January 7, 2021

Dear parents,

I am so happy to say we are returning to in-person learning next Tuesday, January 12th! Just a quick reminder, if you did not receive my text message on Monday, please text "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code, 67587. CCA will utilize the text messaging for high priority messages, so it is beneficial to have that on at least one cell phone per family. Thank you.

Updated Guidance from CDPHE

<u>Linked here</u>, you will find updated guidance for schools returning to in-person learning this semester. Please pay careful attention to this guiding document as it will help you to understand the processes we will be using. As Weld County changes its dial, we will react in turn. The CDPHE also updates monthly so if there are major changes, I will let you know.

Additionally, our Nurse, Leann, has shared a <u>short letter</u> with you in regards to when to quarantine, isolate and/ or take a Covid test if one of your family members is unwell.

Please make sure you understand the guidance on when to keep your child home. It is very important that students who do not feel well or are experiencing symptoms, stay home. Especially considering this is flu season as well. Let us all work together to stay healthy and keep our school open. Please call the office with absences or questions about the guidance.

CCA Compliance with State Guidelines

As we are a public school and obligated to follow health guidance, we have purchased more cleaning equipment to improve and speed up our cleaning. We are going above and beyond with cleaning for your children. A number of parents reached out to ask if they could help, particularly with cleaning. We are still limiting people in the building, but will keep you all updated. I truly appreciate your offer. Any donations of cleaning supplies or PPE is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the parent who dropped off wipes and hand sanitizer!

When we return, just as we did last fall, we ask that your child have 2 clean masks per day. We will follow a similar schedule of usage. We would appreciate your child having their mask on during morning drop-off, so we can ensure everyone has their mask(s). Thank you for this.

Testing and Vaccines

<u>Linked here</u> are the guidelines for when an individual should be tested for Covid. I respectfully ask that if you believe your child to have the virus, that you notify the health aide, Crystal or myself as soon as possible. That will make it easier for us to determine our next best steps.

In a meeting with Governor Polis, it was shared that the state is preparing for release of "at home Covid tests" for school staff and students. As I receive more information, I will share it with you.

Vaccines are starting to be administered in Colorado. The state has this <u>website</u> for more information if you are interested. Additionally, as we receive information about vaccines in RE3j, I will share that with you.

<u>Thank you</u>

I know this year has been challenging and will most certainly continue to be unusual as we start our second semester, but we recognize our reaction to challenging situations helps us grow and hopefully, become stronger and more empathetic people. I appreciate all the support you have given your children at home and the amazing teachers we have here at CCA. Thank you does not seem to exactly convey how grateful I am for you, but know, you are so appreciated!

I hope we have a fantastic start to next week!

As always, please reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns via email at maureenlockette@re3j.com.

Respectfully,

Maureen Lockette