

## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Thursday is the day! Pi Day! Or as some of us around here will soon know, Pie Day! Thank you for getting so excited about such a simple activity. The French Club and Mme Poulet thank you as this FUNdraiser has raised funds for the French Club and their Montreal trip. Keep your eye on Facebook as I am sure there will be plenty of memories to share!

The March Board meeting is tomorrow night at 5:15 pm and as always, you are welcome to attend.

WCA's annual McTeacher Night and Art Show will be next Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsdale McDonald's. Mr. Dice is poised and ready to take over with decorating the inside of the restaurant with all sorts of WCA art! Please consider joining us from 4:30-7:00 pm for a cheeseburger or sundae and to see all of the wonderful artwork. WCA's program receives a percentage of all sales and we would be thrilled to see you there!

It is time for our second set of Parent Teacher Conferences. Hard to believe that time is flying so quickly and that the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is upon us. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller are ready to support you when making those appointments. Conferences will be Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> all afternoon and into the evening. The students will dismiss at 11:40 am that day. Please call the office at your earliest convenience to make your conference appointments. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Speaking of conferences, again, upon reflection of our fall conferences, the faculty and I have had meaningful conversations about students attending conferences with parents. When this happens, it makes blunt, honest conversations about progress or lack thereof difficult to have with the student present. Our teachers would like to request that students not attend the conference appointment with their parent to afford the time to be spent with clear, candid conversation as the goal. Thank you for being mindful of this request.

On Parent Teacher Conference Day, we will also be hosting School Closet for a spring uniform refresh and perhaps some fall ordering. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller can help with those appointments as well, so call the office to schedule your uniform fitting.

Please keep hats, gloves and all winter gear coming to campus until spring break. We will make a good decision each day if the gear is necessary for recess, but until we can count on Michigan weather, we need to keep those items on campus. And, speaking of keeping items on campus, please revisit with your children the necessity for a water bottle each day. We seem to be having a shortage of them and our drinking fountains remain closed. Please keep a water bottle, not a lidded tumbler, coming to campus with each student. They need to be hydrated and we are running low on cups not to mention this is super inefficient and takes away from class time to refill the small dixie cup that we provide in an emergency. Thank you!

Campus is also handing out a lot of spoons for lunches. Please send your student with spoons, forks, and napkins for their lunches. It makes eating time smoother when all necessities are packed and ready!

The Parent Forum has included March's Pizza Day form in this mailer. Monies are due this Friday and Pizza Day is next Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, again, to the PF for this appreciated change-of-pace day!

Not sure if you've noticed or not, but WCA has welcomed a Clothes Bin for recycling textile materials. The bin is located near the southwest corner of the back parking lot. Please see the flier in today's mailer. This is an ongoing fundraiser and the \$.07 that we receive for each pound of materials will add up fast!

The March is Reading Month activities are in full swing on campus. The students and staff are reading in some way, shape or form each day and the BINGO board is filling up. There have been a few surprises along the way I must admit, but the topic of conversation in most cases has been exciting to witness and listen to; the students are certainly working hard to earn those BINGO's!

The Dodge 'Em Classic is this Friday and the Student Council is so excited! Please refer to the flier that was in last Monday's mailer for the reminder about Crazy Sock Day (Wednesday) and Crazy Hat Day (Thursday) and check out this week's flier for Color Day (Friday). Wednesday and Thursday theme days are with uniforms, but Friday's theme is clothes; no hair and face coloring, please. I know the students look forward to hosting this family fun event on Friday evening for all to enjoy!

I hope you all have a wonderful week! Make a difference for someone!

Be well,

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