

Cologne Academy Director's News

Lynn Gluck Peterson, Director

Calendar Dates

- August 16 at 5:30
Facilities Task
Force Meeting
- August 23 at 8:00 p.m.
Finance Meeting
- August 24 5:30-7:30
Ice Cream Social
- August 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
- August 27 at 8:00 a.m.
Spruce Up The
School!
- August 31 8:00 a.m.—
8:00 p.m. Pre-
conferences
- September 6—First
Day of School!
- September 12 at 6:30
p.m. PAVE meeting
- September 16 Grand-
parents Day (more
info to come)
- September 16 Family
Fun Night (more
info to come)

New Faces Around Campus

Cologne Academy is ready to welcome 73 new students to our community of learners in a few short weeks. Fifty-two of these students will be kindergartners; the class of 2024!

This year will be our first year to wish our 8th graders the best-of-luck as they begin their educational journey as high-schoolers.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 6, 2012 for a graduation ceremony for these 8th graders!

Equally exciting news for our school is our presence within the community. Over the summer months we have rounded out our classrooms and we have waitlists in all grades with the exception of the 7th

and 8th grades.

As the student population grows, so does our staff. We currently have 38 full time teachers and support staff. I am proud to lead such a professional and dedicated staff of educators and truly look forward to working with each professional to maximize the highest academic achievement standards for the students of our school.

New staff:

Laura Oman – additional 3rd grade teacher

Nathaniel Nordberg – 8th grade/science teacher

Adam Hubley – kindergarten assistant

Jenny Neubarth – kindergarten assistant



Jana Moeller- Administrative Assistant. This will allow Kelly to work more closely with myself as Jana will take some of the office details.

Tammy Shore- will be our school's health office associate (nurse)

Ashley McLaughlin will return back to the Special Education department.

All teachers and support staff report back to school on Monday, August 22nd for two weeks of workshop full of professional development meetings.

Spruce up the School Day! Saturday August 27th

Saturday, August 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is Cologne Academy's annual *Spruce Up the School* day. We need many volunteers to help with work

inside and outside the school building. Tools to bring include hammer, screw drivers, wrenches, pliers, buckets/rags and

yard tools (wheel barrow, shovel, rake).

PAVE will be providing lunch.

Cologne Academy Prepares for More Expansion

By Paul Downer, Community Editor

Press release 8/10/11



Check us out on the web @ cologneacademy.org

One year after adding a second building phase to its facility, Cologne Academy is poised to grow again. To date, the school has completed two phases of its planned five-phase facility. Planners are now looking to add the third phase and possibly a portion of the fourth phase as well with some site work expected to take place as early as this fall. If all goes according to plan, the third phase will be open in time for the 2012-13 school year.

According to a floor plan, the 11,731-square foot third phase would include a cafeteria and kitchen, office space, music and art rooms, a Spanish room, and a covered main entrance for the school on the west side of the parking lot. It will connect to the west wall of the second phase, which opened last fall, and begin to form the second leg of what will be an L-shaped facility.

If a portion of the fourth phase is also constructed, the school will gain a science lab and an additional classroom.

Physical expansion has come quickly for the public charter school, which first opened its doors in the fall of 2008 as a K-5 institution with 127 students. Last fall, the school held K-7 classes with 245 students. That growth was made possible by the addition of an 8,763-square foot expansion - the second phase.

As of early August, the school expects to house 315 students in grades K-8 for the upcoming school year. Those numbers include two classrooms each

for the K-3 levels, and one classroom apiece for grades 4-8.

With completion of the third phase next year, the school will be able to accommodate three sections of kindergarten and first grade, two sections of grades 2-4, and one classroom each in grades 5-8. Original plans were to eventually have two classrooms for each grade level, but high demand has led to an expansion at the lower levels.

Part of what this addition does is help us respond to the community in that we have such a large wait list in those lower grades. We'll be able to open in 2012 with an additional kindergarten and first grade, said Lynn Gluck Peterson, executive director at Cologne Academy. We're two years ahead of how the founding board planned [the expansion schedule]. Now we're all the way through 8th grade so we're done growing the top end and now we're growing single classrooms into double classrooms as the students advance a grade.

Gluck Peterson added that the school's maximum capacity will eventually be three sections at each grade level. While it will take some time to fill out the upper grades, she explained that the lower grades have only been limited from expanding this fall by lack of classroom space.

We could open a third kindergarten and first grade classroom now, based on our waiting list, but where would we put them? By building now it allows us to grow for next year, she said.

Of course the school currently has a lunchroom, kitchen and offices, but those areas will be retrofitted back into classrooms after the third phase is completed. A large new lunchroom, kitchen and offices will be part of the third phase, in addition to subject-specific music and art rooms.

We've always had a classroom for music and art, but now we'll truly have a dedicated art and music room that is meant for those content areas, said Gluck Peterson.

Visitors to the school will arrive through a new main entrance that will be more centrally located than the current entrance when all five building construction phases are complete.

I haven't seen the exterior plans yet, but they will make the exterior of this entrance pop so that there is no question about which door you enter, said Gluck Peterson.

The school will find out later this month how much of the 9,352-square foot fourth phase can be completed in time for the 2012-13 school year. If the science lab and additional classroom can be added to the third phase, the remainder of the fourth phase will still include six new classrooms. The final fifth phase will include seven classrooms and a restroom area.

It's very exciting, said Gluck Peterson. I think we're definitely meeting the needs of the students here in the community, and it's nice to bring this education to the area.

Ice Cream
Social



Wednesday,

August 24 @

5:30-7:30 PM



Forms Due

Lunch Menus Due

Get your Bus Pass

PAVE Reminders

On August 24th, we are having an Ice Cream Social for parents and families. Here are some friendly reminders about what to bring to the social and what to expect from PAVE:

- Please bring all completed paperwork/forms that you received from the school.
- Bring any Box Tops, Campbells Labels, Coke Rewards, Milk Tops, etc... that you've collected over the summer months.
- If you are interested in participating in the school uniform exchange, please drop off your gently used school uniforms at the Uniform Exchange Table. Clothes with stains or holes will not be accepted. One ticket per item will be given to be used in exchange for another item. Anything left the last half hour can be purchased for \$1.

- PAVE will have a display table for you to order CA sweatshirts/apparel.
- PAVE will have a table for your child/ren to create a handprint for the playground (\$20) or to order a brick with your engraved family name (\$100)

NOTE: If it rains, the ice cream social will be cancelled.

What is PAVE? **Parents Are Vital Energy**

The PAVE committee's roll at Cologne Academy is to coordinate school functions by involving parents. Parents serve a vital role in the school's success by becoming active in the PAVE events. All parents are invited to become involved in these events and thus support the PAVE committee's efforts. Meetings are held at the school the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Stop by and see what it is all about.

New people bring new ideas!!!

Mackenthun's and Box Tops Giveaway

If you have a Facebook account, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/questions/251492784875150> and vote for Cologne Academy! Prizes are \$500, \$700, and \$1,000 for the schools with the most votes!!

Let us Know about the A,B,C, D, E, & F's!

It is important that the school office has current health and emergency information on file for each student. It is essential that you inform the school nurse if your child has any of the following health concerns:

A: Asthma

D: Diabetes

B: Bee Sting

E: Epilepsy

C: Cardiac Condition

F: Food Allergies

School nurse is Tammy Shore nurse@cologneacademy.org

Remember to sign up for conferences on Wednesday, August 31
www.mysignup.com/conferences

You should have received your mailing from Cologne Academy including important information and forms for the coming school year. If you did NOT receive your envelope, please contact Kelly in the office.



If your child needs to take any type of medication at school, a Request to Administer Medication Form must be completed. Please contact the office to get a copy of this form, if necessary. This form was also included in your summer mailing packet.