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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **9/1/10 Pre-conferences**
- **9/7/10 1st Day of School**
- **9/17/10 Grandparents Day**
- **9/29/10 2hr late start**
- **9/30/10 Fish Awards**



Director's Notes

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Picnic

Many thanks to all of the families who came to the Back to School Picnic and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It was truly an exciting night! Cologne Academy had invited many individuals who were the original dreamers, strategists, planners, and developers of bringing a public school to the city of Cologne. Many of these individuals expressed sincere thanks and gratitude for creating a school grounded in fulfilling its mission and vision statements and

making a truly remarkable educational environment supporting and nurturing all students. Bernie Shambour, Mayor; John Douville, City Commissioner; Hans Hagen, past and present city council and park board members, Security and Klein Banks executives were all impressed with Cologne Academy's success, future growth, and our outstanding, professional, dedicated staff. I look forward to continuing the momentum into the years ahead.



Pictured left to right: Matt Lein, Board Member; Lynn Gluck Peterson, Executive Director; Hans Hagen, Land Developer/Builder; and Scott Pelletier, Board Treasurer. Photo by Angela Pelletier August 25, 2010

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.

New Faces around Cologne Academy

Cologne Academy is ready to welcome 91 new students to our community of learners. We currently have waitlists in kindergarten and 4th grade and have many openings in 1st, 2nd, and 7th grade and a couple seats available in 3rd-5th grade.

I am proud to lead such a professional and dedicated staff of educators. Cologne Academy has grown to 29 employees. All teachers and support staff reported back to school last Monday to start a week full of professional development meetings. We will continue this coming week for four days of training and take a long 4-

day break before coming back to welcome back our students on September 7th, 2010.

Cologne Academy has added many new teacher faces, too. Many of the new teachers I have introduced in previous newsletters as they have joined the team over the summer months. As always, we have had a few changes in the past weeks that are outlined below.

First, Kathy Dvorak, 5th grade teacher, has accepted a position in her home district where her family attends school. While Cologne Academy will miss such a great teacher, we can understand her desire to teach with her family.

Mrs Kim Friedrich will be the new 5th grade teacher. With 10 years of teaching experience, Kim has already demonstrated strong knowledge of curricular content and teaching methodologies. She is an excellent fit to our teaching community and has a wealth of knowledge to share.

Other new staff includes: Lisa Beuning— Special Ed with several years experience in teaching differentiated instruction in reading and math; Alissa Vasek, Accountability Specialist and Middle School Social Studies, and Kimberly Anguiano, special education paraprofessional.

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

B: Bee Sting

C: Cardiac Condition

D: Diabetes

E: Epilepsy

F: Food Allergies

School nurse is Deena Radde dradde@cologneacademy.org

Technology: MOBI



Over the last ten years, use of interactive whiteboards has become increasingly prevalent in classrooms around the country. These interactive systems provide teachers with increased capabilities for presenting and working with all content areas to reach students in a variety of settings. Teachers can incorporate multimedia resources while facilitating whole-group discussion and sustain student engagement.

Teachers have embraced this technology because it supports effective instructional practices and because they have seen positive benefits from its use.

At Cologne Academy, we are proud users of eInstruction's® Mobi™ pads. These mobile interactive whiteboard system represents a next step in the evolution of shared display and interaction technology that taps the power of interactive whiteboards while facilitating student-centered instruction and instruction in small groups. Furthermore, by utilizing the Mobi system with eInstruction's CPS™ student response system and the ExamView® assessment suite, teachers can combine this

power with tools for effective ongoing formative assessment.

All classrooms have access to this technology and all grades have their own Mobi in their classroom. Each year, the staff receives 4 hours of instructions on the Mobi's by the local training representative. In addition, teachers have attended further trainings off-campus to increase their skill and usage of these interactive classroom tools.



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.

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.



When Should my Child Stay Home Sick?

Students may not be in school with:

1. Communicable diseases, including head lice
2. Temperatures over 99.6°
3. Inflamed or red eyes
4. Draining skin lesions
5. Vomiting, diarrhea, or severe abdominal pain
6. Persistent cough
7. Swollen glands
8. Ear Ache
9. Acute Cold

Please remember to notify the office (952 466-2276) if your child will be out of school for any reason, including illness.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers for Recess Duty— no need to apply; just let us know what days you can be here! Recess duty provides a great opportunity for you to see the children interact at play and work on their socialization skills with their peers. In addition, Cologne Academy and our children need your support. The time you spend during recess provides your child's teacher time to think and plan, prepare, and perhaps, give a little extra attention to a child, maybe *your* child. Approximate duty times are 11:10– 11:40 grades 1st and 3rd ; 11:40-12:10 grades 2nd and 4th; 12:40-1:10 kindergarten each day. Please contact Kelly to sign up!

Background Checks

Have you completed your Cologne Academy Background check? Submit the necessary paperwork plus a check for \$15.00, payable to BCA, to Kelly Farrell for processing. Do it now so you can volunteer soon! With a completed Background Check, you can pass go, and go play! If you can't remember if you completed a background check, email Kelly at kfarrell@cologneacademy.org . Background checks are required for recess duty, fieldtrips, and other school activities.

School Uniform Policy

The Uniform Dress Code was created to encourage community spirit and to enhance school pride at Cologne Academy. It provides a means of focusing on the students as unique persons while diminishing the importance of external factors such as clothing. All clothing and appearance choices should uphold the spirit in which the following dress code is written. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN UNIFORM EVERY DAY.** If your child is not in the proper uniform when they come to school, you will be called to bring your child a proper uniform.

UNIFORM BOTTOMS:

Pants and Shorts: Navy Blue flat or pleated front, no cargo
Skirts, Skorts or Jumpers: Navy Blue or Donald's plaid #57.

UNIFORM SHIRTS:

Sweatshirts: Purchased through PAVE
Sweaters: Navy blue, light blue or white
Shirts: White, Navy or Light Blue short or long sleeved collared shirts without pockets or logos. Mock or full turtlenecks without logos or crests are also acceptable.
*No colors other than white, navy blue, or light blue may be visible on or under student's uniform. (For example girl's cami's must be white, navy or light blue).

HAIR ACCESSORIES:

Navy blue, light blue, white or Donald's plaid #57

FOOTWEAR:

Shoes: No Flipflops; always wear socks.
Socks: Sock, leggings, and tights must be solid white or navy, with no visible logos or stripes.

MAKE-UP:

Make-up that is distracting to student, peers, or staff is not allowed; this includes glitter and/or sparkles.

JEWELRY:

Earrings: Male students are not allowed to wear earrings. For safety purposes female students are not allowed to wear long dangling earrings. All earrings must be studs.
Necklaces: Chain necklaces with charms are permitted. Students are not allowed to wear large, bulky necklaces that may hinder in safety or become a distraction while learning.
Bracelets and Watches: Students are permitted to wear one bracelet or one watch on one arm. Multiple bracelets or any bracelets or watches that are distracting during learning time will not be permitted.

HATS:

Students are not allowed to wear hats of any kind in the school building during the school day.