

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

February 2016

Cologne Academy Families-

Happy Groundhog's Day! Having an early release surely adds to the excitement around the school's campus today!

Other exciting news for Cologne Academy includes these two noteworthy recognitions:

01/31/16 Congratulations - Cologne Academy has been identified as a "High-Quality Charter School " (HQCS). This identification is based on a Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) that incorporates multiple measures of schools academic, operational, and financial performance.

02/02/16 Thank you for completing Character.org's 2016 Schools of Character application process. The purpose of the Schools of Character program is twofold: (1) to identify exemplary schools and districts to serve as models for others, and (2) to help schools and districts improve their efforts in effective character education. Based on the evidence presented in Cologne Academy's application, we were named an **Honorable Mention School of Character.**

In other news: You have likely heard your students talking about 'tickets' or being a P.R.I.D.E. Star student. This is part of our Positive Behavior Intervention & Systems (PBIS).

The following question occasionally arises-

Why is it so important to focus on teaching positive social behaviors?

Frequently, the question is asked, "Why should I have to teach kids to be good? They already know what they are supposed to do. Why can I not just expect good behavior?" In the infamous words of a TV personality, "How is that working out for you?"

In the past, school-wide discipline has focused mainly on reacting to specific student misbehavior by implementing punishment-based strategies including reprimands, loss of privileges, office referrals, suspensions, and expulsions. Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, especially when it is used inconsistently and in the absence of other positive strategies, is ineffective. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important step of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for

Upcoming Events:

February 1-5 Book Exchange

February 4 Costa Rica Meeting 5:30 pm

February 5 Dudes & Donuts 2:45 pm (grades K-1)

February 5 100th Day of School!

February 5 Read-a-thon

February 6 Middle School students are bagging groceries at Mackenthun's in Waconia 9am-7pm

February 9 Informational Meeting 6:30 pm

February 9 PAVE Meeting 6:30 pm

February 11 Knowledge Bowl Meet

February 15 No School

February 18 Conferences 4-8 pm

February 19 Middle School Dance 7 pm

following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding. The purpose of school-wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm. To learn more about PBIS click [here](#).

Lynn G. Peterson, Ed. S.

Executive Director

February 23 Conferences
4-8 pm

Save the Date:
Middle School Musical
Friday, February 26 and
Saturday, February 27 at
7:00 pm

Expo Awards

ART AWARDS

Viewer's Choice Best in Show: Isabel Beck, Grade 7

1st Place: Anna Rasmussen, Grade 7

2nd Place: Brianna Alpaugh, Grade 3

3rd Place: Sophia Clements, Grade 2

Best Landscape: Thomas Gilmore, Grade 3

Best Use of Organic Shape: Lynnea Olmstead, Grade 1

Self Taught Artist Genius: Caroline Hanson, Grade K

Best Painting: Lucas Schmidt, Grade 7

Most Engaging Texture: Evie Chock, Grade 7

Best Sculpture: Faith Von Gohren, Grade 7

Best Form: Elizabeth Lein, Grade 8

Best Drawing: Sophie Moeller, Grade 5

Best Use of Color: Makayla Smoak, Grade 5

Most Active Lines: Kielyn Rademacher, Grade K

SCIENCE FAIR

Overall:

1st Place: Isaac May

2nd Place: Reese Holmstrom

3rd Place: Rehema Schiro

Classroom Awards:

1st Place (Grade 5)

Jonas Klatt, Sophie Moeller, Adison Ross

2nd Place (Grade 5)

Alyssa Bartholomew, Josiah Fisher, Madi Schwanke

3rd Place (Grade 5)

Natalie Blohowiak, Ben Hagen, Makayla Smoak

1st Place (Grade 7)

Madison Beck, Molly Westcott

2nd Place (Grade 7)

Isabel Beck, Eleni Hoese

3rd Place (Grade 7)

Noah Bartels, Lucas Rausenberger

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HISTORY PROJECTS

1st Place: Eli Lain and Jamilya Viravong

2nd Place: Amélie Beresford and Nick Vinkemeier

3rd Place: Caitlyn McKirahan and Tate Wischnack

Honorable Mentions:

Max Arganbright, Courtney Cebulla, Benny Crowder, John Estling, Sebastian Fairbairn, Ava Gordon, Jared Grantz, Breanna Heinrichs, Keaton Hughes, Brayden Rousan, Sage Thompson

Conference Sign Up

Conferences will be held Thursday, February 18 and Tuesday, February 23 from 4:00pm-8:00pm

Please sign up at www.mysignup.com/caconferences

Lunch Servers

Lunch servers needed. Please contact treinitz@cologneacademy.org if you can help.

NJHS - We *Created* change!

Thank you for helping Cologne Academy send 56 goats to Kenya! Your generosity is much appreciated!

Info Meeting/Tour

Spread the word about CA! Informational meeting/tour Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. We appreciate your referrals.

Yearbooks

Order your 2015-2016 yearbook now at TreeRing.com and use passcode: 1013230390864254.

Each yearbook will include two free customized pages that will only be printed in your book to add a personalized

memory of the year. Deadline for the customized pages is April 8. Start designing today!

5th Annual Cards for Soldiers Event

Join the Cologne Lions on Saturday, February 27 to help reach their goal of making 2,000 cards for military members. This event is held in the Cologne Academy lunchroom beginning at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact secr.colognelions@gmail.com or visit www.scrappingforsoldiers.com

2016/2017 Enrollment

Open enrollment for next year ends February 19. If you will have a kindergarten student next year (or new student in grade 1-8), be sure to turn in an enrollment form prior to February 19. Forms received after that date will be subject to the lottery. (Current students need not re-apply.) Please direct questions to the main office.

Thank you for attending the Extraordinary Expo!!!!