



Stallion News

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Soaring to New Heights (see story on pg. 2)



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From Principal Percy's Desk

Soaring to New Heights

As you know, character focus is an essential component of the programming here at CVA. Friday, November 20th, that focus soared to new heights, literally, when we had skydivers dive into the school's field carrying a 70 foot American flag plus the CVA flag!!

This event culminated a month in which we targeted patriotism as our theme. What made Friday the 20th so awesome was that the event was a total surprise to the students. We brought them outside and had them count the planes they saw in the sky and told them that they needed to watch the planes as something was going to happen. Within a few minutes, four skydivers began their "fall" into the school to the amazing cheers of the students and faculty.

Once the skydivers landed flawlessly on the soccer field, one of the divers came forward and revealed himself to everyone. It was one of our 5th grade teachers—Matt LaJeunesse!! Mr. LaJeunesse has completed over 600 skydives which have led him to places all over the globe.

Everyone was astounded by this incredible event. As one parent said, "You don't see schools or organizations honor the flag and our country much anymore." We hope after this event, students will certainly remember what the flag means and how incredible it is to live in this country!!

This event also serves as a great kickoff to December's character focus which is compassion. In this season of giving, we will be asking students and families to bring in donated foods for a local food bank. Our goal is for everyone to understand that we can all give to others who are less fortunate. We certainly understand that in this economy there are many, many struggling families, even in our own school community. We hope that we can soar to new heights this month with lots and lots of donations filling the school!

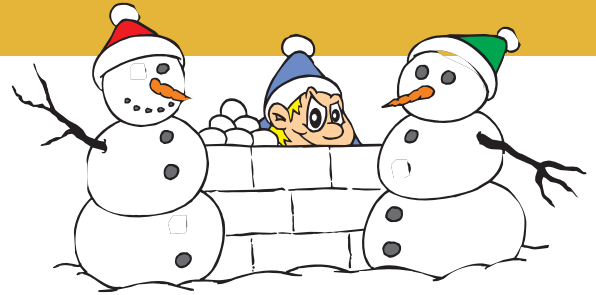


Important Dates

Dec. 18th – Free Dress Day

Dec. 21st – Jan. 5th – Winter Break - No School

Jan. 6th – No School – Professional Development Day



CVA Preschool News

In November we learned a lot about Patriotism. This was our monthly character trait and we really had fun learning about our flag and saying The Pledge of Allegiance together without any missing words. This practice was especially worth it since the Pre-K PM classes all said the pledge, and some sang the Star Spangled Banner, for the monthly board meeting on November 16th. They did a fabulous job and we were all very proud of them!

We were very happy to award some of our outstanding students who showed extra Responsibility in our classrooms during October at the board meeting as well. Responsibility was the character trait of that month. We are very excited to start this new focus on our students who show the monthly character trait in their classes and look forward to awarding one child from each Pre-K class at our monthly board meetings. They are all so wonderful at showing what the new character trait means, it will be hard to choose each month!

We had very successful Thanksgiving parties in our classes due to the awesome support of our students' parents. The food was very yummy and we all learned about taste in a very fun way! Thank you all again, parents!!



We are planning our festive Holiday Tea Parties for all the Pre-K classes on the Wednesday before Christmas Break (December 16th). So mark your calendars for a fun time with your preschoolers as they perform for you at D'Agostino's, (next door to the preschool). The students will bring a tea cup from home for themselves and each person they bring with them from their respective families. They will also get to dress up in their most festive holiday apparel. It is always a fun event and it will surely be a success again this year.

The preschool is also going to be doing a food collection for the month of December. We are going to have a competition between the classes to see which one can bring in the most. We will then award the winning class with something special (which is to be determined still). So be looking for the donation box each day and have your child mark their donations down on our class donation sheet to see which class will be the winner!

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with your loved ones and we will see you on Tuesday, the 1st of December, back at school!