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Director's Notes

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“Getting Caught!”

Cologne Academy's vision statement describes our school as having, “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.” Cologne Academy uses two resources to fulfill our character development curriculum- Quest and Core Knowledge's Core Virtue curriculum.

Consistent with our vision, each month a Core Virtue is emphasized at all grade levels. Students become familiar with the meaning of the virtue and its place in their personal life choices. Classrooms address these virtues through the use of literature, lessons, and everyday learning situations. Core virtue topics are integrated into daily classroom discussions, as well. In addition, students may learn about famous people who exhibited a specific virtue.

We start each school year with an assembly to kick off our character program. We call these assemblies “Fish Ceremonies.” This year the teachers performed a skit about playing fair and including all friends in social situations. We also explained to the students what *fish* are and how to get them during the

school year.

Students who are *caught* doing something above and beyond Cologne Academy's high character expectations are given a fish. A fish with the student's name is then placed in the fish bowl on the bulletin board in the lunch room for everyone to see. At the end of the month, we have an all-school assembly in the community center's gym and recognize each student with a certificate. The following Monday those students eat their lunch with other fish recipients and me in the conference room.

At each assembly, grade level classrooms and teachers take turns presenting next month's core virtue. The assemblies could include a skit, film, discussion, special speakers or performing groups, writing, or a service project.

Our next Fish Ceremony will be Thursday, October 28th at 2:45 PM in the community center.



Core Virtues

Cologne Academy's Core Virtues are on a three year rotation. Each school year begins with Respect and Responsibility and the remaining virtues rotate in a three year cycle.

The remaining virtues for this school year include:

October– Self-Control and Self-Discipline

November– Wonder

December– Charity

January– Courage

February– Love of Country

March– Faithfulness

April– Graciousness and Courtesy

May– Joy

Parent Presentation

November 9th @ 7PM
Cologne Academy

Carver County Deputy Bramwell will give an eye-opening presentation for parents on Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying. We encourage parents to attend this presentation.

Picture Day

Picture day is tomorrow. Students are out of uniform.

Conferences

Cologne Academy is holding parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, October 14 (4:00-8:00 pm), Tuesday, October 19 (4:00-8:00 pm), and Wednesday, October 20 (4:00-6:00 pm).

Grades K-3 may sign up for a conference time at www.mysignup.com/conferences

Grades 4-7 conferences will be held the same nights/times however, these conferences will be "self serve style" (10 minutes each). Come at a time that is convenient for you and wait outside the teacher's door. MUM/MUR teachers will also be available. (Please note: on the 14th and 19th the grade 4-7 teachers will be taking a dinner break from 5:30-6:00 and will not be available during this time.)

Art, Music, Phy Ed and Spanish teachers will be available on the 19th only.

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.