

Carillon Elementary

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Administrative Team

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The weather over the last few weeks tells me that spring has arrived a bit earlier than the calendar would suggest. Some great annual traditions at Carillon take place around this time of year and I want to make sure you don't miss those because of the warmer weather. These events include our "First Grade Patriotic Showcase" on March 2, 2018 and our "Basket Bonanza" night on the evening of March 9, 2018.

Our first graders have been practicing, singing, creating, and writing to get ready to put on a fantastic show for their families. As principal, there are many reasons I love this event, not the least of which is that it proves that Social Studies education is alive and well at Carillon Elementary. The students have learned so much about government, our history, and our symbols and traditions. First graders will also have an opportunity to show off their SHINE Albums to their parents after the show. The SHINE Albums highlight how each student at Carillon has been achieving the district's expectation for at least one year's growth in one year's time.

Basket Bonanza will surely be "Out of this World" this school year. The PTA sponsors and supports this great event that is about more than just winning really amazing prizes and baskets. It's about encouraging our sense of community and inclusiveness. We will have dancing, games, food, and of course, pies in the face of some of your favorite teachers and staff members. The event is free to attend and ticket sales for the prizes are already underway. We are already setting records in presale tickets, but the presale price is good only until February 23rd. The "Presale Ticket Bundle" includes 6 sheets of tickets for \$30. You can buy tickets online or you can send the money in an envelope marked "Carillon Elementary PTA Basket Bonanza with your child's name on it. The link for online sales is http://www.carillonpta.org/. We hope that you and your family can make it out for this great event.

We continue to enroll students at Carillon Elementary from all over the state, the country, and the world. In this past few weeks, we have had students enrolling from Duvall County, Florida, New York, Alabama, Ohio, China, Venezuela, and Saudi Arabia (just to name a few places). People are picking their homes just so that their children can become a Carillon Comet. It's very exciting and it is a great reminder that your feedback matters to our school. If you haven't had a chance to respond to the Snapshot Survey, please take a couple of minutes to provide us with some feedback and to brag about Carillon Elementary. People will read the results from all over the world. As of February 16th, we had only 86 parent responses. In comparison, that "school down the street" (that I left to come here for- Partin Elementary) had 270 responses. © Surely, we can outshine them! The survey closes on February 23rd and the link below will bring you to the survey and the other one provides information. It's quick and simple to take.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCPSParentSS18

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/assessment-accountability/

Finally, be on the lookout for more information about our new playground that our community's amazing generosity has funded in less than two school-years. I just recently signed the Purchase Order and am expecting to hear about the proper permits soon. It's amazing what our community has done! Carillon Elementary is truly shining brightly for all to see!

Sincerely,

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Principal

