

# CAROLINE

## CONNECTION



Greetings Caroline Families,

April 11, 2019

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It's great to be back home with our happy students and caring community! Thank you for understanding that I had to be away to help family.

Next week (April 15 - April 19) is Spring Break. There is no school. If you are traveling, please be safe and well.

Many thanks to families for making sure children were well rested and prepared for the English Language Arts assessment last week. We appreciate your cooperation and flexibility as we worked through computer glitches with the state.

**The New York State Math Assessment for grades 3 - 5 will occur on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1.** We will hope for smooth sailing!

Spring is the time for many field trips. Please help us out by returning any permission slips that may come home in your child's backpack in a timely manner. Getting these back helps us finalize plans and prepare necessary supplies.

Thanks so much for being an amazingly supportive community. Enjoy the week with your child home. As always, thank you for sharing them with us.

Sincerely,  
Karen Rachetta

**April 11, 2019**

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### CALENDAR

#### April

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

**23- STEAM Night 6-7pm**

#### May

**4/30-5/1 Math Assessment**

**5/3- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**

**5/3- Spring Movie Night 6-7pm**

**5/14-Spring Open House**

**5/14 K/1<sup>st</sup> gr Spring Concert 8am and 6-7pm**

**5/18- Caroline PTA Fun Run**

**5/19 Caroline PTA Fun Run  
Rain date**

**5/20- PTA Meeting 545-715pm**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Saturday, April 27th 1-3:30pm**

T - Shirts to the first 100 participants

**FREE! Community Event**

**IN THE GYM**

1:30-3:30pm

Bounce House, Smoothies  
Crossroad the Clown  
Crafts, and more!!

**Family LUAU**

in the Pool

Open Family Swim  
2-4:00pm

Note: All children 8 and under must have  
a parent or guardian accompany  
them in the water.



Enjoy a mini performance by Galumphal

All HKD participants receive a  
discount coupon for Sunday's

**Galumphal**



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YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County 50 Graham Rd. West, Ithaca NY 14850  
607-257-0101 www.ithacaymca.com

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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**RIDE THE BUS**



This pass is good for one family ride to the YMCA  
on APRIL 27 between  
11am-5:30pm for  
**HEALTHY KIDS DAY!**  
50 Graham Rd West, Ithaca, NY 14850  
Go to the address below to plan your trip  
<https://www.tcatbus.com/ride/>  
(Limited to 5 people per family)

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Community Series Presents:

**GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS**

TRAVIS HYDE

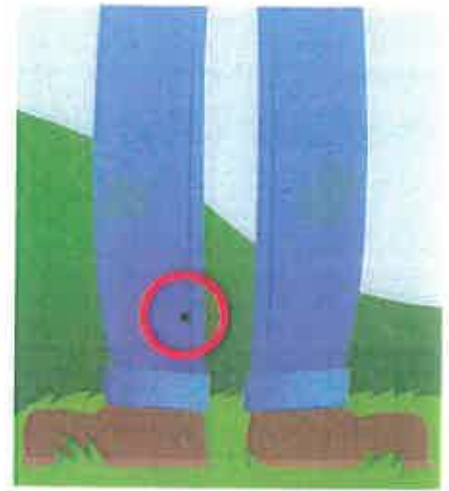
SATURDAY APRIL 13 7PM

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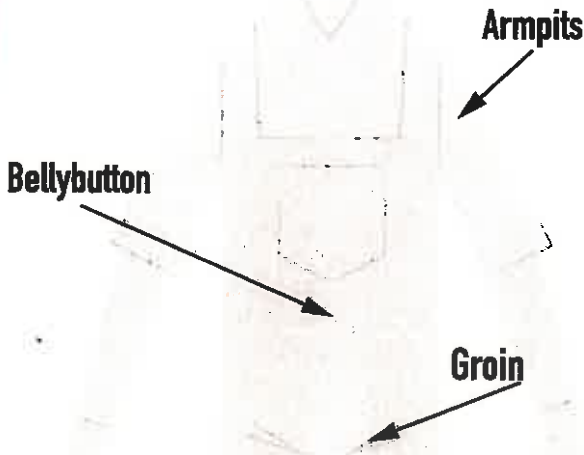
**FAMILY DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

