

October 11, 2021

Dear CCA families,

We have a busy but short week ahead; so I am starting with Parent/Teacher/Student conference information. Please read through, there is lots of information for the week!

**Parent/Teacher/Student conferences:**

CCA is continuing to follow state guidelines on masking. We ask our parents to do so as well.

Conferences for all grades will be held from 4-7 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

We ask that you keep your conference to fewer than 20 minutes. If the conference needs more time, your teacher will invite you to return on a different day. Please be respectful of the time.

-For the K-5th grade conferences, you are welcome to use either the exterior classroom door or the interior classroom door. The main doors will be open. The weather looks quite chilly this week so please utilize whichever door you please.

-Middle school conferences will be held in the gym and all middle school core teachers will be available to conference.

- Cardinal After School Care will be open until 7pm each evening and is free for CCA students. We ask that only CCA students attend the After School Care.

**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. Ownership is our willingness to take responsibility for the choices we make. When we take responsibility for our choices, others know they can count on us and we earn their respect.*

You have seen some of the fun things our elementary students are doing when they make good choices, so I wanted to update you on Positive Behaviors in the Middle School. The Middle School team of teachers have chosen to recognize students that go above and beyond with a **Blue Card**. A Blue Card signifies that the student is following the 8 Keys of Excellence but has done something significant without realizing they were being watched. As we expect students to follow the 8 Keys on a daily basis, these students have really shown great integrity in their actions. Students that have been awarded a Blue Card this year are:

**Riley G.**

**Cody P.**

**Elijah C.**

**Nathan D.**

**Riley D.**

**Makayla M.**

Congratulations to those students and I will continue to update you on Blue Card recipients in the months to come.

### **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](mailto:myrahanson@re3j.com). Names should be submitted as soon as possible.

### **PTO Update:**

Thank you to the parents that are providing snacks and drinks to the teachers this week. You are appreciated!

### **Pumpkin Sales!**

CCA's 8th graders will be selling pumpkins before and after school on October 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. You can find us on the south side of the parking lot. Swing on by to get your fall pumpkins!

### **Halloween Parties:**

Grades 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.

### **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**

- October 12th, 13th, and 14th: Student, Parent and Teacher conferences. See above for more information
- October 15th: No school
- October 19th & 21st: Weld Waits for 5-8th graders; more information is on the Weld Waits curriculum page on the CCA website.
- 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