

Cologne Academy Director's News

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Calendar Dates

- February 1 Spelling Bee (1st-2nd grade @ 1PM; 3rd-8th @ 2 PM—Cologne Community Center)
- February 2 at 6:00 p.m. Extraordinary Expo (Cologne Community Center)
- February 6 at 6:30 p.m. PAVE Meeting
- February 7 at 7:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- February 8 Two Hour Late Start
- February 8 & 9 Conferences (see page 2 for times)
- February 10 Family Fun Night
- February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Informational Open House for new families

2nd Annual Extraordinary Expo February 2nd, 2012 6PM Cologne Community Center



The Extraordinary Expo is Here! This event showcases Ms Blotz's K-8th grade Art Showcase, Mrs Lopez-Marshall's K-8th grade Spanish Program, and Cologne Academy's Middle School Science Fair projects.

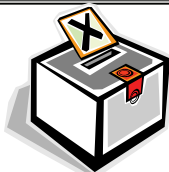
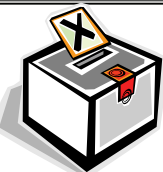
- Viewers will vote for the People's Choice Award for Art in the community room.
- Spanish performances will be viewed in the NW corner of the Gymnasium. Each class will meet in the conference room at the community center 10 minutes prior to the following posted times. For example, Mrs Mase and Mrs Degen's kindergarten classes will meet at 5:50 PM. Parents are asked to hold on to their child(ren)'s coats. Please pick up your child immediately after their Spanish performance in the gym.
 - 6:00 PM Kindergarten
 - 6:10 PM 1st Grade
 - 6:20 PM 2nd Grade
 - 6:30 PM 3rd Grade
 - 6:40 PM 4th Grade
 - 6:50 PM 5th Grade
 - 7:00 PM Middle School
- The top science projects will compete at the Regional Fair in April.

Spelling Bee

Please join us for the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 1st in the community center gym. Grades 1-2 will participate from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Grades 3-8 will begin at 2:00 and end around 3:20.

Please come and support the kids!



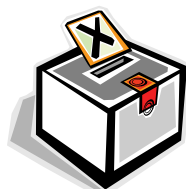


PLEASE NOTE: Due to the 2012 Primary Caucus which prohibits public elementary schools from holding school sponsored events, our February 7th open house has been changed to February 13th at 6:30.

Please relay this information to anyone who received an Open House postcard.



We apologize for any inconvenience.



FEBRUARY CONFERENCES

February conferences will be held
Wednesday, February 8th from 7AM-10AM,
Wednesday, February 8th 4PM-8PM, and
Thursday, February 9th from 4PM– 8 PM.

Please note the student late start on Wednesday February 8th.

Conference sign up is available at
www.mysignup.com/conferences

K-2 grade will conference with their Classroom teacher.

Grade 3-8 students will conference with their MUM and MUR teacher(s).

Your child's MUM and MUR teachers will send you a reminder to schedule a conference with them.

Specialists will be available to conference Wednesday morning or Thursday evening.

Now through February 17 is our open enrollment period at Cologne Academy. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at CA but would like to be, please turn in an application prior to February 17. Applications can be found online
www.cologneacademy.org

Help spread the word to your family and friends, too!

Enrolling for 2012-13 school year K-8.

We have extended the deadline for yearbook orders. If you'd like to order, please do so by February 17.

Yearbooks are \$18.

If you can help set up for the Science Fair on February 2, please contact [Mr. Nordberg](#).

If you can help with the Art Showcase set up on February 2, please contact [Miss Blotz](#).



Late Start

February 8th, 10:30 AM

If you need to utilize Clubhouse for the 2 hour late start on February 8, please contact [Jami Reinitz](#)

PAVE Reminders

SWEATSHIRT SALES

Sweatshirt order forms are due by February 10th. If you need another order form, please contact the office.

SPRING FLING PLANNING COMMITTEES

Seems like this is a long way off, but really it is just around the corner!! We are still in need of coordinators for many areas of the Spring Fling Event in May. Please contact PAVE@cologneacademy.org if you are interested in joining a team to help out. This event is the school's major fundraiser of the year and really needs your help to be the best it can be!!

Cologne Academy Board of Director's Meeting Recap

Introduction of Traci LaFerriere – new business manager effective Jan 2012.

FY11 Larson Allen issued another clean audit for Cologne Academy for the year ending June 30, 2011.

Audit – significant progress on meeting fund balance goal of 20-25%. Currently at 17.2%

Board approved purchase of a new wireless network to provide students and staff high speed, non-interrupted access to the internet, live streaming and printing. Will be installed with the new addition this summer.

