



## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

I hope this letter finds everyone settling in with the school year well underway. Making it to "Fair Week" is always a first milestone. With our first quarter half-way under our belt, mid-terms will be coming home within the next week. And with mid-terms, come Parent Teacher Conferences! Please begin calling Mrs. Condon or Mrs. Stewart in the office to schedule your Parent Teacher Conference for Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin conferences at 12:30 pm after an early dismissal at 11:40 am. That is a great day on campus and we can't wait to host you!

The WCA fair booth in the educational exhibit looks wonderful! Thank you to Mr. Lucas and all of the WCA art students who worked to make their projects terrific! The presentation was true to the theme with a few creative twists and each Cougar student should be proud to see their work on display. I hope you all get a chance to stop by and see the display.

This week continues ticket sales for our annual Reverse Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 each and Mrs. Condon has them ready for you in the office. It would be a wonderful delight if all Will Carleton Academy families could commit to buying or selling at least one ticket. With this raffle being the major fundraiser supported by the Parent Forum, it is a great opportunity for every family to participate to enrich the financial status of this organization. Mrs. Condon can have at the ready one or 10 or even 20 tickets for you to sell before the event which is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope you consider participating in this annual event.

As a contribution to the Reverse Raffle, each grade level chooses a theme and prepares a basket for raffle at the event. The process is simple: discover your child(ren)'s grade themes and send in to campus an item that supports that theme. The items are gathered and displayed at the Reverse Raffle for selective ticket purchase and those monies are included in the total for proceeds from the evening. If you have questions about this, please contact your child's teacher for support.

Picture order forms are included in your Mailer this week. Picture Day is next Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions about these forms, please call the office. Otherwise, it's a pretty simple day: students wear formal uniforms and smile pretty! It's that easy!

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade families need to mark Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> on the calendar. WCA will be hosting a Literacy Night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The event will be full of stories and prizes and memories for sure! Be watching your Monday Mailers for more information. We are very excited to share this wonderful, educational, enjoyable night with you.

The students of the Exploration Program on campus are excited to announce the opening of their school store on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The store will be open each Friday during second hour (9:21-10:13 am) and the students will be selling various school supplies and WCA spirit wear. This is such a good opportunity for these students to sharpen their math skills as well as learn a few social skills along the way. Please consider supporting this endeavor by allowing your child to purchase a small item or two when their class is allowed to visit the store. I am excited for the possibilities!

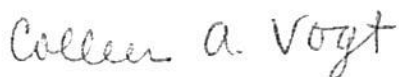
Please be reminded of the reduced speed on Hallett Road during school hours. It is imperative that we as a school family adhere to this posted speed law for the safety of the children and each other. With the amount of traffic in and out of the driveways, it is important that we slow down to enter the drives so that exiting can be done with care and caution.

I have been asked to post another reminder about dismissal and cell phone usage and staying in your vehicles during the loading process. For the safety and convenience of all of us, it is important that these guidelines be followed. Please refrain from using your cell phones during the loading process as well as let the staff be supportive of putting your children in the cars; keeping everyone safe and aware of the surroundings is essential.

Please note a school calendar change to the academic calendar on November 2, 2018. The WCA faculty and staff in its entirety will be attending a conference in Lansing with the rest of our Choice Schools family. We will be attending a session presented by Dr. Anthony Muhammad, a leading motivational speaker about school culture and the benefits of a respectful, welcoming environment. We are excited to have the opportunity to travel together for this event. Classes on this day will be cancelled and we will hold classes on Monday, January 14, 2019 in exchange for this day off. Thank you for your support with this adjustment.

Have a great week. The quarter is half over and the students seem to be adjusting well to the routine of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me in the WCA office; if I'm not with another parent, staff member or student, my door is always open.

Respectfully,



Colleen A. Vogt  
Director