

February 7, 2022

Dear CCA families,

We have LOTS of information this week. Thank you for reading the entire newsletter.

CARDINAL KEY: The Cardinal Key for February is ***Integrity***. Living in integrity means that everything we say and everything we do are true reflections of what we value, what's important to us. Think about what your behavior says about you. Does it clearly show others what you value? Do you show up as honest and committed, or dishonest and indifferent?

Kindness Week with Spirit 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, home and for the whole school. For more information on Kindness week, see the letter I sent last Friday. In addition, our CCA NJHS is hosting a Kindness spirit week to add to the fun! Pay \$1 Tuesday through Thursday and all the funds raised will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Tuesday: CCA Spirit Day; wear your CCA gear!

Wednesday: Western Day: Cowboy hats and boots encouraged

Thursday: Hats and sunglasses all day!

This 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. Wear Red!

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>

A Note from Mrs. Lockette:

It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my resignation from CCA at the end of this school year. As life continues to change and evolve for every family, a military family like mine is always transitioning. My husband's new job has greater demands of time and travel, so I will be taking the time to support him and our USAF, as well as, doing more for the rest of my family. I have enjoyed my time getting to know your beautiful children, this fantastic staff, and all of you! I am proud of the work we have done together to get through a pandemic, the return to in-person learning, continuing to help our students be successful contributors to our community and the day to day tasks of educating our wonderful students in a safe and positive environment. The CCA community has always been very supportive of our children and their education; what a blessing this school is for them.

If you know of anyone that might be a good fit for our school, encourage them to apply. The application will be on the CCA website soon.

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.

Upcoming Events

- 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