Preparation for upcoming Board Retreat in February.

Transition meeting for parents and students to prepare for High School was held on Jan 24th. Six area school districts presented information on their programming.

Board Recognition for January

Thank you to Wendell Knutson for the refurbishing of recess cart!

A big thank you for all our PARA Professionals during their special recognition week.

PAVE thank you for Chicken dinner

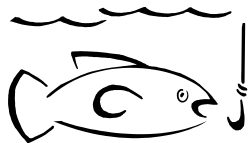
AAA Winners– Kristyn Buetow, Teaira Wessale, Jordan Williamson, Wendy Torres, Briel Steen, and Braylan Martinez

Knowledge Bowl Team – The team included: Head Coach Nathaniel Nordberg and Team Members: Sawyer Beck, Katelyn Buetow, McHayl Diedrick, Nick Goede, Ben Michlitsch, Lauren Pelletier, Wren Roushar, Sally Schelitzche, and Grace Wille.

College T-shirt Days:

February 13
February 24
March 5
March 30
April 16
April 27
May 25

Uniform pants/
skirts required.



Congratulations to our January Fish Award Recipients:

Gordon Bruckelmyer	Joseph Degen
Max Diedrick	Alex Hankins
Eleni Hoese	Cody Johnson
Grant Kingston	Jonas Klatt
Allen Lein	Kelsey Meyeres
Maya Mielke	Zory Mielke
Hayley Moeller	Dean Simonson
Bryonna Skipper	Keegan Vidmar



Parents' Commitment to Cologne Academy

We chose CA for our family for a number of reasons. One of the things we love is the flexible learning groups (MUM and MUR) for the older students. We appreciate that our children are encouraged to learn at a level that challenges them and allows them to flourish. We are also grateful for the feeling that we are on the same team with the teachers. We have been able to approach teachers with concerns or questions and it feels like a "let's work together" approach - not an "I'm the teacher so it's my way or the high-way" approach. It feels like our input is desired and valued. Finally, we love how our family is known by the staff at the school. Teachers don't just know their own class, but they also know siblings and call them by name. It really fosters a sense of community within the school. We love our school!



Trivia Question: How many children do the CA staff members have combined (not counting our CA students)?

Submit your answer to [Kelly](#) for a chance at a prize!

Dear Friends:

The Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) is pleased to share with you this important information for low-income families in need. As you may know, the MDA's charitable program, called "**Give Kids a Smile,**" provides free dental care to children whose families face barriers to care. This year, free dental care will be available on Feb. 3 and 4, along with a few alternative dates, in many locations throughout the state.

Participating dental clinics are now taking appointments. Please talk with families that you know could benefit from this program. Ensure the parents know how to make an appointment for their children. We have posted the details, along with sample hand-outs and fliers in multiple languages, on the [MDA website](#).

To receive more frequent updates and information, please become a "fan" of the MDA on [Facebook](#) today. If you have any questions, drop me a note at gkas@mndental.org.

Thank you for helping us tell low-income families about this important opportunity to improve their children's dental health... and smiles!

Sincerely,

Jenny Eldredge
Coordinator
Give Kids a Smile
Minnesota Dental Association



DEMOCRACY IN ACTION: Getting the Word Out



Thursday, January 19, 2012

Good morning,

Last week in my email about the upcoming precinct caucuses I informed you that we would be sending you a message this week that you could share with your staff and use in your newsletters to parents and other school supporters.

Below is a copy of the message – in the message is the website link to the “**caucus finder**,” which provides a listing of all parties' caucuses when a person enters his or her address.

Again, please help get the word out about folks attending the precinct caucus of their choice.

DEMOCRACY NEEDS YOU!

On Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., five of Minnesota’s political parties (**Constitution, Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL), Green, Independence and Republican**) will hold precinct caucuses to begin the process of selecting legislative candidates and shaping public policy issues for this year’s elections. It is an especially important year as all (67) state senators and (134) state legislators, as well as members of the U.S. House and one U.S. Senate seat are up for election.

Every person eligible to vote in the general election on November 6th and who resides in the precinct in which he or she is eligible to vote can attend and vote in precinct caucuses.

Precinct caucuses are grassroots democracy at the most elemental level – it is you and your neighbors discussing candidates and policies that will shape the future of our state and nation.

For more information about precinct caucuses and the location of your precinct caucus of the political party of your choice: <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us>

Remember – we cannot and will not have a “*Government of the people, by the people and for the people*,” as President Lincoln eloquently described our nation over 150 years ago, if people (that means individual people) do not get involved in the process of choosing the government.

A message from the MN Association of Charter Schools

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