

October 18, 2021

Dear CCA families,

I do love the transition to cooler weather! Please make sure your child has appropriate outerwear for each day. It is chilly but so much better to play outside while we can. Also, Coach Baker would appreciate all students wearing tennis shoes/athletic shoes on PE days. Thank you.

CARDINAL KEY: OWNERSHIP – Take responsibility for actions

Be responsible for your thoughts, feelings, words, and actions. “Own” the choices you make and the results that follow. If you tell a friend you’ll meet him at a certain time but you’re two hours late because you were hanging out with another friend, take responsibility for your choice. Don’t make up excuses like “I couldn’t help it ... Billy just wouldn’t let me go.” Take ownership by saying, “I was wrong not to meet you as planned or call you when I realized I’d be late.”

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences:

Thank you for continuing to value academic excellence and show your child how important it is to be a part of the educational community at CCA! Participation at conferences was very strong and truly appreciated.

NJHS Veteran’s Day Event:

NJHS is planning on doing a virtual Veterans Day project and are asking for names of Veterans in our community. If you know a Veteran that NJHS could recognize and thank, please send his/her name and a way to contact (email or cell) to myrahanson@re3j.com. Names should be submitted as soon as possible.

PTO Update:

Thank you to the parents and PTO members that made and distributed meals to teachers during conferences. It was much appreciated and made our conferences so much better!

Our amazing PTO is planning a Cajun Boil for Saturday, November 6th. Put the date on your calendar and watch for a flyer being sent home this week; tickets for the Cajun Boil are on sale this week. In addition, you will receive your Cow Pie Bingo Tickets. This is always a tremendous fundraiser for us. The Cow will drop the pie during the Cajun Boil weekend. Please email ccapto@re3j.com if you have any questions about these fundraisers. This year, funds raised will go to teacher grants to help purchase supplies for the classrooms, field trips when possible and more! Next meeting is November 12th at 5:30 in the library.

Pumpkin Sales!

CCA's 8th graders will be selling pumpkins before and after school on October 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. These pumpkins are the most beautiful I have ever seen. You can find 8th grade

students by the trailer on the south side of the parking lot. Swing on by before and after school to get your fall pumpkins! A very special THANK YOU to the Rossi family for the pumpkins!

Halloween Parties:

Kindergarten through 5th grade will have parties starting at 2:45 pm. We will enjoy cohorted parades for K-2 and for 3-5 outside on the basketball court. Families are encouraged to attend and to bring their own chairs if they would like to sit for the activities. Also, Ms. Richter asked that students try to make their costume a Book Character. The costume parade categories are Best Book Character, Most Creative and Spookiest. Each category will have a first, second and third place winner. Students may wear their dress-code appropriate costumes all day.

Middle School Liaisons and Teachers are planning something special for Halloween in the Middle School. Please watch for more information to follow but students may wear costumes if they would like. Please help your child find a costume appropriate for school and it must follow the dress code.

New Order Forms for the Hot Lunch Fundraisers:

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.

Middle School Sports:

CCA students are invited and encouraged to participate in middle school sports at WCMS. This is truly a wonderful benefit to our students. As the sports are based at WCMS, CCA does not always receive timely information. It is up to parents to reach out to WCMS for sports information and we will do our best to pass on information we receive to the students when we receive any updates. Your point of contact at WCMS is Karen Crowe, karencrowe@re3j.com.

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

- Tonight: Candidate Meet and Greet @ 6:30pm on Zoom
- October 21st: Accountability meeting @ 3:45pm in the STEM lab
- October 27th: Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm in the STEM lab or Zoom
- October 29th: Halloween parties and parades @ 2:45 outside for K-5
- November 6th: Cajun Boil
- November 12th: PTO @ 5:30 in the Library
- November 17th: Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm in the STEM lab or Zoom

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

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette