

August 23, 2021

Dear CCA families,

What a wonderful week we had last week! Thank you for a very smooth and successful transition to a new school year. Continue to watch for my newsletters each Monday through the school year with the exception of break weeks.

- The updated Student and Parent Handbook is [linked](#) here. Please review it with your child (ren). Then, we request an electronic or hard copy of the signature pages found at the end of the document by **August 25th** for each child you have enrolled at CCA. Students took copies of the signature pages home last week. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the handbook or the signature page.

Academic Excellence

Congratulations to Connor R. for winning the Outstanding Young Spokesperson of the Future. He was awarded a certificate and a check for \$100 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 2020 Patriot's Pen. Each year the VFW hosts the Patriot's Pen which is a National Patriotic Writing Competition for 6th-8th graders. They are asked to write a 300-400 word essay expressing their interpretation of the theme. Last year's theme was "What is Patriotism?" or "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?". Through their writing class last year they worked on drafting and editing the essay for submission. VFW representatives presented Connor with his award last week. Congratulations Connor!

Community

Back to School Night:

Wednesday, September 1st will be the 2021-2022 school year "Back to School Night!" We want to keep this simple and enjoyable.

Here is the schedule for the evening:

Please utilize the classroom exterior doors so we minimize adults in the hallways.

4pm Welcome message from Mrs. Lockette over the P/A system

- 4:00-5:15: Grades K-5 are Open House; enter through exterior classroom doors any time between 4-5:15
- 4:00: Middle School meeting starts at 4pm (repeated at 6pm) enter through math room exterior doors. Middle School teachers available to answer questions after.

4:30-6:15 brown-bag dinner available outside

5:15-5:45 Teacher break

- 5:45: Welcome message from Mrs. Lockette over the P/A system
- 5:45-7pm: Grades K-5 Open House; enter through exterior doors
- 6:00: Middle School meeting starts (repeat from the 4pm meeting) enter through math room exterior doors. Teachers available for questions after the meeting.

In closing:

- Grades K-5 will be Open House; come in and ask your questions.
- Middle school has 2 scheduled meeting times to discuss trips and other middle school specific information. Immediately following the meetings, middle school teachers will be in their rooms to answer any questions you may have.
- A lite dinner will be served, brown-bag style. We will eat outside in the picnic pavilion between 4:30- 6:15. You can choose when to start your dinner. Please bring lawn chairs in case the picnic tables are full.

We will also have Back to School videos available if you cannot make it in person.

I know this is a new look to our Back to School Night. Please give me a call if you have questions and after the event, feel free to let me know your thoughts.

Cardinal Cares:

Cardinal Cares accepts donations of gift cards and distributes them to CCA families in need. Donations may be left in the office with Robin or emailed to her at robinerker@re3j.com. If your family is facing financial hardship and could use some assistance please reach out to Robin.

Hot Lunch Fundraiser:

Ben's Pizza and Santiago's Burritos are available again this year. Your middle school classes use the funds from the lunches to go on amazing trips each year. Wednesday is [Ben's Pizza](#) day; Thursday is [Santiago's Burritos](#). Use the order forms linked to place your child's order. Orders must be in by Friday for the upcoming week.

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.

Upcoming Events

- August 25th: Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30 pm
- September 1st: Back to School night from 4-7pm (see above for details)
- September 16th: Accountability meeting @ 3:45 pm
- September 24th: School Picture Day

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

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette