

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

April 2016

From the desk of Miss Nicole Pierce, School Counselor

Cologne Academy middle school students are constantly showing they are global citizens as well as global thinkers. This year we have seen numerous student driven initiatives that display the desire to make an impact. We have focused goals that benefit our community as well as ones that impact places some of us have never heard of. Students have gone above and beyond twice this year to fundraise for cancer. The first wave was to take proceeds from the school dance to donate to a local charity that stocks food shelves at pediatric hospitals, followed by fundraising thousands of dollars in pennies to help a much larger organization in efforts to do and reach more, all in the name of finding a cure. The chatter and the enthusiasm that sparked from these goals was priceless, students felt strongly that they were pioneering the end to childhood cancer.

Conversation and ideas were born that community is everything! Students took time to reflect in villages on the concept that at any given time a tragedy could strike your own family, who would you rely on and how would you want to be supported. The resounding message was, by their Community. It's amazing the ideas that can come together when we give a little more and try a little harder.

It was time to reflect outside of the box and think of other places besides our own hometown. Students viewed videos on what life is like in other countries for underprivileged kids and families. The message was met with motivation and challenge. The students eagerly grabbed hold of the idea to buy goats for families in Africa. They researched and studied how far one goat could go in a family. Their eyes were peeled open that resources are scarce, and how we take for granted the simple idea of water or grabbing food out of a refrigerator. It was time to be action orientated. Each classroom in the school would collect quarters and would purchase at least fifty goats. Again, students blew that goal out of the water, over seventy five goats were purchased for Africa. The students couldn't believe their eyes when organizers of

Upcoming Events:

April 18-26
MCA Testing
(Grades 3-8)

April 23
Sips & Dips
6:30

April 27
Admin Professionals Day

April 28
Finance/Board Meeting
6:30

7:00

April 29
OSA & College T-shirt day

2:45

Save the Dates:

May 2-6
Teacher Appreciation
Week

May 21
Spring Fling

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We Day sent footage of families receiving the goats. Immediately students were shouting and celebrating and asking when they could do it again.

These examples are direct reflections on how CA students make change in numerous ways, and are constantly striving to make an impact. We can't wait to see what else they can do!

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2016/2017 Calendar

The first 2016/2017 is available on the CA website. Click [HERE](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 10-16)

**A special thank you to all of our marvelous CA volunteers!
We are a great school because of YOU!**

Congratulations to Nicole Pierce

Nicole was selected as the **2016 MSCA (Minnesota School Counselor's Association) Multilevel School Counselor of the Year!** Way to go Miss Pierce!

MCA Testing Starts Monday

MCA Testing (3rd-8th) will take place **April 18-26.**

Some things you can do to help your child prepare:

- Plan for a good night's sleep
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast
- Arrive at school on time
- Be supportive - encourage your child to do their best!

Click [HERE](#) for MCA letter.

Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

Congratulations to Isy Beck, Addison Olstad, and Faith von Gohren for their 2nd place win at the Rube Goldberg Machine contest this week in Mankato!

Rube Goldberg - a comically involved, complicated invention, laboriously contrived to perform a simple operation -*Webster's New World Dictionary*

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Rube Goldberg

Sips & Dips

Saturday, April 23

DJ, BINGO, APPETIZERS, SILENT AUCTION & FUN!

Did you sell your raffle tickets? Prizes include a Microsoft Surface 3, a \$200 Amazon gift card & a \$75 Amazon gift card.

Click [HERE](#) for tickets

Reading & Math Corps Tutors Wanted

We are looking for Kindergarten and 1st-3rd grade Reading Corps Tutors and 4th-8th grade Math Corps Tutors for the 2016-2017 School year.

For information or to apply click [HERE](#)

School Board Elections

We did not have more interested candidates than there are seats to be elected for 2016, therefore in accordance with policy, we will waive the voting/ballot process for 2016. All candidates will be automatically elected. See the CA website for the Board Election policy details.

Now Enrolling

We are currently accepting new student applications for the 2016/2017 school year. Please share your love of Cologne Academy with your family, friends, and neighbors. (Note: if you are already enrolled you do not need to re-apply for 2016-2017)

Summer Camp Registration Open

There are a variety
of

camps available for students this summer. Click [HERE](#) for information and registration form.

Yearbook

It's not too late to order your 2015-2016 yearbook at TreeRing.com and use passcode: 1013230390864254.

CA Alumni News

Josiah Chock, Emily Fisher, and Sam Fisher, former CA students, will be performing in the Chaska High School theater production of 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe'.

Click [HERE](#) for details and link to purchase tickets.

Running Club

Come and Join our CA running club (open to students in 4th-8th grades). We will meet every Tuesday from 3:40-4:30 beginning on Tuesday, April 12th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration form.

Sports and Youth Enrichment

Mar-pril Madness opportunities for students in Grades 1-4 Click [HERE](#) Registration [FORM](#)

Activities include basketball, volleyball, dance and Tae Kwon Do. (**Tae Kwon Do class is FULL**)

April/May Youth Enrichment Classes Click [HERE](#)

Activities include chess and Legos

Open Gym - Grades 5-8

Open Gym for volleyball is on Tuesdays after school from 3:30-4:45 and for Girls and Boys basketball on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-4:45. A five session punch card can be purchased from Coach Kielty for \$20 and used towards any of the open gym times, otherwise the cost is \$5 at the door. There is no open gym during spring break. Students must be picked up promptly at

4:45 or they will be checked into clubhouse for a fee.
Punch cards can be purchased from Coach Kielty.
Questions can be directed to tkielty@cologneacademy.org

Hamburg Lions Food for Kidz Event April 23

Hamburg Lions will be hosting Food for Kidz at the Hamburg City Hall starting at 8:00 am with a goal of packing 50,000 meals in 4 hours.

Please contact Chris Lund at 612-710-2107 or email radahs71@msn.com with any questions.

Summer Tutoring Help

Summer is fast approaching! Would your child benefit from a Tutor? Call Lisa Klehr @ 612-240-3208 or email her at lklehr@cologneacademy.org. Ms. Klehr currently holds a birth to 3, K-6 Elementary Education degree, ABS degree (academic behavior specialist) which include LD (learning disability), ASD (autism spectrum disorder), DD (developmental delay) EBD, (emotional, behavior disorder) all from St. Thomas University. The key to consistent educational growth is to maintain what a student has already learned during the school year.

Touch a Truck Event May 7

The City of Waconia will be hosting "Touch a Truck" - a Public Services open house on May 7th from 8:00 am to Noon. This is a **free** event to attend and includes a free pancake breakfast, equipment out for kids to sit on, demonstrations, a great deal of educational material, an opportunity to paint a snow blade, water plant tours, and some drawings for prizes. They are also accepting donations for the Waconia Food Shelf.
Flyer [HERE](#)

