

# CAROLINE

## CONNECTION



Greetings Caroline Families,

It is hard to believe we are in the month of March already. We have been busy gearing up for the Spring and are very ready for nicer weather! Please be sure to stay tuned in the coming months as you will be receiving permission form for different field trips and information about state assessments and end of year events.

In the next few weeks, our building will implement new security features, including ringing the doorbell to be buzzed into the building. ***I will inform you when the system is up and running.*** I will also be putting out a video to demonstrate any new procedures associated with the added security. Here is some info:

### Overview of the new security measures:

- All exterior doors in all school buildings will be locked during school hours (*This is not new for Caroline*)
- Schedule for locking/unlocking main doors will be managed by Instructional Technology Department
- Visitors gain entry through main entrances, using intercom and remote door release, operated by front office staff during school hours
- Video camera recording at all main entrances and around perimeters of buildings.

### Rationale for Controlled Access:

- Limits unauthorized access
- Manages building access
- Eliminates need for distribution and collection of exterior building keys
- Customized for individual schedules – set up time schedules for employees, short term access for substitutes and restriction to certain buildings
- Provides access to site remotely—can lock down whole building centrally, instantly

### Rationale for Cameras:

- Contributes to the welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors to District property by creating a record of facility entry, exit, and activities around the school facility
- Safeguards District facilities and equipment

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## CALENDAR

### March

**14- Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School**

**15- Vacation Day-No School**

**18- District Conference Day – No School for students**

### April

**15-19 Spring Break-No School**

<b>Visitors</b>	All visitors must use designated main entrance.
	Protocol to enter school building: Identify yourself. Display ID if asked. Front office will remotely allow entry.
	All visitors sign in upon entry, including dropping off/picking up students, unless otherwise directed by the building principal for special events/circumstances.
	All visitors will be issued a badge that they need to wear throughout their visit.
	Building/Facility Use is required for all external groups. Building supervisor/custodian provides access unless group requires specific access.
<b>Video Cameras</b>	Camera footage is going to be stored and used for investigative purposes only; surveillance/monitoring only as required (e.g., front door).

Speaking of safety, it has been brought to our attention that there have been a series of articles about disturbing YouTube hoaxes designed to influence and scare children. ([Here is a quick article summarizing the](#)

[issue if you would like more information.](#)) Since YouTube is a tool that many classrooms regularly use to connect students with educational materials, here is some information that may be helpful to know.

Currently, students on our chromebooks can only watch videos pre-approved by YouTube for student use, or approved by ICSD staff members. Students using chromebooks are filtered by our general network settings. This should prevent students from accessing inappropriate material on our network, but it is not a guarantee.

Below are some resources. Please know we are continuing to educate our children about Internet safety. We recommend that you monitor any access your child has to YouTube.

Additional Articles and Information:

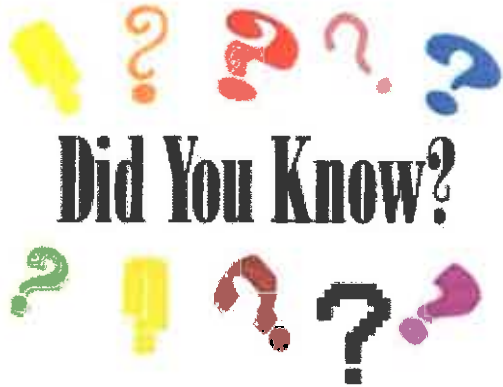
- <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/viral-youtube-challenges-internet-stunts-popular-with-kids>
- <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/a-parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>
- <https://www.fastcompany.com/90313568/momo-viral-video-is-a-new-hoax-but-an-age-old-problem>
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2019/02/momo-challenge-hoax/583825/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for sharing your children with us every day!

Most Sincerely,  
Karen Rachetta

**Dear Caroline Elementary School,**  
**Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) is proud to announce that the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Adult Spelling Bee is being held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the I.H.S. Wellness Center Gym at 2:00 p.m. Now is the time to mark your calendar, form a team, and help spread the word.**

# So far this school year, the Caroline PTA has:



**Hosted These Community Building Events:**  
Ice Cream Social  
Welcome Night for PreK and K Families  
Community Conversation with Principal Rachetta  
Farm to Table Market  
The Great Escape  
Wilderness Campus Beautification Day  
PTA Meetings  
The Sock Hop  
Winter Market  
Movie Night

## **Supported our Teachers:**

Coordinated Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts Once per Month  
Given over \$3200 to our teachers to support their classroom needs and learning projects  
Funded improvements in the school garden & front orchard

## **Supported our Families:**

Created the directory  
Organized Enrichment classes and opportunities for students  
Coordinated the weekly student Banking program  
Provided scholarships for families to participate in PTA events and activities  
Coordinated the Fall backpack program  
Supported the Cornell Elves program  
Provided weekly communication through email and backpack mail  
Hosted PTA meetings with speakers relevant to our school experience



## **And volunteers in the PTA are working hard to plan these Springtime events:**

STEAM Night  
Spring Enrichment Classes  
Sweet Caroline Talent Show  
Wilderness Trail Fun Run  
New Student Welcome and Playdates  
All School Field Trip to Cass Park Pool  
Yearbook



All this is made possible by volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for supporting the Caroline PTA by donating your time and talents. The PTA is always looking for more volunteers. Can you help with one of these? Yearbook Club, Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser, Silent Auction Coordinator, Farm to Table Market Committee, New Student Welcome Committee, Officer Board for 2019-2020, or another idea! What would you like to do for our school? *Contact Sarah to get involved: [sarahfeldt324@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfeldt324@gmail.com)*

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# YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP MARKET



Over the last two years, 100+ young entrepreneurs in grades 4-12 participated in YEM (Ithaca's Youth Entrepreneurship Market) with New Roots Charter School. YEM includes four workshops where students learn from local entrepreneurs & coaches about how to create a business and launch it into the community at several outdoor youth market opportunities throughout the summer.



## 4 WORKSHOPS

**Business Idea Generation (3/16)**

Speakers: The Metal Smithery, Clay School, Spirit & Kitsch

**Building a Business Plan (3/30)**

Speakers: Waffle Frolic

**Building a Budget (4/13)**

Speakers: One Ring Donuts

**Marketing Strategy (5/4)**

Speakers: Emmy's Organics



## 4 MARKETS

**Youth Entrepreneurship Market (5/18)**

**Thursday Night Farmer's Market (6/27)**

**Thursday Night Farmer's Market (7/25)**

**Thursday Night Farmer's Market (8/29)**



Register today: [www.newrootsschool.org/yem](http://www.newrootsschool.org/yem)

Cost: \$35 - \$65 (sliding scale) or request a scholarship.

Students are responsible for the cost of supplies for their businesses.

YEM provides training, booth space, tents, tables, chairs, and marketing.

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