2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of May 6

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.
~ J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien's words above may have been intended for his masterfully-crafted epic tales of hobbits, orcs, and Shire-folk, but the premise is still the same. Whatever time we have, whether it's 3 weeks like we have remaining before the year is over or the time we have on a grander scale - the year before we retire, our last year of elementary school, our senior year of high school... - we get to decide our attitudes and our choices, and there is great power in that. We may not be battling the darkness and evil of Sauron, but we're facing our own figurative battles to do right, choose kindness, show mercy, and be better in a world that can often push back on those ideals.

We are grateful for another school year together and we look forward to finishing on a high note! Three more weeks!

In Partnership,

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE:
May 10
- **UPDATE!** CSP Family Day at Black Forest Regional Park (10 AM - 1 PM). We are watching the weather closely. If it looks to be chilly and rainy, this event will be rescheduled. We hope to be able to make a decision by Thursday morning, May 9th.

May 13-16
- Last days of regular instruction. This is a denim week (denim bottoms and uniform top) for all staff and students!

May 23
- Field Day and Last Day of School! More info below about what the week of May 20-24 looks like for CSP students.

<u>**NEW AND STILL INFORMATION:**</u>
1. MAY LUNCH MENU can be found <u>here</u>.

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY - May 23, 2024. Please click <u>here</u> for more information and to sign up to help run a station at our annual CSP Field Day in May.

3. FIELD DAY AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL There will be no regular CSP classes May 20-22. All CSP students will participate in Field Day on Thursday, May 23rd. This is a mandatory attendance day for our students and our official last day of school. If you student will be absent, please call our front office to excuse the absence. All end-of-year paperwork (such as Participation Reports and Report Cards) will be sent home on this day. Look for information from grade level newsletters regarding what needs to be worn (i.e. athletic bottoms and a specific color of shirt) for Field Day.

Prior (but still relevant!) Information

1. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open! Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:
1. Go to: <u>www.silvergraphics.com/shop</u>
2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at <u>mdalrymple@asd20.org</u> if you have any questions.

2. TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!
Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring
Requirements--
- TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization
- PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED
- Office/Kiosk/Health Room/: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area
- Proctoring: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at <u>here</u> and submit an application for Substitute.

3. CSP ART NEEDS - Parents, if you have an extra skein of yarn and would like to donate it to the art room, we would be grateful.

SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS
CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard ConnectTM service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

2-HOUR DELAYS
Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring asack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:
Grades 1-6: 10:15 - 3:30 pm
Kindergarten: AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to https://clascott.typingpal.com
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at shille@asd20.org.

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