

October 25, 2021

Dear CCA families,

NJHS has planned a spirit week for our students. The details can be found below for spirit week and for Halloween party day. Please remember that 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. When we take ownership of everything we do and say and stop blaming things outside ourselves for situations that occur in our lives, we have greater control. We may not be able to control everything that happens in our lives but we can control how we respond to what happens. By taking ownership of our actions we create a huge shift in our life.

Ownership is a whole-life concept. We can take ownership of our education, our relationships, our fitness, our fun—all areas of our life. And when we take ownership we take pride and feel confident and fulfilled.

NJHS Spirit Week: Let’s show some spirit and raise some money for our NJHS!

- Hat Day: \$1 to wear a school appropriate hat all day
- Vacay Day: You still have to come to school, but pay \$1 to wear your tropical shirts or dress like you are on a great Vacation!
- PJ day: Get comfy for \$1 in your school appropriate PJ’s.
- Halloween party day: You do not pay to wear your school appropriate costumes all day. Costume masks may be worn for the parade/party. Please check with me or your classroom teacher if you have questions about costumes.

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:

Cajun Boil: How to sign up for the Cajun boil in three easy steps:

Step 1 - click here to reserve your serving time

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949AAAF2EA3F49-ccapto>

Step 2 - click here to pay

(or bring check to office made out to CCA PTO)

Tickets are \$50 per person, must be 21+

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/donations-spirit-gear-spaghetti-dinner-fall-festival-etc>

Step 3 - Show up November 6th at 6 pm to the Southeast Weld County Fairgrounds. Enjoy some drinks, great food, and peruse the items up for live auction!
Can't wait to see you there!

COW PIE BINGO

If you'd like more cow pie bingo tickets, please email ccapto@re3j.com with how many you'd like and which student you'd like them sent home with.

The next PTO meeting is November 12th at 5:30 in the library.

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. 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. We ask that students not wear costume masks during the school day but can wear them for the parties. Additional items for the costumes will be held with your classroom teacher or at the front desk until the parties start.

Middle School Liaisons and Teachers are planning a Halloween 'dance party' and classroom economy auction for the middle school. Concessions will be sold to raise money for the trips. Students may wear costumes if they would like. Additional items for the costumes will be held with your classroom teacher or at the front desk until the parties start. Please help your child find a costume appropriate for school and it must follow the dress code.

Please check with me or your classroom teacher if you have questions about costumes.

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

- 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 3rd & 4th: Weld Waits (rescheduled dates) for grades 5-8
- 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

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter and for the continued support of the Character, Community and Achievement that make CCA so great.

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette