

January 31, 2022

Dear CCA families,

We are looking at a really cold week, please make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. In addition, continue to use great caution in the parking lot. Thank you!

CARDINAL KEY: The Cardinal Key for February is ***Integrity***. Demonstrate your positive personal values in all you do and say. Living in integrity means that everything we say and everything we do are true reflections of what we value, what's important to us.

Kindness Week and Valentine's Day:

CCA will be celebrating a Kindness week the week of February 8th-11th. We will kick it off with an assembly for all students. There will be activities in the classrooms and for the whole school. Friday we will culminate our week with Valentine parties. Information on the parties will come via your K-5 classroom teacher or middle school class liaison.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences:

Conferences will be held February 15-17th. For elementary families, your classroom teacher will schedule a time with you. For middle school families, the 2nd semester conferences are Student-led. That means, you will start with your student explaining their work. If you have questions for any or all of your child's teachers, they will be available to speak with you. We strongly encourage the students to own their education and advocate for themselves. We feel student-led conferences can lead to wonderful young adult conversations about their effort, ability and the importance of hard work.

Book Fair!

Learning to read is the most important skill a child can learn and we try to do it in the most fun way possible. We've scheduled an in person book fair February 10th - 17th to celebrate reading. Book Fairs have always been about families and reading. We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair for **Donuts for Dad's, Muffin's for Mom's, During Library Classes, Before School, or When you are at Parent Teacher Conferences** to experience the celebration of reading and take the opportunity to get involved in this mission.

Please take a look at the attached [flyer](#) that explains all the events Ms. Richter has planned for our in-person book fair during conferences. If you have questions, please email jenniferrichter@re3j.com.

To see Book Fair dates, events, schedule, volunteer opportunities, and more here ---> <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cardinalcommunityacademy>

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 (linked at the bottom of this 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.

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 or call Crystal or me. We are happy to help.

Student Mental Health Resources:

Please take some time to look at the resources on our new [Mental Health Information](#) page under the parents tab on the CCA website. All the sources come to us via Mrs. Nighswonger and are for students and their families.

Last week, we had some issues with the newsletter format, so Robin got to work on a new newsletter format. We hope you find it easy to read and as always, appreciate your feedback. Thank you, Mrs. Lockette

Upcoming Events

- February 2nd: January CCA Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30 in the STEM lab or on Zoom (rescheduled from last week)
- February 8-11th: Kindness week at CCA
- February 9-17th: Book Fair at CCA Library
- February 10th: Accountability Committee @ 3:45 in the STEM lab
- February 11th: Valentine's Parties
- February 11th: PTO @ 5:30 in the Library and on Zoom
- February 15, 16, 17th: Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences 4-7pm
- February 18th: No School
- February 23rd: CCA Board of Directors meeting @ 5:30 in the STEM Lab or on Zoom