

Cardinal Chatter

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Harvest Festival Costume Winners

Categories for the costume contest, emceed by Nancy Swingle, included best fiction and best non-fiction characters, prettiest, cutest and best of show. Winners in 6th-8th were Shannon, Shanae, Lizzy, Rachel and Rem. 3rd-5th grade winners included Courtnie, Niki, Sarah and Harlea. Best costumes awards for the preK-2nd graders went to Mia, Wyollah, Emily, Ben, and little Jacobo. All winners received a Walmart gift card. Thanks to all the judges, the Chick-Fil-A mascot and the kids who participated. There were so many awesome costumes!



Grade 13 & Beyond Scholarship Winners tour DU

On October 20, five CCA students attended a special visit to the University of Denver. These students were winners of the 2009 Grade 13 and Beyond Scholarship program sponsored by Valley Bank and Trust. The contest is for students in grades 3-5 and allows students to examine their current interests and the possibility of those interests leading to future professional endeavors. This contest is once again right around the corner, with applications to be delivered to CCA in November. Students will be working on the essays for these applications during class. The final applications are to be turned in to teachers before Christmas Break to allow the teachers time to write each student a proper recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Cole.

Lisa Cole, 3rd grade

Pictured are Mrs. Cole (CCA Sponsor), Ryleigh (5th grade), Jacob (6th grade), Garrett (6th grade), Mrs. Swingle (parent sponsor), Remington (6th grade), and Cody (6th grade)

Middle School Tours Museum of Nature and Science

Thursday, November 5th a caravan of middle school parents and teachers made their way to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Highlights of the field trip included self-guided tours of the many exhibits, including the special exhibit on Genghis Khan and the 13th century Mongol Empire, making "emperor" hats, viewing the IMAX movie "Sea Monsters: a Prehistoric Journey" that illustrated life in the sea during the Age of Dinosaurs, and the planetarium show "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity", which complemented the unit on astronomy that the 6th graders recently completed. Students made their way through the museum in small groups and also had the chance to visit the gift shop.

The museum outing was the second field trip taken by the middle school as a group this year. Earlier in September the 6th, 7th and 8th graders enjoyed a math field trip at Boondocks Fun Center in Northglenn. What does Boondocks have to do with math, you might ask? While there, besides having fun playing laser tag, miniature golf and riding go-carts, the students gathered information and made measurements to be applied to math problems back at school. If a go-cart goes around the track in X minutes, at a speed of Y miles/hour, what is the length of the track? This was a fun trip for all and promoted solidarity among the middle school students and their teachers.

7th Grade Studies Geology at Great Sand Dunes National Park



In October, the 7th graders, board member and parent Carla Leet, and I were fortunate to go on a geology camping trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park. This was an excellent experience for both the students and myself. Though the temperature reached the teens at night, it didn't stop us from enjoying our field trip! The students were able to witness first hand the effects of erosion at this popular landmark. They were also able to view fossils at Dinosaur Ridge and go cave spelunking at Cave of the Winds. If I had to pick one highlight from the trip it would be playing in the Sand Dunes, where the students spelled CCA in the sand.

There is nothing better than learning science material hands-on. I thank all parents and staff who helped this field trip become possible. The students had a great time learning about geology, camping, and bonding with their classmates.

