

September 6, 2021

Dear CCA families,

As with all schools, we are seeing an increase in Covid positive cases. Please continue to use the [At Home Screening checklist](#) and be assured that if there is an exceptional number of cases in your child's cohort, we will contact you via text to check your email for our next steps. We appreciate you sending a water bottle and clean mask each day for your child.

Thank you for a wonderful Back to School Night. A really BIG THANK YOU to our amazing PTO. The picnic dinner was perfect. Thank you also to the 8th grade students who helped package the meal to support their 8th grade trip. It was a lovely night and so good to have an in-person event with you!

CARDINAL KEY: This is it! Make the most of every moment. Focus your attention on the present moment. Keep a positive attitude.

This Is It! is about focusing on NOW instead of later, or next week, or next month, or next year, or yesterday, etc., and making the most of it. A positive *This Is It!* attitude can make everything we do and every day productive, fulfilling, and fun!

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.

School Pictures are September 24th!

School picture day is Friday, September 24th. Click [here](#) for the order form.

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

- September 16th: Accountability meeting @ 3:45pm
- September 17th: PTO meeting @ 3:45
- September 22nd: Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30pm
- September 24th: School Picture Day

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

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette