November 29, 2021

Dear CCA families,

Just a reminder that school starts at 7:30. Our teachers hit the ground running and those first few minutes of the day really set the tone. Please drop your students off between 7:20-7:30 so they have time to prepare for a great day of learning! Thank you.

<u>CARDINAL KEY:</u> Our Cardinal Key for December is <u>**COMMITMENT:**</u> Make your dreams happen. *Take positive action. Follow your vision without wavering.* What a wonderful key, the key of Commitment. In this day and age, it is easy to just quit when the going gets tough. As parents, we should model this and encourage our children to persevere at the things they choose, like a sport, 4H projects, and school. It is not always easy, but the payoff is great.

Christmas Programs Return!

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." – Buddy the Elf CCA 3-8th grade students will be spreading lots of holiday cheer on December 16th at 6pm when our Christmas program returns! At the Weld Central High School Auditorium 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes, as well as middle school choir and band students will perform holiday favorites for you. Everyone is welcome to share in the holiday spirit and celebrate the hard work of our students and their teachers.

Our K-2 will have their program in the CCA gym on December 17th at 2pm right before the Christmas parties. Families are welcome and we invite you to bring your chairs for a comfortable (and spaced out) place to sit.

Welcome Brook Nighswonger, RN!

We are thrilled to announce that Brook Nighswonger, RN is joining the CCA team. Brook is taking over for Leann Meikle who has relocated. Currently, Brook will be in on Thursdays. While Brook is learning the ropes, I ask that you direct Covid questions to Crystal or me. We are happy to help. One other quick reminder, all medications, including all over the counter medications must come to school with this doctor's <u>permission slip</u>. Please do not send cough drops or other medications with your child. Please contact me, Crystal or Brook if you have questions about this policy for over the counter medications. Additional information is found on the CCA website, under the Parents Tab, Health Information (<u>linked here</u>).

Summer Fun:

Camp Invention is officially coming back next summer! Dates are June 20-24 at Hudson Elementary. Sign-ups have already begun. If you sign up before December 31 you can use the promo code GIFT35 and save \$35 off registration. The link to register is below. Hope to see some new faces this summer along with the familiar faces who have attended in the past!

https://invent-web.ungerboeck.com/programsearch/moreinfo.aspx?event=3682

COVID Update:

Weld county is seeing an increase in positivity rates and hospitalization during the first two weeks of November. Unfortunately, as we see those numbers rise, we must understand that even CCA will have situations where staff members could be out sick for extended amounts of time. In an effort to keep everyone healthy as we enter the flu season, we ask that you continue to follow guidance regarding Covid and if your child is sick, please, please keep them home. Feel free to contact me, Crystal at crystalbydalek@re3j.com or our new nurse, Brook at brooknighswonger@re3j.com if you have questions regarding Covid guidelines.

Upcoming Events

- December 2th: Accountability committee meeting @ 3:45 in the STEM lab
- December 10th: PTO @ 5:30 in the library or on Zoom
- December 16th: 3-8th grade Christmas Concert @ 6pm at WCHS auditorium
- December 17th: K-2nd grade Christmas Concert @ 2pm in the CCA Gym families welcome.
- December 17th: Christmas parties @ 2:45 more information from your teacher or middle school classroom liaisons.
- December 23rd-31st: Christmas break
- January 4th: 2nd semester starts/students return

I am looking forward to seeing you and your children tomorrow morning.

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette