

January 18, 2021

Dear CCA families,

"If you can't fly, then run. if you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means, keep moving." **Martin Luther King Jr.**

I keep hearing when we get back to normal, things will be better or when we have a vaccine, things will be better and on and on. I got to thinking, are we standing still or moving forward? CCA is moving forward! There are so many good things that are happening right now. For example, your teachers are continuing to work hard behind the scenes, planning for in-person and remote lessons. Your support staff has been training to be able to help more in classes and with assessments so that we can complete them in a very efficient manner. By having true cohorts, we have been able to keep our K-5 in classes while our MS finishes their last few days of quarantine online. And you, the parents, have been flexible and very conscientious about not sending sick students to school. The challenges we face now will help us build character and grit. In turn, your response to adversity will be modeled by your children. This is our time to model a good mindset as we keep our chins up! Thank you for showing your children that challenges are opportunities to grow and move forward.

Parents, please monitor your families for any signs of illness and follow this simple checklist to determine if your child should stay home:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Unusual congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19

*This list is not all-inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

If your child starts to experience any of those symptoms, please keep them home. Please take a few moments to review [this information](#) regarding our guidelines for in-person learning.

Cardinal Key: This month's Cardinal Key is: **Failure Leads to Success**. When we step out of our comfort zone—when we're willing to try something new—that is when we take a step toward success.

Cardinal After School Care This week:

- Cardinal After School Care is this week from 3:30-6 pm. Please email Crystal Bydalek with questions or use the order form [here](#). Students attending After School Care must bring a mask and wear it when asked.

Burritos:

- Santiago burrito lunches will continue. Here is the [printable order form](#). If your child would like a burrito for this coming week, please return the order form with payment tomorrow, January 13th. Thank you CCA families for supporting our middle school fundraisers!

Cardinal Cares Update:

- Your generous donations to our Cardinal Cares Program continue to help CCA families who are experiencing financial difficulties. If you can find it in your heart to help with a gift card or meat donation, please contact robinerker@re3j.com.

NJHS Pop Tops Collection:

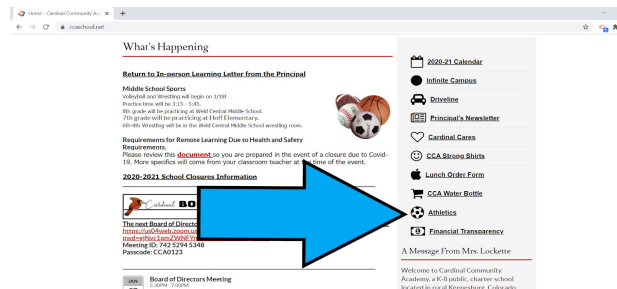
- The pop top competition will continue through January! Continue to collect those pop tops and send them in with your students. Thank you!

Report Cards and 1st Semester Awards:

- 1st semester report cards were sent home last week. In addition, you can also access the report cards on Infinite Campus under the documents tab. Email Robinerker@re3j.com if you need help accessing the online report cards.
- The 1st Semester Awards will be distributed this week. Watch for more information from your classroom teachers regarding award distribution.

Middle School Athletics:

- Middle School sports are beginning again. Our students have an opportunity to join the WC Middle School Teams. WC asks that we respect the quarantine period.
- For updates from Weld Central, please go to our CCAschool.net homepage and click on the athletics link - on the right hand side of the home page.
- Specific questions, please contact Staciepowers@re3j.com. She will her best to help.



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In closing, we will be celebrating National School Choice Week next week! During the week, students will have a chance to watch some videos from former students to learn about the value of attending a small, Core Knowledge, charter school. Then, on Friday, January 29th each class will be having a class party. PTO is providing drinks, cups, cutlery, plates, and napkins. Parents, if you could help, NEXT FRIDAY, January 29th, please drop off individually wrapped treats, labeled for the class you would like to support. Thank you for helping us celebrate this nationwide event. If you have questions, please contact crystalbydalek@re3j.com, ccapto@re3j.com, or myself.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette