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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **2/1/11 PAVE meeting @ 6:30**
- **2/15/11 Kindergarten Roundup @ 6:30**
- **2/16/11 2-hour late start**
- **2/18/11 Family Fun Night 7:00**
- **2/22/11 Finance Meeting 8:00**
- **2/24/11 Board Meeting 7:00**
- **2/25/11 Dudes & Donuts (grades K & 1) More info to come.....**



# Director's Notes

by  
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## *Extra Ordinary Expo*

Many thanks to all of our families for experiencing Cologne Academy's Extraordinary Expo highlighting our students' Spanish, Art, and Science programs last night. It is always nice to see so many families supporting our academic programs.

Our 1st Annual Science Fair was a success. **Grace Cushman, Mitchell Jans, and Kierstyn Callahan** took the top three spots, respectively. These three students will advance to the regional competition this spring.

Blue Ribbon winners in each grade level (3rd-7th) are:

Sophie Sazdoff 3rd grade  
Ethan Ogzewalla 4th Grade  
Alex Hagen 5th Grade  
Corrine Boonstra 6th Grade  
Maija Kingston 6th Grade  
Shale Siewert 7th Grade

The science project was an assigned project in grades five through seven, but optional for our third and fourth graders. Congratulations to the nine 3rd and 4th graders who took on this science fair project. These students were awarded the Up-and-Coming Junior

Science Award: Lawson Beck, Kristyn Buetow, Anica Herrera, Seija Kingston, Ethan Ogzewalla, Elizabeth Lein, Jaron Magstadt, Sophie Sazdoff, and Cecily Thomas.

The artist with the most votes in the Viewer Choice category was **Chloe Brunsberg (K)**. Other award recipients at the art show go to: 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Hagen 5<sup>th</sup> grade Portrait; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wyatt Olson K Flowers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lauryn Sievers 7<sup>th</sup> grade impressionism horse. The David Hockney Award for best in drawing- Honorable mention- Josiah Chock; Leonardo da Vinci award for the most inventive- Honorable mention- Liam Thomas; The Georgia O'Keeffe award for the best in choice of subject matter - Honorable mention- Briel Steen; and, The Kandinsky award for best in imaginative work- Honorable mention- Hannah Roell.

Honorable mention- Lance Moravec, Brayden Slavik.

Thank you to all who made this event a success.

## School Reminders

Please remember the deadline for enrolling NEW students (i.e. siblings and/or kindergarteners) for the 2011/2012 school year is February 18. If we don't receive enrollment forms by February 18 you run the risk of the class being full and being put on a wait list. (Note: this does not apply to currently enrolled students.)

Those students currently attending Cologne Academy should return their letter of intent by February 4.

Kindergarten Round UP  
Tuesday, February 15th, 2011  
Cologne Academy



New Website

[www.cologneacademy.org](http://www.cologneacademy.org)



### Spirit Week

Congratulations to **Seija Kingston** who won a board game for her 4th grade class for winning the color day award as voted by PAVE. Other class winners were: **Rebeca Michels, Evan Kienholz, and Samatha Meyers; Courtney Cebulla and Kalyn Mapstone; Ellen Steen and Jaden Wilson; Maddie Moeller; Jordan Knutson; Briel Steen; Kaylen Rosenlund.**

President Obama asked a very important question of the American people during Tuesday's State of the Union address:

"And so the question is whether all of us -- as citizens, and as parents - - are willing to do what's necessary to give every child a chance to succeed."

We believe you have! Thanks for choosing Cologne Academy!

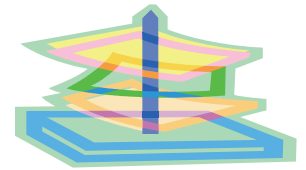
### Our Vision

To create an environment for K-8 children where rich character development and effective learning create self confident students who are able to achieve their personal best academically. Using advanced curriculum that is based on goal oriented results, parents will work with teachers to produce the highest possible level of academic achievement for each individual student.

### Our Mission

To provide students in Cologne and surrounding rural areas with a content-rich education based on a strong foundation of knowledge through the use of the Core Knowledge Sequence and classical curriculum. We are committed to providing a community school with small class sizes where students, parents and teachers work together to achieve accelerated academic achievement and strong character development.

## School Board Notes



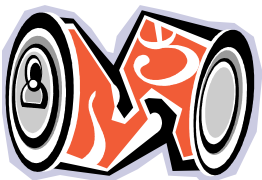
Dennis Hoogveen, of LarsonAllen LLP, reviewed the 2009-2010 audit. Cologne Academy has been given a clean, unqualified audit for the second year in a row. Good progress has been made on the school's goal of obtaining a fund balance of 27% by 2016 to offset the state's 30% holdback. Fiscal year 2010 ended with a fund balance of 10%. Copies of the audit are available in the school office. Lori Magstadt, director of curriculum, teaching and learning support, shared a demonstration of the school's classroom technology and the science curriculum. She also provided an overview on the use of interim assessments and an update on training provided by Charter School Partners. Lynn Gluck Peterson, executive director, provided enrollment and professional updates in addition to information about upcoming activities. Additionally, the renewal process with the school's authorizer, Friends of Education, was discussed. She also reviewed the bussing pilot with Positive Connections. Cologne Academy has received approval from the Minnesota Department of Education for a teacher relicensure committee. A motion was made and passed to sell receivables, up to \$450,000 to Charter School Capital. Various teacher and paraprofessional contracts were approved. A revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was approved.

### New Updated Website

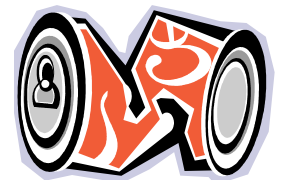
Hopefully by now, you've noticed our new and improved Cologne Academy website! We'd like to thank Paul Bunn from TechStars for creating this new site for us. Most teachers have a "portal" where you can find classroom information, assignments, news about upcoming events, etc. Please check it out! Also available are board meeting minutes, policies, student handbook, calendar events, lunch menus, Director newsletters, and more! PAVE will soon have some updated information on the website as well. We are always looking for ways to improve our website. Please let us know if you have ideas to make it even better.



Please recycle your cans in the can trailer  
in the school's parking lot.



Money raised will help offset the Fifth  
Grade's environmental trip in May.



## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING, LATE START, AND EARLY DISMISSAL

When weather or forecasts predict school closings, late starts, or early dismissals, please be proactive in watching for an announcement. Although we MAY follow the decision of other local districts, this is not always the case. Cologne Academy will announce its decision in the following ways:

- An email will be sent to your family.
- Announcement will be posted on our website [www.cologneacademy.org](http://www.cologneacademy.org)
- Cologne Academy will be listed on WCCO, KSTP, and KARE-11 news stations.
- Cologne Academy will be announced on WCCO radio.
- You can also sign up to receive school closing information via text message to your phone via most tv stations.
- We do not, at this time, have an automated system that will call your home. If you receive a similar message, it is likely from district #108.

Please do not call the school to ask if we will be closing or to tell us that other local districts are closing, etc. We will send your child(ren) home as indicated by the instructions on the early dismissal plan that was completed by each parent in the fall. If you do not remember what your plan is, contact our child's teacher NOW.

Remember, buses DO run on late start and early release days.

Cologne Academy Clubhouse (before & after school care) will NOT be available in the event of early dismissal, with the expectation that parents are on their way. Every family should have an emergency school-closing plan that is known by their child (ren). Parents must make arrangements for students in the event that they (parents) are not home.

