



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

I hope this letter finds you all having enjoyed an extended, long weekend! Those little boosts thrown in once in a while can be exactly what one needs. A little down-time never hurt anyone!

Everyone should have received their third quarter progress reports by now; K-8th in Monday Mailers last week and 9th-12th in the mail. Please use those reports as a spring board to finish this quarter with strength and courage to tackle those things that bring a challenge. Communicate with your teachers. Ask them lots of questions. They are all here to help!

Truancy letters should have also reached the homes of those on the policy's radar. Often times communication about a student's attendance is good, but the number of absent days simply exceeds the policy's limit. Please schedule those conversations with me so that if I am asked, I can honestly say that this family or that family is intentional about attendance and that I am confident we are working together. Thank you for your understanding of and commitment to this-important practice.

Just a reminder to kindergarten families to turn in your Community Choice Credit Union paperwork in preparation for CCCU/WCA Day on Thursday, February 22nd. The Parent Forum will be on hand to help all kindergarten students make their first deposit. I am so excited for this opportunity for all of the students who participate. What a wonderful relationship to build and skills to focus on!

The Parent Forum has a bunch of important information in the Monday Mailers today. Pizza Day order forms, information about their meeting this Friday and information about their upcoming executive board nominations and elections. Such a busy time of year for this group! Please take time to read through their fliers and minutes, or, come to their February meeting this Friday morning at 8:30 am. Hope to see you there!

I need to mention that a change has been made to the Dodge 'Em Classic date. Due to boys' district basketball being that week, the Student Council has decided to move this awesome family event to Friday, March 15th. The Crazy Sock Day and Crazy Hat Day will also be moved to the Wednesday and Thursday before that event. We will communicate all the necessary information in an upcoming mailer. Thank you for your support with this change.

A March calendar will be included in your mailer next week. I can't believe we are talking about March already! March is full of activities and family engagements that you will want to be a part of. Hopefully you will find something that looks great!

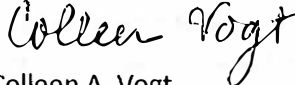
With *March is Reading Month* right around the corner, our Book Bingo literacy event will kick that off for sure! Please see the flier for this family event in your mailer today. The RSVP is simply so we are prepared with table space for all who wish to attend. The admission for this event is a new or gently used book that will be used as a prize for each BINGO game that we play. Hope to see you on Tuesday, the 27th!

In honor of March is Reading Month and to celebrate Leap Day on February 29th, all preschool through 8th grade students are encouraged to wear green or dress as their favorite book character as we Leap into March is Reading Month! The teachers have some fun activities planned for the last hour of the day on February 29th that will prepare everyone for the month of March. If you have questions about this change-of-pace day, please reach out to the WCA office. This should be a fun day for all!

I am thrilled to officially welcome Miss Torey Winchell to the gym as WCA's Physical Education Teacher. Miss Winchell comes to us from the Exploration Program right on campus! The WCA family is grateful for Torey's willingness to step in as Mrs. Arnold has needed to step away after an incredibly long tenure on campus. She will certainly be missed, but Miss Winchell has the capacity to do great things in that space! Thank you, Miss Winchell!

Please be reminded of the early dismissal on Friday, February 23rd. The staff and I look forward to the time together in the afternoon to hone our craft. Have a wonderful week! Please be mindful if your children aren't feeling well, to perhaps keep them home to monitor symptoms. We all seem to be sharing so much these days! Take care of yourself!

Be well,


Colleen A. Vogt