

October 26, 2020

Dear families,

Please read today's newsletter carefully. There is quite a bit of important information for all families regarding snow days and what to expect in case of closures.

Our Cardinal Key this month is **OWNERSHIP** – When we take ownership of everything we do and say and stop blaming things outside ourselves for situations that occur in our lives, we have greater control. We may not be able to control everything that happens in our lives but we can control how we respond to what happens. By taking ownership of our actions we create a huge shift in our life. When your student makes a mistake, ask them to address the mistake, not lay blame on others first. Once we address the mistake, we can grow from the situation.

Important Information for School Year 2020-2021:

- ❖ **Closure Due to Weather:** In the event the district (RE3j) calls a snow day or delay, CCA will follow suit. Because we are unique in that all families drive their children and many times the roads east of CCA are still treacherous, there could be a situation where CCA could call a snow day or delay independently of RE3j. In all cases, you will receive a specific text message that indicates CCA in the opening line and email.
- ❖ **Snow Days 2020-2021:** In this unusual school year, the first 3 times we call a closure due to weather, students will not be assigned additional work to do at home. They will be true "Snow Days" for your child to enjoy. After the 3rd weather closure, the middle school students will work remotely utilizing their Google Classroom. K-5 will have no additional work those days. We will let you know in the messages what type of "day" it is for your student.
- ❖ **Closure due to Health Issue:** We have been blessed to have remained in-person so far. But please be prepared in case of a Closure due to Health Issue. In the situation where we have to close due to a presumed positive case of Covid or a positive test result, we will send specific information to you via email. In addition, you will receive a text message asking you to check your email. Because we will look at each situation case by case, you may or may not receive the message as your child's cohort is not affected. Just to remind you, our cohorts are k-2, 3-5, and middle school.
- ❖ **CCA Remote Learning Plan:** Here is the [link](#) to the CCA plan if we must go into Remote Learning due to Covid-19. Please let me or your classroom teacher know if you have questions.

Happenings:

- **Lunches:** Santiago burrito lunches will be available for purchase. They will be offered once a week on Thursdays. More questions? Contact Sarahjohnson@re3j.com or Crystalbydalek@re3j.com Last day to order for this week is tomorrow.

- **Pumpkin Decorating contest** (COVID style): Bring your decorated pumpkins to the front entrance tomorrow, Oct. 27th. We will have a table outside on the sidewalk for kids to set and submit their pumpkins. Pumpkins will be judged on Oct. 28th in the scariest, cutest, and most original categories. Kids should take their pumpkins home on Oct. 30th. Watch for pictures in next week's newsletter.
- **Guess the weight of the Giant Pumpkin.** This beauty was donated by the Rossi family for our middle school to use as a fundraiser. Students may purchase a "guess ticket" from their classroom teacher for \$1 a guess. Guessing contest will go till Oct. 28th! Winner will be announced Oct. 30th.
- **Cardinal Cares:** Please consider helping families in *our school community*. If you can help, gift cards to King Soopers or Walmart are preferred. If you have meat or other food donations, please contact Robinerker@re3j.com to set up a time to drop it off.
- **Covid-19 Guiding Documents:** [This guidance](#) will help us keep CCA healthy as we head into flu season. Do not bring a student back to school *unless 24 hours of no symptoms with no medication have passed*.
- **Mill Levy Override Extension.** This is not a tax increase, rather a continuation of the MLO passed in 2016. Please read this [informational flyer](#) for more information about the tax and where those funds go. CCA Board of Directors supports this MLO and CCA would continue to be a recipient if this passes.
- **National Junior Honor Society** is still collecting pop tabs to support Ronald McDonald House. The class with the most pop tabs collected by the end of the semester will receive a prize.

Covid Style Halloween Parties: Halloween is happening at CCA on Friday, October 30th! Your child may wear their costume all day, so make sure they are comfortable. Please no weapons, facsimile or real. Costumes will be judged for cutest, scariest and most creative. Our classrooms that utilize Dojo will be posting videos of the costume contest for your viewing after the afternoon costume event. As parents may not attend this year, the PTO will be organizing all the treats to put into individual treat bags prior to the party. If you would like to donate, drop off labeled goodies to the front office. Email ccapto@re3j.com if you would like to donate or have questions about the treats. Thank you PTO and our amazing parents for all your assistance with our Halloween parties.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of this information. I thank you all for the help, especially, the snow removal team who is currently cleaning our lot and walkways!

Respectfully,
Maureen Lockette