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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 4/22 No School
- Week of 4/25 Reading MCA and Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 4/26 Relay for Life Meeting 7 PM
- 4/26 Finance Meeting 8 PM
- 4/28 Board Meeting 7 PM
- 4/29 Fish Ceremony and Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony 2:45 CCC
- Week of May 2—Teacher Appreciation and Math MCAs
- 5/3 PAVE 6:30 PM



Director's Notes

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Cologne Academy Expansion

Cologne Academy's Facility Task Force is looking for a minimum of 3 to 5 members to join our committee. The most significant agenda item now is the new addition to our existing building. Plans are being drawn but input is needed now as we will break ground this fall for the new structure to open for the 2012-2013 school year. We will be working with Hans Hagen Homes on the design and features for the addition.

Other responsibilities of this task force are building and grounds oversight. We maintain and repair all of the building's systems and act as project managers for large facility upgrades. The Facility Task Force organizes the annual Fall Building Clean up just before school starts. This can include organizing the move into a new building, refreshing the mulch, cleaning up the classrooms, and preparing the building before our

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SPRING FLING—Thank you to all who made Spring Fling a huge success!

MCA Testing Season

MCA testing begins next week. All 3rd - 7th grade students will complete the Reading portion of the MCAs next week and the Math portion the week of May 2nd. Please be mindful of these testing dates when scheduling appointments. We would appreciate your student's attendance during these testing dates. In addition, please make sure your child has had a good breakfast and is well rested. Please also encourage your child to do well on these tests!

Volunteer Appreciation

Calling all Cologne Academy Volunteers!

You are invited to join us next Friday, April 29th for our Fish Ceremony at 2:45 PM in the Gym.

Reception to follow at the School.

This is our way of thanking you for all you do for Cologne Academy!

No School Tomorrow

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.

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children start a brand new year of school. We also have planned the build for the first stage of the playground and will be working on the next stage, as well.

The Facility Task Force is looking for people of any skill level, from your interior designer to home handyman to professional to those who are looking to be involved. We meet at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Cologne Academy. Our meetings usually last an hour to an hour and a half depending on how much there is to do. If you are interested in joining the Facility Task Force send a brief paragraph of why you would like to join and what skills you can bring to the Facility Task Force to mlein@cologneacademy.org. If you would just like to attend a meeting to see what we are about, we are a public committee and welcome anyone who would like to attend.

School Board Election Results

Last Friday, April 15th, the ballots were tallied for Cologne Academy's School Board Election. Elected members are Megan Ander, community member; Melissa Mase, teacher member; Matt Lein, Scott Pelletier, and Becca Rausenberger, parent members.

Special thanks to all the families who voted and to Bryan Deutsch and Cindy May for running in this year's election.

Please consider running in next year's election for a seat on the school board!

BAND:

Band is coming to Cologne Academy for the 2011-2012 school year. More information to follow. Parent meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th @ 6 PM

6th and 7th Grade Field Day

Cologne Academy's 6th and 7th Graders have been invited to participate in a Track and Field Day hosted by Holy Family in Victoria. The event takes place on Tuesday, May 3rd from 10:15 am-1:30 pm. Spectators are welcome!

Yearbooks for Sale:

We have extra copies of the yearbook for sale! The cost is \$18. Yearbooks are available in the office. Make checks payable to Cologne Academy.

Can Recycling:

Please remember to support the 5th Grade Voyageur Trip by bringing your aluminum cans to the recycling trailer in the parking lot at school. We would like to fill the trailer one last time before the kids head off to camp in May. The dollars raised by recycling offsets the cost of the trip for all fifth grade families.

Thanks for your generosity!!

Cologne Academy Garage Sale– May 14th 7am-1pm

All household items accepted (with the exception of couches, beds, and large electronics.) Items may be dropped off at school on May 13th (after 3:30pm).

PAVE is looking for volunteers to help head up the following areas: volunteer coordinating and advertising for the garage sale.

School Uniform Policy

Reminder regarding uniform pants: Slacks are the only uniform pant that is allowed. Pants with pockets on the back, are not uniform. We have seen an increase in students wearing these jeans that are navy colored, but these are not uniform. Thank you for adhering to this policy.

The Uniform Dress Code was created to encourage community spirit and to enhance school pride at Cologne Academy. It provides a means of focusing on the students as unique persons while diminishing the importance of external factors such as clothing. All clothing and appearance choices should uphold the spirit in which the following dress code is written. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN UNIFORM EVERY DAY.** If your child is not in the proper uniform when they come to school, you will be called to bring your child a proper uniform.

As the season changes, we want to remind you of some of our most common uniform violations.

- Navy Blue slacks, shorts, jumpers, or skorts. NO cotton stretch pants, jeggings, sweats, or jeans.
- No sweatshirts unless these are Cologne Academy logo-wear or plain navy, light blue, or white. Zippered hoodies are not uniform. Only crew neck sweatshirts with no logo (or CA apparel) is allowed.
- Plain navy or white tights. No designs, dots, or stripes. Socks must be worn.

We ask that you adhere to the school's uniform policy, If not, you will see Uniform Violation Forms come home. If in doubt, let the staff see the item in question prior to wearing it or bring a spare outfit, it will save you a trip to school!

You now have two vendor options for Cologne Academy's Plaid. Donald's Plaid #57 and Land's End Classic Navy Plaid. A portion of your purchase from Land's End comes back to the school.

Students Entering 7th Grade this Fall

Minnesota's School Immunization Law requires students to have documentation of the following shots for 7th grade: Td or Tdap; MMR: a second dose; Hepatitis B and Varicella (chickenpox): need two doses or documentation of disease history provided by a health care provider.

If immunizations are completed already, please send in your information prior to the end of the school year to Deena Radde. Otherwise, if you are planning on completing the immunizations during the summer, the immunizations need to be completed by our all school picnic on August 24th.