

December 13, 2021

Dear CCA families,

Good morning CCA families. The students are so excited for this last week before break; I hope you are too. Today is the last day to complete the Accountability Survey. The link to the survey is in an email sent to families last Monday. The holiday program is this Thursday; details below. All are welcome to our Christmas parties on Friday; look for information from your classroom teacher (K-5) or Middle School student (6-8). I encourage you to take a few minutes on Friday, either before or after class parties, to enjoy all the amazingly decorated doors and rooms! The students and staff did a fantastic job of inspiring holiday spirit, hope, and joy this holiday season while still encouraging use of the 8 Keys and building community. Check out just a few of the doors below.

CARDINAL KEY: *Our Cardinal Key for December is **COMMITMENT:** Make your dreams happen. Take positive action. Follow your vision without wavering. The decisive act of making a commitment—when we decide to do “whatever it takes” to reach a goal—sets in motion an energy field that propels us forward on our path. At each step along the way, our commitment inspires us to take positive action and overcome obstacles, and pushes us on until we “make it happen.”*

Christmas Programs This Week!

- **3-8th grade students:** Please be at Weld Central Auditorium by 5:30pm this Thursday, December 16th. All students should dress in their holiday best and bring their instrument. The concert starts at 6pm with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, as well as middle school choir and band students performing holiday favorites for you. Everyone is welcome to share in the holiday spirit and celebrate the student’s hard work.
- **K-2 students** will have their program in the CCA gym on December 17th at 2pm. Families are welcome and we invite you to bring your chairs for a comfortable (and spaced out) place to sit.

Cardinal Cares Spirit Week:

To help our CCA families who are struggling this season we will be having a Spirit week for the holiday. Please encourage your child to participate and bring a donation for each day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All funds stay in our CCA school community!

- ★ Tuesday: Ugly Sweater Day
- ★ Wednesday: Flannel/ LumberJack/ Yukon Cornelius Day
- ★ Thursday: Holiday Pajama Day
- ★ Friday: Christmas Swag (donations accepted but not necessary)

NJHS Holiday Gift Drive Continues this Week!

The NJHS will be doing a Holiday Gift Drive from now until Christmas break! The gifts will go to local families, as well as, families in need throughout Weld County. We have asked each of the students to write a gift suggestion on paper trees. These trees will be hung up in the windows of the school office as each gift is brought in. You will be able to see how many gifts we have received as you drive through the driveline! If you are interested in donating a gift for a child in need, please choose a gift and bring it to the school before December 17th. Please drop unwrapped toys in the box out front or in the office. Ask your student what suggestion they wrote down for a gift for someone their age for ideas. Thank you for helping us make a child in need have a brighter Christmas this year! Questions? Contact Stacey Dinges at staceydinges@re3j.com.

New Lunch Form Due Friday, December 17th for January- March 10th lunches!

The new lunch order forms for Ben's Pizza and Santiago's Burritos are found on the right hand side of this newsletter or on the home page of the CCA website. Questions? Call or email Crystalbydalek@re3j.com

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>

Emergency Weather Closure Information:

As we transition into wintery weather, CCA families should know that CCA will follow RE3j if the district chooses to delay or close school. In addition, CCA can call our own delay or closure. In the event of a delay or closure, you will receive a notification and see the announcement on our website. If we have to close school early due to inclement weather, we will notify families as soon as the decision has been made. Please make arrangements if you are not able to get to CCA during an emergency dismissal. As student safety is always our priority, we monitor the weather and road conditions to make the best decisions.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- January 13th: Accountability Committee @ 3:45 in the STEM lab
- January 14th: PTO 5:30 in the library and on Zoom
- January 26th: CCA Board of Directors meeting @ 5:45 in the STEM lab or on Zoom
- February 15, 16, 17th: Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences 4-7pm
- February 18th: No School

All my best wishes for a healthy, safe and JOY filled break.

Maureen Lockette