**USE THE CODE "TUMBLE" AT CHECKOUT!**

# LIVE IN TICK COUNTRY? DO A DAILY TICK CHECK!



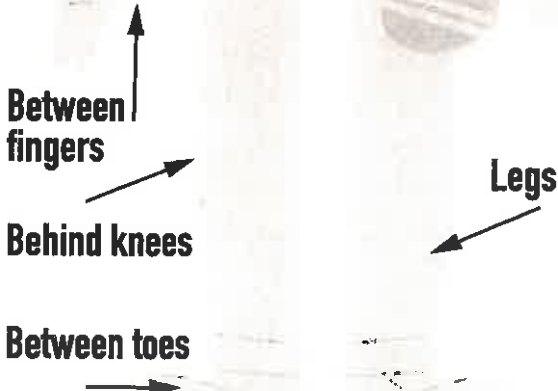
Time for a tick check!



Use a mirror to inspect those hard to see areas



If a tick is found





### **BROOKTONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CAMP**

**Looking for a fun day camp for your children this summer? Lots of fun activities, outdoor games, creative crafts, cooking, and special activities? Please consider Brooktondale Summer Camp!**

**DATES: July 1 through August 30**

**HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8:30AM -4PM**

**COST: \$125 per week**

**Individual drop-in days at \$30/day**

**AGE: Starting kindergarten Fall 2019 -14 years**

**For further information, please visit the Brooktondale summer camp website at: [Brooktondalesummercamp.wordpress.com](http://Brooktondalesummercamp.wordpress.com)**

**Registration forms are available online at [brooktondalesummercamp.wordpress.com](http://brooktondalesummercamp.wordpress.com), or by emailing [brooktondalesummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:brooktondalesummercamp@gmail.com)**

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## Caroline Elementary PTA Invites you to our April 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.

We hope to see you there! Questions? Email us! [president@carolinepta.org](mailto:president@carolinepta.org)

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**April 29, 2019 5:45pm-6:45pm**

- School Librarian Milly Stephenson will briefly share a few of the library resources that may be helpful for families at home, including library databases and Sora, an ebook and audiobook platform with many titles to borrow.
  - 5th grade students will present a proposal to Mrs. Rachetta for changes they'd like to see regarding recess.
  - We will complete the budget discussion and propose the slate of officers for the PTA board for next school year.
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**Are you considering getting more involved next school year?**

**These positions are available:**

Treasurer  
Co-President  
Farm to Table Market  
Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser  
Silent Auction  
New Student Welcome  
Yearbook Club  
Fall Art Fundraiser

Contact any board member for more information about these opportunities, or come to a meeting and chat with us about your ideas. We'd love to hear from you!

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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:

- Aspen Grove PreSchool
- Caroline Elementary Physical Education
- Cayuga Nature Center
- Code Red Robotics
- Community Science Institute
- 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 National Society of Black Engineers
- Cornell Partners in Health
- Engaged Math
- ICSD Instructional Technology
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Reading Is Fundamental
- Maria Coppelino, The Snail Wrangler
- Sciencecenter
- Tompkins County Public Library
- And More!

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 bags and a STEAM-related book: *Smithsonian Maker Lab: 28 Cool Projects* will be given away for free to families when they arrive. We hope to see you there!**

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Help raise funds for Ithaca City School District's  
Special Education PTA (SEPTA)

# DOUG'S FISH FRY TO GO



**When:**

Monday, May 6  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Where:**

CFCU East Hill  
Plaza

1022 Ellis Hollow Rd., Ithaca, NY

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Grab lunch or dinner to go  
and support a great cause!

Order at the  
food truck

or

Order in  
advance

Call 607-423-5996 ext. 2  
between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(see attached menu)



What is "SEPTA?" - SEPTA is a group of parents, caregivers, and professionals with ties to children with special needs, as well as others who want to learn more about children with special needs. This organization falls under the umbrella of the Ithaca Parent Teacher Association.