

September 20, 2021

Dear CCA families,

As we get closer to the official start of Autumn (Wednesday, September 22nd), we are sure to enjoy cooler weather. Please send your child(ren) with jackets and hats that are labeled with your child's name. We typically have recess and lunch outside.

Last week, all Colorado public schools received new guidance for [quarantining](#) due to the increase in positive cases of Covid in elementary-aged students across the state. We are also seeing an increase in Covid positive cases in our school community. Please continue to use the [At Home Screening checklist](#) and keep your child home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness. If there is an exceptional number of cases in your child's cohort, and your child is ill, we will contact you regarding next steps for your child. We really appreciate everyone helping to keep our school open. As a reminder, we have a link to RE3j [Covid guidance](#) on the main page of our website. Additional state guidelines are found on the newsletter in the Covid section.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE regarding Drop off. Please drop off on the EAST side of the building only. We do not have staff to monitor the southwest corner of the building. Regarding mornings where the weather is bad. On those days, the south side of the building is especially treacherous as the water from the entire parking lot drains to that area. We noticed the first year with our paved parking area, that there is an increase in ice due to drainage there. We will make sure to clear and salt the main crossing and drop-off areas to the **east** of the building for your child's safety.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES are October 12th, 13th, and 14th from 4pm-7om. K-5 parents watch for an invite from your classroom teacher. Middle school is hosting open conferences all three evenings and your student should attend with you. There is no school on Friday, October 15th; enjoy a long weekend.

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

Life is full of distractions and opportunities to do something else, something other than what we're doing now. Many of us spend a lot of time thinking about those other things. Instead of making what we're doing now "it" our focus is often elsewhere—on things we wanted to do, could have done, should have done, or want to do "sometime." Whenever our thoughts are occupied with something other than what we're doing, we miss what's going on around us in the moment ... while we're waiting for the next moment to arrive the present moment slips away.

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 this Friday, September 24th. Hard copies of the order forms went home last week or click [here](#) for the order form.

Halloween party update:

Each K-5 classroom will have an individual party area outside for grab and go style treats. We will also enjoy cohorted parades for K-2 and for 3-5. Families are encouraged to attend and to bring their own chairs if they would like to sit for the activities. Please check with your teacher if you can help. Also, Ms. Richter asked that students try to make their costume a Book Character. Watch for more details next 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.
- All schools received new guidance 9/10/21 for [quarantining](#) due to the increase in positive cases of Covid in elementary aged students in the state of Colorado.
- 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 22nd: Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30pm
- September 24th: School Picture Day
- October 5th, 6th, & 7th: Student, Parent and Teacher conferences. See above for more information
- October 8th: No school
- October 19th & 21st: Weld Waits for 5-8th graders-watch for information from your classroom teacher
- October 21st: Accountability meeting @ 3:45pm
- October 29th: Halloween parties and parades @ 2:45

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

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette