

December 2015

# Cologne Academy

*Your Future Starts Here*

## Dear CA Families,

Cologne Academy's Kindergarten- 2nd Graders are looking forward to their upcoming *informances*. This two hour time frame is dedicated to bringing "the home connection" into our school day.

We always recognize and value your family's time and commitment to your child's schooling. Please remember the end of January is our school's Expo which is another invitation to witness your child's progress in Spanish, Science and the Arts.

The 3rd - 8th grade students will have musical performances in our new space in January. We look forward to being able to welcome all families into this amazing building addition and showcase our students' talents.

Speaking of talents outside the classroom walls- Knowledge Bowl, Basketball, and Theater are in full swing! Be sure to check the calendar and cheer on our PRIDE Stars!

Regards,

Lynn G. Peterson Ed.S.  
Executive Director

## Upcoming Events:

December 8 Music Informances Grades K & 1

December 10 Music Informances Grade 2

December 17 Knowledge Bowl Meet

December 17 Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.

December 17 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 22 Non-uniform day for students that sold at least 5 tubs of cookie dough

December 22 OSA

December 23-January 1 No School

January 4 School resumes



The Cologne, Hamburg and NYA fire departments are collecting new toys for the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf. Toys may be dropped off in theCologne Academy main entrance from now through December 15.

Thank you!

## **Music Informances**

Tuesday, December 8

9:00-11:00 am

Kindergarten

Tuesday, December 8

1:00-3:00 pm

Grade 1

Thursday, December 10

9:00-11:00 am

Grade 2 (Maetzold and Mielke only)

Thursday, December 10

1:45-3:30 pm

Grade 2 (Laaksonen and Splettstoeszzer only)

- See your child perform in the music room
- Attend class with your child
- Learn about CA core knowledge, reading, math instruction from academic leaders

## **Knowledge Bowl**

Congratulations to the 2015-16 Middle School Knowledge Bowl Team. We had a great showing at the Kick-Off Meet at Lake Harriet Upper Elementary School on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Team 1 brought home the 5<sup>th</sup> place trophy and a green ribbon.

Middle School Knowledge Bowl competitions are interdisciplinary academic contests where teams of students compete in written and oral rounds by answering questions related to all areas of learning. Questions are taken from the standard curriculum for grades 6-8. Questions test students' recall, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. Knowledge Bowl competition provides a format for student growth centered on academics.

The next Knowledge Bowl tournament is on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Shakopee East Junior High School in Shakopee.

Members of Knowledge Bowl include: Hanna Bates, Isobel Beck, Tommy Blahoski, Carli Cebulla, Kaden Copelan, Monte Diedrick, Lizzy Fisher, Joe Freitas, Melissa Gomez, Kathryn Jans, Jordan Machacek, Ansley Mapstone, Kalyn Mapstone, Victoria Mitchell, Addison Olstad, Sophie Sazdoff, Brayden Slavik, Cecily Thomas, Ellenya

Urzedowski, Bella Van Den Heuvel, Nick Vinkemeier, Jamilya Viravong, and Faith VonGohren. Coaches are Carly Boehm, Kim Friedrich, Rob Mapstone, Erin Slavik, Helen Suhr, and Peter Wang.

## **CA Basketball**

The basketball season is underway! The 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys teams opened their season against St. Joe's, Waconia on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Both teams demonstrated great effort in spite of a loss. These teams play Zion next Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the CCC. Girls play first at 3:45 and boys follow. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls open their season this Saturday in Delano. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys, 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys, and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl's teams have all been practicing as well!

### **AUDITIONS for the 2015-2016 musical (grades 5-8)**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2015 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.**

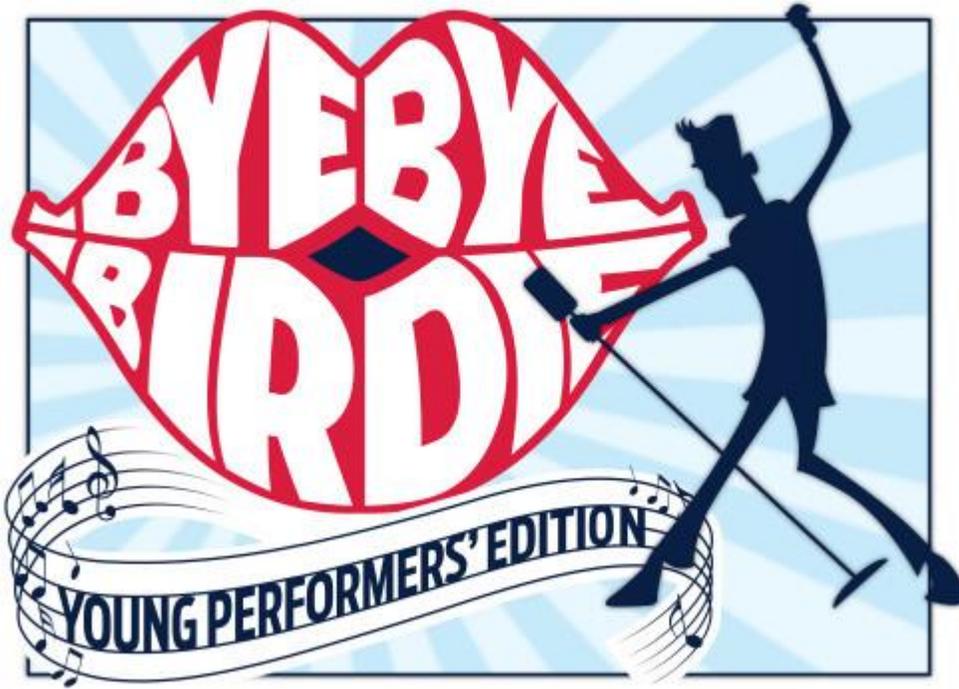
*Dancing auditions*

**Friday, December 18, 2015 3:45 - 6:00 p.m.**

*Acting and singing auditions*

### **YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO RECEIVE A ROLE.**

Fill out an audition questionnaire, available on the theater blog and return to Mrs. Suhr or Mrs. Isles ASAP.



*Bye Bye Birdie* tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to join the army. The singer, Conrad Birdie, an Elvis Presley type, has big hair and thick sideburns, and speaks in a rugged voice. Albert Peterson, his agent, is a very pleasant, mild-mannered young man. Albert's faithful secretary Rose Alvarez keeps him and Birdie moving forward in the world. Rosie concocts one final national publicity plan before Conrad's induction.

Conrad will bid a typical American teen-age girl goodbye with an all-American kiss. Kim MacAfee in Sweet Apple, Ohio, wins the honor. All of the phones in her town are already busy during "The Telephone Hour" as Kim has just been pinned to Hugo, a local boy.

The arrival of Birdie in Sweet Apple causes people of all ages to swoon. Birdie says that his success is due to the fact that he is "Honestly Sincere" when he sings, and the quiet little town goes into a spin. The MacAfee household is completely upset by the visiting celebrity. It is decided that Birdie will give his One Last Kiss on the Ed Sullivan show. Kim's father who hates the whole uproar, tries to break into the act and behaves like a ham on the TV show.

Birdie becomes disgusted with his life and goes out on the town with the teenagers. He feels tense with Albert and is tired of being supervised. The parents of Sweet Apple cannot understand the new generation and express this in "Kids."

Kim is reunited with Hugo, and Rose with Albert in the lovely number Rosie. Other hit numbers include "A Lot of Livin' to Do" and "Put on a Happy Face."