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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

I hope your week away from routine was wonderful! What a difference a week makes! Time to recharge and do some things that the full weeks don't allow time for; it was awesome. The seniors report that it is 61 days to graduation; we can do it!

An April calendar is included with your mailer today. Take a look! It will be a busy month and I want to be sure all will be prepared for anything that you might need.

Honor Roll Ceremony for the 3rd quarter will be tomorrow, Wednesday, April 3rd at Opening Ceremony. I hope you can join us to celebrate the academic success of our students.

A change in the school calendar worth noting is that Will Carleton Academy will dismiss at 11:40 am on Monday, April 8th so that all families have an opportunity to travel to, or stay in town for, the viewing of the solar eclipse. I am no expert, but sources say that there are many close spots where the viewing will be better than here in Hillsdale. WCA has purchased glasses for all of the students so we will send them home at 11:40 am with their glasses and whether you stand in your driveway or travel to a close by destination for a more totality experience, the children will be prepared. Mr. Coward and I will be present on campus if the soccer field is your preferred viewing spot. Mr. Coward tells me that if you come back to campus, do so by 2:30-ish and we can view together. Please be prepared with the appropriate eyewear; even the slightest glance toward the sun will cause harm. I hope this change in schedule allows for some family time!

The April Board Meeting is next Tuesday evening, April 9th, at 5:15 pm. Once again be reminded that all are invited to attend those board meetings. The WCA Board does good work for our students every month. I am so glad to be a part of that team. Please feel welcome to attend!

The Spring Concert is here! Hard to believe! On Thursday, April 11th the preschool through 8th grade students will perform for us all at 7:00 pm. Please plan to have the students on campus no later than 6:40 pm in their formal uniforms. It should be a wonderful show!

Some of you might remember in February the kindergarten students having the opportunity to open savings accounts through the generosity of the Parent Forum, as well as the new partnership with Community Choice Credit Union. Well, the time has come for all WCA students to participate in this opportunity. With a deposit of \$25.00, CCCU will match that \$25.00 and all students can open a savings account. All of the information is included in your mailer today for this exciting event. This will also be a day for the kindergarten students to make a deposit into their already established accounts. Please mark Tuesday, April 16th on your calendar for deposit day! Let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to watching all students take advantage of this partnership.

Spring Picture Day will be on Thursday, April 18th. WCA's photographer from Classic Portraits will be on campus to take pictures of the students in their spring best for families who simply want a non-uniform

photo of their child(ren). This day will be a spring casual day for all students, but pictures will only be taken of those students whose families want a picture package. Order forms will be included in your mailers next week.

Will Carleton Academy will be hosting the annual Spring Open House for new families on Sunday, April 21st from 1:00-3:00 pm. This is a great time to introduce campus to friends and family members who are considering WCA for their children. We will have students and staff on campus to give tours and answer any questions that our guests might have. Please share this date with anyone who might be interested in attending. It's time to get the secret out!

There will be testing next week for 8th through 11th grade students and that information has already been shared with those families. If you have questions about this testing extravaganza, please give the office a call. We will support you!

Please be reminded that the Jerome Country Market/Butter Braid orders are due tomorrow, Wednesday, April 3rd. Thank you to Mrs. Stewart for organizing this 8th grade fundraiser!

Speaking of 8th grade fundraisers...there are a few on the calendar for us all to enjoy. Pizza Hut will be on Tuesday, April 9th, Cottage Inn will be on Sunday, April 14th, Dairy Queen will be on Friday, April 19th and Subway will wrap up the month on Monday, April 29th. Take part in those that you can and tell your family and friends as well as co-workers and neighbors to stop by and support our 8th graders' trip to DC.

Have a great week! Settle in for the last sprint to the end of the year. It is such a busy time! If you need anything at all, please be sure to call the office. We are only a phone call away!

Be well,

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