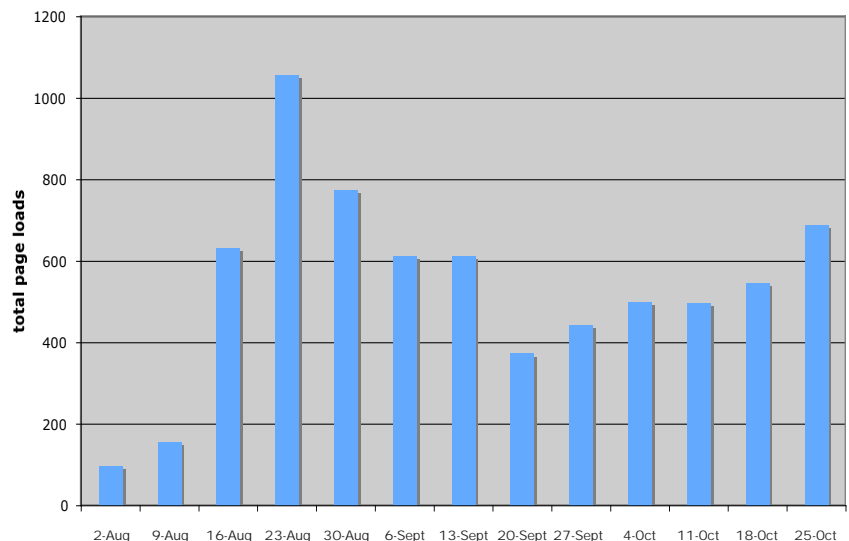
*Sarah Johnson,
middle school science teacher*

Thanks for Visiting, Come Back Soon

The number of page loads experienced per week by the school web site, CCAschool.net, is about three times more than it was last school year. Nearly all teachers regularly post their weekly letters and other classroom information. Announcements are found on the home page as well as popular items such as the Pizza lunch and breakfast burrito order forms. **A slide show of pictures from the recent Harvest Festival** is now up. Another benefit of the web site has been in recruiting new students. Several parents have used the web site to research CCA and to contact CCA about enrolling their children. As web site usage has gone up, CCA's printing and copying costs have come down. So please take advantage of the site. Your suggestions for improvement are welcomed. Email us at info@ccaschool.net

Kathleen and Doyle Harrison

Weekly Ccaschool.net Traffic





8th Graders Set Sights on D.C for Class Trip

Currently, the 8th grade students and parents are working very hard for their trip in the Spring. We are currently trying to travel to Washington D.C. This is a very educational landmark, sure to expose the students to the foundations of our country and government. As you have probably noticed, we do a lot of fund-raisers to make this trip possible. The students, parents, and I cannot thank you enough for your support! We could not be making this trip without CCA's support. Our most recent fund-raiser was the Haunted House at the Harvest Festival. Our next fund-raiser will be a Santa's Workshop, scheduled for December 15th-18th. This workshop will provide the CCA community with a Christmas shopping experience. Students and parents can come and purchase items for their friends and family. We all have to do Christmas Shopping; now you may be able to complete some of it at CCA! We hope that this convenient location will help you in your holiday season. Please look for updates on this fund-raiser prior to Thanksgiving!

Sarah Johnson

September: R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

October: Responsibility

Each month, as part of the Character Education program, CCA focuses on a different good character trait. At the end of the month students vote for the classmate whom they think best displays the character trait being emphasized that month. At an all school assembly, the students from each grade selected by their peers are honored. Skits, written by students to demonstrate the character trait of the month are also performed at the assembly. Congratulations to all the good characters!

Cow Pie Bingo Winners



1st place: Cathy Ledoux
(sold by Colton Weigel)

2nd place: Mike Surle
(sold by Jacob Jacobo)

3rd place: Troy Cantrell
(sold by Nicholas Zimbelman)

Reminder

Please keep up the good work bringing in the Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels, and plastic bags, ink/toner cartridges, and cell phones for recycling fund-raisers

Thank you, Paula Nikolai



We welcome student submissions too!

Cardinal Chatter newsletter, needs you!

If you would like to contribute to the CCA newsletter please email your announcements, stories, photos, requests or kudos to info@ccaschool.net. This is a great way to communicate with the whole CCA family including parents with children on the waiting lists. We look forward to your responses.

Kathleen & Doyle Harrison

Sign me up for the Cardinal Chatter Newsletter!



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Mission Statement

The mission of CCA is to serve student needs and achieve educational excellence. Students will have a positive learning environment that will give the students the ability to become life long learners, while encouraging responsibility, citizenship, honesty, integrity and respect between students and teachers. Every student will have the opportunity to reach high academic goals within a broad, well-rounded curriculum. Community participation will aid in guiding students to reach their highest academic potential.