

2019 Carnival FAQ

What time is the Carnival?

The Carnival is from 6pm to 8pm on Friday June 7th.

Is the Carnival a fundraiser for the school?

While there might be one or two minor activities taking place to raise funds, the carnival overall is meant to be a community event rather than a fundraising opportunity.

Who is the carnival for?

The carnival is for current and incoming Cedar Mill elementary families.

How will you know those attending are Cedar Mill families?

We are planning to do hand-stamps. These are only valid for playing games.

Do I have to buy a wristband?

No- starting in 2018, there are no wristbands for purchase. The PTC is footing the bill for all Cedar Mill families; food and drinks will be available to purchase separately.

What? The Carnival is free now?

Yes- free to attend, play games, get on the bounce house, and socialize! Food and drinks are available for individual purchase. In lieu of paying for wristbands, we're hoping parents (particularly dads) will volunteer in strong numbers.

What are options to volunteer at the Carnival?

- Pickup and cleanup: There are 2 shifts- the early and the late shift. The early shift, which starts at 5:15 PM, helps with setup. The late shift typically goes from 8pm-8:45 to help clean up after the carnival. Ideally, we would get 15+ volunteers for both setup and cleanup.
- Games & Events- there are 30-45 minute shifts at the games or events. While most are self-explanatory, your role will be to ensure both the smooth operation of the games and resetting the games after use (if necessary) for the next child.

Why are you trying to make this a dad-volunteer event?

We recognize that all parents do so much for Cedar Mill. That being said, while many fathers volunteer throughout the year, we're looking to make this an event where fathers get to participate at a higher rate than normal. Other local schools have held 'dad-led' carnivals with great success.

Oh, that sounds discriminatory! I want to volunteer!

We're attempting to give some dads who don't get to volunteer as much as they'd like a special volunteer opportunity. We will of course welcome any and all volunteers!

What's the food at the carnival?

Similar to past years, Pizza Schmizza will be selling pizza, salad, and/or drinks. New this year is Kona Ice, which is a Hawaiian shaved ice company that allows kids to self-serve their flavors. We will continue to evaluate vendors in coming years.

Pizza Schmizza slices (pepperoni, cheese, and gluten-free cheese) are \$3.50 and drinks are \$1. Kona Ice shaved ices range from \$3 to \$6, depending on the size. .

Can I pre-purchase food?

No- food can be purchased on-site only.

Do I need to bring cash?

Cash is the preferred method for vendors as the lines move more quickly. While they do take other forms of payment, we're asking that families plan accordingly with cash to help speed up any lines! As an example, \$30-\$35, will get a family of 4 pizza, drinks, and shaved ices. See prices above. Smaller bills (5's, 10's, 1's) are recommended so lines go as fast as possible..

Why must children be accompanied by an adult?

As this is a PTC-sponsored event on school property, certain restrictions must be followed for liability reasons. This family-based event is designed for the entire family, parents and children together, to enjoy.

I have a question not answered here. How can I get it answered?

Email carnival@cedarmillptc.org and it will get answered as quickly as possible.