mary and The Witch's Flower**. The studio returns with an ambitious anthology of three thrilling tales! Shown in the English dubbed version. *Recommended for ages 7+*

Seven Chances Sat Feb 23 2pm

w/ live accompaniment by pianist Philip Carli

\$7 ADULTS / \$5 KIDS 12 & UNDER (CORNELLCINEMATICKETS.COM)

1925 > 1 hr > USA > directed by Buster Keaton; with Buster Keaton

The inimitable Keaton plays a shy bachelor who must marry to gain a rich inheritance. When his story is published, hundreds of hopefuls barrage him in Busby Berkeley-esque style. *Recommended for ages 7+.*

Mirai Sat Mar 2 2pm

ALSO PLAYING SUN MAR 3 @ 4:30

2018 > 1 hr 38 min > Japan > directed by Mamoru Hosoda; with Karu Kuroki, Moka Kamishiraishi, Gen Hoshino

A young boy's jealousy of his newborn sister sets off a generations-spanning understanding of his place in his family, as time-hopping incarnations of his relatives appear to him in a fantastic world where past and present coexist. Sat Mar 2 in English dubbed version; Sun Mar 3 in original Japanese with subtitles. *Recommended for ages 7+*

Mary Poppins Returns Sat Mar 9 2pm

ALSO PLAYING SAT MAR 9 @ 6:45 / SUN MAR 10 @ 4:15 (\$5.50 ALL)

2018 > 2 hrs 10 min > USA > directed by Rob Marshall; with Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Emily Mortimer, Ben Whishaw
Everyone's favorite nanny returns in this sequel to the beloved 1964 musical. Featuring a fantastic cast, including Dick Van Dyke (from the original film) and Lin-Manuel Miranda as Mary's friend Jack. *Recommended for ages 8+*

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The Ithaca Kid Film Festival is sponsored by Cornell Cinema and the Ithaca Youth Bureau.



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



Caroline Elementary PTA Fundraiser @ Greek Peak Cascades Indoor Waterpark

Join Caroline Elementary School at Greek Peak Cascades Indoor Waterpark!

When: Friday, March 1st from 4:00pm-closing

How: *Pre-order ONLY tickets are \$20.00 per person* (that's a 38% savings over the regular admission fee!)

Fill out this form and return to school with payment by **February 25th**

Wrist bands will be available on 3/1 from 4:00-6:30pm.

You must arrive by 6:30 pm to be admitted to the park.

Details:

- All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, **this is not a drop-off event!**
- Everyone who attends must purchase a ticket, including adults.
- There will not be any transportation to this event.
- **NO refunds** will be given. All ticket sales are final.
- Snow Date (if rescheduled due to inclement weather): Friday, March 22nd
- If you are interested in a scholarship application, visit <http://www.carolinepta.org/programs-events/advocacy/>



For more information about the water park: <http://cascadesindoorwaterpark.com/>

Questions? Email: Alan Karasin : treasurer@carolinepta.org

Fill out this form and return to school with payment by February 25th

Caroline Elementary School at Greek Peak Cascades Indoor Waterpark!

Child's name: _____

Teacher: _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$20= _____

(optional) Donation for another family: _____

Total: _____

Method of payment: Cash or check made payable to Caroline PTA

Pre-order ONLY tickets are \$20.00 per person

(Pre-Order ensures that we have enough people for this event to happen!)

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