



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

It certainly doesn't feel like May 1st! Opening Ceremony was held inside this morning as the forecast for a wintry mix was not palatable for our time together outside. I am hopeful that after the next few days bring some chilly weather, we will then have smooth sailing into sunnier days!

The Student Staff Basketball Game and Family Dance were so successful last week! It is very nice to see WCA students and their families enjoying these extra events. It reassures us all that this truly is a school-family community!

The spring Walk to School Day is this Wednesday, May 3rd for preschool, K-8th and EP students. We are pros at this now! Drop-off will be at the Hillsdale Community Library at the normal time. The students should wear their formal uniform with tennis shoes if they choose. There is a memo with a map included in your mailer today. I am looking forward to this fun change of pace activity! The weather looks promising...chilly, but dry! If a change due to bad weather needs to be made, we will do so via email, Facebook and WCSR. Fingers crossed that we will meet at the library Wednesday morning! Hope to see you there!

The 9th-12th grades will be heading to the Toledo Mud Hens' game on Wednesday, May 3rd. That should be a great day at the ballpark! The students will leave promptly upon their arrival to campus. Please let the office know if you have any questions. All students should wear spirit wear for this off-campus field trip.

The Spring Concert for preschool and K-8th grades will be Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. (Last week's letter had an incorrect date. I apologize for that mistake.) Students should arrive to campus by 6:40 pm for that event. As always, if you are not staying and simply dropping your child(ren) off for the concert, please use the main driveway for that drop-off. If you are staying, please park in the back lot and make your way into the building with your child. There are a few handicapped spots in the front parking lot that our guests who need those should, of course, use. I look forward to seeing you all at the concert!

The Parent Forum is planning our annual Friday before Charter School Week kick-off event. The students will have scheduled time in the gym this Friday, May 5th to bounce away on a few bounce houses. Please allow the students to wear their WCA spirit wear for this special event. This casual day apparel will allow them to do their best bouncing! Thank you to the Parent Forum for this exciting opportunity!

The return of the Spring Carnival is this Friday, May 5th! I am so excited for this loved event to come back to campus. Please make time to attend and share some carnival treats and games with other WCA families from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The concession stand will be open and the place will be filled with games and prizes that are guaranteed to bring a smile! Look for the ticket booth first and after that, the evening is yours to play, eat and make memories!

It is hard to believe that Charter School Week is next week and that we have reached that point in our academic year. The schedule in my MM communication last week has changed a bit due to one teacher's request. Please use this final schedule when planning your visit to campus:

- a. Monday, May 8th, 2:30 pm: 1S, 3R
- b. Tuesday, May 9th, 2:30 pm: 4W, 6L
- c. Wednesday, May 10th, 2:30 pm: 2C, 5H
- d. Thursday, May 11th, 2:30 pm: K, 8W/Y
- e. Friday, May 12th, 2:00 pm: 7S

The last teacher letter of this school year is included in your mailer today. I enjoyed reading them! It is amazing to me how much we are accomplishing each day in our classrooms. Thank you to the teachers for being so detail oriented when writing these letters. It truly is a peek inside each classroom!

I received word last Friday that three of our nine days needing to be made up have been forgiven! That is good news! I am waiting to hear if the days (or some of the days) associated with the cyber-attack last November will be forgiven as well. As of right now, our last day of school will be Monday, June 12th. Please plan accordingly and know that I am working every day to secure this information. I will keep you posted of any changes!

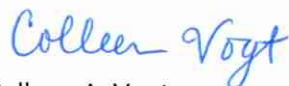
We have added Mr. Ladd to a post in the parking lot during dismissal. I am not sure if your lives have gotten busier, but it seems that the pace and atmosphere in the parking lot at 3:30 pm has intensified, so we've added another check point. Please adhere to Mr. Ladd's directives and know that two more minutes should not make a difference for anyone. Safety of all is our goal and I know you know that. I appreciate the support and respect that many of you are showing. Thank you!

The WCA Parent Forum is excited to congratulate the E-Board that you all elected. Congratulations to President Robin Bertram, VP Christal Sparks, Secretary Jessica Strong, Treasurer Rachel Kies and Board Liaison Lindsey Keyte! As always, I see great things in this group's future. Thank you to all who chose to run. Stay close as I am sure there will be plenty of ways for you to support this all-encompassing group. Thank you specifically to AJ Watkins for your many, many years of service to this group. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Another opportunity to serve is upon you. The WCA Board of Directors has one open seat that is to be filled with a "parent elected" trustee. If you have interest in this three-year term, please contact me. I love to talk about this opportunity and describe this rewarding opportunity. Thank you for considering.

Have a great week! Mark Monday, May 8th as a Subway fundraiser for the 8th grade DC trip. Sounds like a plan for dinner! Try to spread some kindness to someone you don't know this week. It is that time of year when flowers are blooming and everyone feels lifted by a kind gesture. Try it! You might like it!

Be well,



Colleen A. Vogt