

August 9, 2021

Dear CCA families,

We are gearing up for a tremendous start to the school year! We have just a few reminders as we start the new year.

- Morning drop-off is 7:20. 1st through 8th grade students will enter through their classroom exterior door. Kindergarten students will enter through the main entrance with Ms. Kalcevic. Feel free to park and walk your child to their door. There is no supervision prior to 7:20 so please do not leave your child unattended.
- Afternoon driveline notes: we will have staff out at 3:25 to start putting in numbers. If you need a new number or just have questions, please contact [crystalbydalek@re3j.com](mailto:crystalbydalek@re3j.com) or call 303-732-9312. If you would like to pick your child up at their **classroom exterior door**, feel free to do so! We know that the quick touch base with your teachers is important. We are asking that parents refrain from entering the main doors to help us keep all students safe.

### **Covid Guidance for 2021-2022**

Ultimately, we all want students to be able to attend school in-person. To do so, we must all work together to ensure a healthy school year. CCAI will follow the guidance set out by the CDPHE, CDE, & RE3j.

- We will do our best to minimize any disruptions to the learning environment; therefore, in the case of a positive Covid diagnosis, the afflicted student/staff will be asked to stay home until they can safely return. All students/staff considered close contacts will be notified, asked to watch for symptoms, and may remain in school unless they become symptomatic. We should see fewer remote learning times this year as long as we can [stay home when not feeling well](#). Please continue to be conscientious when sending your child to school.
- We should not have to move to a large-scale remote learning situation unless our numbers of students or staff infected is five or more cases of COVID-19, of which at least one case has had a positive molecular amplification test or antigen test, among students/teachers/staff from separate households with onset within 14 days in a single classroom/activity or other close contact in the school setting (including transportation to-from- school and affiliated events). \*[CDPHE June 2021](#)
- As we did last year, we will be in contact with families regarding possible exposure and/or any closures due to Covid-19.
- We will continue to cohort students and limit the amount of time students are out of their cohort. Students leaving their cohort during an unscheduled time will be asked to wear a mask, just like last year. Anticipate very little mask wearing but students should be prepared. Please send a clean mask with your student(s) each day.

- Adults in the building will stay with a specific cohort unless it is not possible, for example Interventionists.
- Students will have their own supplies; classroom supplies will be minimized and in cases, such as Art, PE, Music, or STEM, those items will be cleaned between classes.
- Students will not have access to microwaves, drinking fountains (the bottle fillers will be available) or other high touch-point surfaces, just like last year to minimize the opportunity for viruses to pass from hand to eyes or mouth.
- We will clean continuously throughout the day and eat/play outside as much as possible for the health of our students.

I know these guidelines are not what we all would love to have but I truly appreciate everyone keeping a positive outlook as we follow these few guidelines that will allow us to remain in-person. Please watch for more information from RE3j in the near future and I will continue to update you with any changes to this plan.

### **Supply Lists**

All classroom supply lists are found on the [parents page](#) of the CCA website. Please reach out to your classroom teacher if you have questions about your student's supply list.

### **Middle School Transition Day**

Our annual middle school transition day is this Wednesday, August 11th from 11-3:30. This is a great opportunity for your student to meet with the teachers, get their schedule, work in their small, mixed-grade level team, go over grading and IC, and see ways to stay organized. **Students will eat lunch at school that day;** please send a sack lunch for them. If your child cannot make it to Transition day, just call the office or email [crystalbydalek@re3j.com](mailto:crystalbydalek@re3j.com) for an excused absence as this counts towards student contact hours for our school.

### **Back to School Night**

One of the biggest challenges parents identified on the middle and end-of-year surveys was understanding grading and infinite campus. Second to that was communication with teachers. The Accountability Committee thought a positive way to assist parents is to host the Back to School Night after your child has been in class for a few weeks and you can bring your questions to the teacher. Our Back to School night is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 1st**. More information will be coming soon.

### **Materials drop-off**

As we are not hosting Back to School Night prior to students returning to classes, we will have 1st through 5th grade classrooms open from 11-3:30 this Wednesday, August 11th for materials drop-off. If you would like, you and your child may bring school supplies in so they do not have to bring everything the first day. If you cannot make it, send supplies with your child on the first day of school. Either option is fine! Kindergarten students will

bring their supplies to their Round-up. Teachers may or may not be in their classrooms. If you need a private meeting with your child's teacher, please email to make arrangements as next week, teachers have a very full schedule. Thank you!

**Thank You's:**

Thank you to our teachers and staff that have spent countless hours over the summer preparing for another school year. We are blessed to have such dedicated professionals at our school.

**Upcoming Events**

- August 11th: 11-3:30 Middle School Transition Day (hours counted towards CDE requirement)
- August 11th: 11-3:30 1st-5th grade materials drop-off time (Optional for families)
- August 17th: 1st Day of School for grades 1-8
- August 17 & 18: Kindergarten Round-up
- August 19th: 1st Day of School for Kindergarten
- August 25th: Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30

Please reach out to me if you have questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette