

January 17, 2022

Dear CCA families,

That was a great week at CCA! See below for details about our author visit.

Thank you parents for keeping your children home if they are not feeling well. We have updated Covid information linked in this newsletter and on our home page of the website.

CARDINAL KEY: *Our Cardinal Key for January is **Failure Leads to Success:*** We may be reluctant to try different things because we're afraid of failing. Fear of failure does nothing but keep us in our comfort zone where we stick with the familiar, the "safe" choices where we don't "risk" another failure. When we step out of our comfort zone—when we're willing to try something new—that is when we take a step toward success.

Published Author Visited CCA!

On **Thursday, January 13th** we were so lucky to have award-winning author **Kevin Lovegreen** visit our school and present real-life experiences along with his Lucky Luke's Hunting Adventures! Mr. Lovegreen read with all students and shared his writing process with middle and intermediate students. Then, our Intermediate classes enjoyed a special writer's workshop with him. Please ask your student to share something they found interesting with you. Writing is a very important part of learning and communicating. If you are interested, books can be ordered at kevinlovegreen.com If you would like more information about Kevin and his book series, please speak to Jennifer Richter at jenniferrichter@re3j.com.

How Sick is Too Sick?

We are in the worst time of year for colds, flu and other illnesses. On our end, we are cleaning rooms repeatedly during the day, giving students ample time to wash their hands, and getting outside as much as possible. From parents, we ask that you keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following new or worsening symptoms not explained by an existing condition:

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Fatigue and/ or muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Runny nose or congestion.

This is not an exhaustive list. We just ask that you monitor your child for illness and keep them home if they do not feel well.

If you have questions, email [Brook Nighswonger](mailto:Brook.Nighswonger@re3j.com) or call Crystal or me. We are happy to help.

Lunches and Snacks:

First, let me start by saying Thank You for doing such a great job this year with lunches and snacks! Currently, we are seeing a good number of students coming to school with some unhealthy food choices or not enough to keep them satisfied and engaged in learning all day. It is a hard job to work at school, especially during the cold and flu season. Please send healthy snacks and ample lunches. If you need any assistance, reach out to Robin for Cardinal Cares.

Thank You Ms. Richter:

A very special thank you to Ms. Richter for organizing the author visit and for making sure he had a nice lunch. She prepared a wonderful, engaging day of learning for our students!

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 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.

COVID Update:

Please keep an eye on the **updated Covid guidance** from RE3j found on the home page of the CCA website and on the right of the weekly newsletter. 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 for schools and students.

Upcoming Events

- January 20th: Accountability Committee @ 3:45 in the STEM lab
- January 21st: PTO @ 5:30 in the library or 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

Sincerely,

Maureen Lockette