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2-hour
late start

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Director's Notes

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“A Wake up Call for America” ~Education Secretary Arne Duncan

Earlier this week, during the State of the Union Address, President Obama stated “every classroom in America should be a place of high expectations and high performance.” I don’t believe there are many who would disagree with that statement. The truth is – the most important factor in making sure every classroom in America has high expectations and is high performing is to ensure that there is an effective teacher leading every classroom in America!

The focus on education in America recently has been about the decline of America’s test scores; Americans are losing ground in a competitive, global marketplace. Recent articles state that we have become “average” at best. For example, in comparison to other top industrialized nations around the world, the United States ranked 15th in Reading, 23rd in Writing, and 31st in Math test scores (source: National Center for Education Statistics, USA Today Dec 15, 2010)

A great education takes hard work. It’s a long process that also takes teamwork. Students become high performing when parents, principals, teach-

ers, and students all work together to accomplish extraordinary results.

On behalf of the Cologne Academy School Board of Education and all the educators here at Cologne Academy, we thank you for your continued commitment to high expectations and high performance for all our students. It is with this partnership in mind that we make these dreams come to fruition.

Lunch Help Needed!



Your children are for looking a few volunteers to serve them lunch! Can we count on you? In order to continue to provide the nutritious and delicious hot lunch meal service, we need your assistance. We are looking for those who would like to assist once a week or once a month. Please call the school office to be added to the schedule. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Looking For a Way to Enrich Your Child's Reading?

Lexia Reading is a web-enabled technology that is scientifically based and proven to increase reading proficiency in students at all levels of ability, pre-K to adult. Today, Lexia's programs are used as an essential part of reading instruction in more than 13,000 schools nationwide.

You can download Lexia on your home computer, free of charge. Your child will be able to access the program at home at the same point where they left off at school. Cologne Academy has invested in this superior product and all students are encouraged to log in daily to enhance their reading skills.

Please follow the link below to install Lexia on your home computer.

<http://www.lexialearning.com/support/lexiareading/license.html>



Cologne Academy's Code 5765-7850-3235-2478

Your child *should* know their login and password; if they cannot remember, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Middle School students are encouraged to work on Lexia to increase their etymology (word study); this will build their vocabulary and spelling. Elementary students are focusing on segmenting sounds, phonic instruction, fluency and comprehension.



Booster Seat Safety



Many parents may not be aware that a vehicle is the most dangerous place for your child to be. In fact, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for Minnesota children. That's why it is critical children use booster seats, which are required by law.

Boosters are for children starting around age 4. Under Minnesota law, children must not ride in just a seat belt until they are age 8 or 4 feet 9 inches tall — whichever comes first. It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their height, rather than their age.

Boosters are seat lifts that raise a child up so a seat belt fits properly. A sign a belt does not fit properly is if it rubs against a child's neck, or if the child tucks the belt behind their back — this is unsafe and illegal.

Visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website www.buckleupkids.state.mn.us to:
Learn more information about the booster seats, with a FAQ http://www.dps.state.mn.us/ots/CPS_Program/2009_BoosterLaw_mats/Booster_FAQ.pdf

View and share a fun booster seat TV spot (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKSf6TKOfoY>);

View short instructional videos for child seat installation (<http://childcarsafety.adcouncil.org/>);

Learn about the other type of child restraints (http://www.dps.state.mn.us/ots/CPS_Program/2009_BoosterLaw_mats/2010%20DSAS%20English_web.pdf) a child needs to progress through as they grow.

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 ASAP. Additional copies are available on the website.

Kindergarten Round Up 6:30
Tuesday, February 15th, 2011
Cologne Academy



New Website

www.cologneacademy.org



On **March 1st, 2011**, MACS is sponsoring the [5th Annual Charter School Day at the Capitol](#) to promote the 2011 charter school legislative agenda and to share the benefits of a public charter school education with legislators.

This year, with many faces at the legislature, it's particularly important to meet with your local legislators to ensure they know what a charter school is and for them to hear charter success stories from you - their constituents.

We'll Help! To ensure effectiveness, MACS will be making appointments for all attendees with legislators. Last year, MACS staff made over 200 individual appointments for folks with legislators. Cologne Academy will send representatives; would you like to be part of the team?

To reserve appropriate space and accommodate getting on legislators' busy schedules, MACS needs **at least 2 weeks notice** of your intent to participate in this important event – please sign up by February 14th.

Call the school office if you are interested !

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.



1ST ANNUAL WINTERFEST INDOOR ICE FISHING CONTEST



Saturday - February 5th

1:00 PM to 3:00PM

**Safari Island Community Center
1600 Community Drive, Waconia**

Entrance fee:

Adults \$2.00

Youth \$1.00 Age 17 and under

Free Age 2 and under

- **Door Prizes • Indoor Ice Fishing Area**
- **Casting Area (50¢ ticket) • Minnow Races (50¢ ticket)**
- **And More!**

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL - JOIN US FOR: SUPER BOWL SUNDAY OPEN SKATE

Sunday, February 6th

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Waconia Ice Arena

1250 Oak Avenue, Waconia

Wear you favorite football team apparel (hat, gloves, coat, sweat-shirt)

and receive \$1.00 off your admission.

\$3.50 Adults

\$2.50 Kids/Seniors

\$2.50 Skate Rentals

(No rental fee if you own your own skates.)

