

CAROLINE

CONNECTION



Greetings Caroline Families,

Our teachers and students have been busy preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences. I am so proud of the students who participate in Student-Led Conferences. The experience helps them develop communication (in particular, speaking/oracy), writing, and reading skills. Hopefully, all families have scheduled their conferences and will participate in this critical component of your child's education.

Our fifth grade is participating in March Madness, during which each day has a different theme and students have the choice to dress up. Our teachers join in the fun as well!



Last week, our fourth grade students presented their published books during a publishing party. Many families visited the classrooms and supported the students' work.



Our third grade classes have been learning about seeds. Cornell Cooperative Extension has visited the classrooms to share information about plant nutrition. Some of our kindergarteners participated in making marble runs. We definitely have some future engineers in our school!

New York State testing is coming up in a few weeks. We will send more information as it gets closer. The assessments have been reduced from three days to two. The ELA will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2 & 3. The math will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 30 & May 1. Students are given as much time as they need to complete the assessments. More information will be forthcoming.

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

Most Sincerely,
Karen Rachetta

March 13, 2019

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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

20-4th/5th Grade Vocal Concert 8am + 6pm

3/25-PTA Meeting- ICSD Capital Project Discussion

3/28-Pre-K Art Show 5:30pm

April

15-19 Spring Break- No School

4th and 5th Grade SPRING CONCERT AND ART SHOW



Wednesday, March 20, 2019
6:00pm in the Caroline Cafeteria

Habitat homeowners help build their homes and pay an affordable mortgage.

Together with our communities, Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties puts faith and love into action by building homes and hope.

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**Our next project will be at 1932 Slaterville Road!
We are accepting applications through April 1st!**

Are you eligible?

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A successful Habitat homebuyer:

- **Has a steady income** to pay mortgage payments as well as homeowner's insurance, taxes and necessary maintenance. Total gross household income should be at least \$28,000 and the current maximum amounts are listed below by County and household size. (If you live in Tompkins County and receive Section 8 assistance, you may be able to use it!)
- **Is a good credit risk**, and able to qualify for an affordable home loan. If you owe a lot of money and have difficulty meeting monthly payments, and do not seem to be able to reduce your long term debt, you may not be a good candidate for homeownership at this time. We can connect you to resources to help you get your credit in order.
- **Is in need of decent housing.** This could mean overcrowding or unsafe conditions, inadequate heat or sanitary conditions, or severe structural problems. It could also mean that 50% or more of your income goes to housing. In this case, you might qualify even if your current housing is not considered substandard.
- **Is willing and able to invest at least 350 hours of Sweat Equity**
- Applicants must either be a **US Citizen or provide proof of permanent residency status (green card)**
- **Has not owned a home in the last three years**

You might be eligible if you are within our income guidelines! For example:

Is your gross household income is at least \$28,000 per year, but below the maximums below:

Maximum Income Guidelines for applicants living in Tompkins County for 2018-19, by household size:

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
\$35,400	\$40,440	\$45,480	\$50,520	\$54,600	\$58,620	\$62,700	\$66,720

*Total monthly house payments are typically between \$700-900/month

