

November 9, 2020

Dear families,

Our **Cardinal Key** for this month is ***Speak with Good Purpose***. Speak honestly and kindly. 'Words are powerful! They have the power to uplift and enlighten or put down and depress. A few cutting words spoken in a moment of anger can affect us for a long time, perhaps even a lifetime. On the other hand, a few kind words can make a very positive difference in how we feel about ourselves ... sometimes for a lifetime.'

CCA's Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan:

In celebration of our 20th year of academic excellence, your CCA Board of Directors has re-evaluated and re-written our Mission and Vision Statements to '*The mission of CCA is to serve students' needs to achieve educational excellence by providing a well-rounded curriculum while encouraging a love of learning in a safe and positive environment*' and '*Character, Community, Achievement; Soaring to Educational Excellence*'. Additionally, the BoD spent quite a bit of time building our new Strategic Plan. We are proud to share the new plan [here](#). All of these encompass our purpose, goals and values and will help guide CCA to be an amazing place to learn and grow into upstanding citizens in our community.

Mask Mandate Continues:

I am politely asking that you ensure your child has their mask on when entering their classroom in the morning and an extra in their backpack. If your child comes in without a mask, we will ask that you pay for the replacement. We do not want to do this, but with our habitual offenders, it is hard for us to keep masks in the office, especially for our health aide and nurse who deal with each sick child. Thank you for helping us comply and continue to remain In-Person.

Happenings:

- **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. A very special *thank you* to all the anonymous donors and folks who donated meat this fall!
- **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.
- **MLO passes!** CCA will continue to receive our per pupil portion of the Mill Levy originally passed in 2016. We use these funds for training and retention of your high-quality, qualified teachers, for technology, and for curricular materials. Thank you for continuing to support the fantastic, well-rounded education your child receives at CCA.

Important Information for School Year 2020-2021:

- ❖ Details of Closures due to Weather, CCA's Snow Days practice for 2020-2021, and Closures due to Health Issues are found [here](#) and on the website.
- ❖ **CCA Remote Learning Plan** is linked on the CCA website home page. Please refer so you know what to expect if we have to close.

Upcoming Events:

- Accountability Meeting: 11/12/2020 at 3:50 in the STEM Lab
- Board of Directors Meeting: 11/18/2020 at 5:30 in the STEM Lab for the Board; online for guests. Agenda and Zoom link on the website.
- Thanksgiving/ Fall Break November 24-27

Last week, we had to quarantine our Middle School Cohort. I hope that you felt the transition, information shared, and the promptness to safely return was good. We are celebrating the most important fact that all staff and students are healthy! We also know there is room for improvement. If you have ideas to improve the transition, please email me.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of this information.

Respectfully,
Maureen Lockette