

February 28, 2022

Dear CCA families,

As we enter the month of March, I am filled with optimism. Mark Twain tried to put his finger on it with this quote: *"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"* I hope you are looking forward to spring as much as I am.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter so thank you for reading through.

You should have received an email from the Director Search committee. Please fill it out to help us find the best person for this position!

The 2022 Cardinal and Mike Coan Scholarship Applications are now open. Find the link [here](#) and on our CCA main page and please encourage former students to apply!

**CARDINAL KEY:** *This month's Key is **Flexibility**. Be willing to do things differently Recognize what's not working and be willing to change what you're doing to achieve your goal.*

**Kindness Week Update:**

Shoes, paper and real, continue to stream in. If you have seen your child doing something kind, jot it down on the paper shoe to be posted around school; turn those in asap. March 2 is the last day for 'real' shoes so Mr. Williams can take them to Africa. He will continue to communicate with us about the donation of the shoes.

We proudly donated over \$450.00 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital during our Kindness week as well. Thank you NJHS for planning the dress-up days.

**Cardinal Cares:**

We are in need of donations to help families in our school community. If you can, please drop off your donation of cash, gift cards or meat to Robin Erker. All donations are greatly appreciated and stay right here in our Cardinal Community. Thank you.

**2021-2022 Yearbooks; a Message From Ms. Rosling:**

Yearbooks are a great way to keep those memories for you and your kids! I am putting the yearbook together, but I can't do it without your help! Please email me those pictures of your kids! Sports pictures (one/kid/sport), first day of school, a special moment you caught during the christmas program or a party. All of these help me to make the yearbook the best it can be!

8th grade parents, now's the time to purchase an ad for your student! This should include 1-3 pictures (hard or digital) of your choice, a special message from you, a bible verse if you choose. If you have any questions, please email me and I will help you.

Here is [the link](#) to order your yearbook. Thank you for all your help!

Cassie Rosling [cassierosling@re3j.com](mailto:cassierosling@re3j.com)

### **PTO UPDATE:**

PTO is planning a Fiesta Dinner and Auction for Friday, March 18th! You will be receiving more information, but each class will be responsible for an auction item. Watch for more information from your teachers and make sure to watch the [PTO page](#).

### **STUDENT EVENTS:**

#### **We Care:**

CCA also participates in the district-wide community service initiative "We Care". The We Care committee hosts fundraising events at each school with all funds raised going to a district family in need. CCA will host First Friday/Hat Friday the first Friday of each month until the end of the year. Next **Friday, March 4th** will be a First Friday/Hat Friday. Students will donate \$2.00 each to wear a hat all day. Questions? Contact [Emileeklausner@re3j.com](mailto:Emileeklausner@re3j.com)

#### **Pi Day:**

CCA will celebrate Pi Day on 3.11 (3.14 is on the following Monday). Ms. Eisenman has plates, forks, napkins and a Pi Pencil for all students, all we need from you is the PIE. Please watch for information from your elementary teacher or from your middle school student. Thank you for helping us make this a fun and educational day.

#### **Drama:**

Middle School Drama Club is back! Auditions for 6th-8th grade students will be this week March 2nd at 3:45pm. Contact [sarahjohnson@re3j.com](mailto:sarahjohnson@re3j.com) for more information.

#### **Science Fair:**

The Middle School Science Fair Competition is on March 9th. If you are interested in judging, please email [sarahjohnson@re3j.com](mailto:sarahjohnson@re3j.com).

#### **Huwa Beef Fundraiser:**

We are excited to partner with Huwa Beef! The 8th grade class are selling beef to raise money for their class trip. See beef order [options here](#). Thank you to Huwa Reserve for partnering with us. Last day to order is March 15th. Watch for an on-line order link!

#### **Class Pictures March 16th:**

Skillman will return for class pictures on March 16th. Watch for more information here and from your classroom teachers.

### **NURSE'S NOTES:**

#### **A Note from Mrs. Nighswonger:**

March is Nutrition Month! Here are some ideas for [National Nutrition Month](#), [Smart-snacking tips](#), and [My Plate](#) to help you make nutrition choices for your family.

**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](mailto:crystalbydalek@re3j.com) or our new nurse, Brook at [brooknighswonger@re3j.com](mailto:brooknighswonger@re3j.com) if you have questions regarding Covid guidelines for schools and students.

**Upcoming Events**

- Middle School drama auditions this week!
- March 4th: K-2 100 Days of School, We Care K-8 Hat Day, 8th grade registration
- March 9th: Middle School Science Fair
- March 11th: All school Pi Day; PTO @ 5:30 in the Library
- March 18th: Intermediate (3-5) History Day event
- March 19th- 29th: Spring Break
- April 1st: 3rd-8th grades Spring Concert at WCHS
- April 5th: New Principal Meet and Greet (tentative) at 6pm

Thank you for your support of our amazing, little school.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lockette