



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

I hope the holiday weekend brought time for family and friends. It felt good to change the scenery and to have a few last moments of summer fun! Waking up this morning reminds me that we are back to business and ready to push full steam ahead!

The September board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday night at 5:15 pm. At the annual organizational meeting in August, the board made the decision to change their meetings to the second Tuesday of each month for this academic year. As always, all are invited to attend. I hope to see you there.

The Parent Forum will hold their first meeting of this academic year Thursday, September 13th. This will be the annual New Parent Welcome! Please join us at 6:30 pm to hear about all of the great things that will be happening on campus. It will be a formal welcoming for all parents new to WCA and will be a great time to meet folks who you might not normally cross paths with. I hope any interested parents feel welcome to attend; it should be a great year with our parent group!

That same meeting will be held again on Friday, September 14th at 8:30 am. This will be a second opportunity for all to gather and welcome new families and to begin the work that the Parent Forum does each year for the good of the school. In the following months, all Parent Forum gatherings will be held on the second Friday of each month. Mark your calendar! Hope to see you there!

Box Tops collection is back! Schoolwide we will be collecting now until the end of October. Bring the box tops to school in a ziplock baggie clearly marked with your child's name and we will take it from there! Thank you to Mrs. Harmon for her continued efforts with this program. Your contributions help in ways that are surprising!

The WCA office has had two car pool requests that I would love support with. If you are traveling to WCA from or near the Jerome or Waldron areas, please consider helping these two families with transportation. Each involves one student needing support. If you are able to help, Mrs. Condon has all of the details in the office and will happily share contact information with you. A WCA education is a gift and making it available to all would be terrific!

Lunch time seems to be going smoothly this year; knock on wood! I have had a few instances where socializing was far more important than eating and students were left with many items in their lunchbox which of course didn't go over well when they arrived home. Let's work together to encourage the children to eat a little more and talk a little less while at the lunch tables. The 20 to 25 minutes that they receive to eat is more than enough time if eating is their number one priority. The time on the playground is where the talking needs to happen and with a few reminders from all of us, things will balance out I am sure!

Thank you for your attention to the change in the dismissal process. The safety of our families is number one and this adjustment seems to be working well. A few reminders are still needed to be sure all is safe and smooth during dismissal. First, please stay in your vehicles during the whole process. It is not acceptable to park in the faculty parking area and holler for or cut in between cars to grab your student. Second, slowing down on Forest View Lane and while in the driveway is imperative. And finally, please do not block the through traffic on Forest View Lane when turning left into the WCA parking lot. With continued attention to all of this as well as the other important details, the process will only continue to improve. Remember, it isn't about quick and fast and saving time. It is about safe and consistent. Thank you!

Please be reminded to turn in all of the appropriate paperwork to the office. Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Stewart are ready for all that you have! If you have any questions regarding the paperwork, please give them a call.

Have a great week. This has been a good start to the academic year that I hope continues for the children. There is a lot to accomplish and with all of our support, they will do great things!

Sincerely,


Colleen A. Vogt
Director