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Carbon Valley Academy's Online Newsletter

December 2011

From Principal Gjellum's Desk

Dear Parents,

The first semester of this school year is almost just a memory. Thank you for helping make it a great one. The faculty appreciates all the work you have done with your students to ensure that this year is successful.

This time of year adds stress to our lives with final projects and assessments, family events, travel, and the holidays themselves. This can leave students and parents alike feeling anxious and out of sorts. So, take some time to stop and smell the roses. Help your children have a positive impact on others lives by "paying it forward." Perhaps you let someone go ahead of you in line, pay for someone's coffee, or smile at people you see. These are everyday little things that help our children see us in our best light.

Have the happiest of holidays, enjoy your time with family and friends, and get rested for our second semester.

Here's to even better things as we finish the rest of the year strong.

Lisa Gjellum
Principal
Carbon Valley Academy

Important Dates

December 16th – End of 2nd Quarter and Free Dress Day

December 19th - January 2nd – No School – Winter Break

January 3rd – No School – Staff Professional Development Day

January 4th – Start of 3rd Quarter



From Preschool Director Jansen’s Desk

Preschoolers have many questions and boundless energy. So it is always an interesting and busy time at CVA Preschool. Our Community unit has led us to the following questions:

- What is a community?
- What do workers in our community do?
- What can we do in our community?
- What kind of communities do we live in?

This unit allows us to encourage our young learners to work hard so that when they grow up, they can be whatever they want to be. We wish to thank the parents who came in to share their professions with our students and answer their many questions.

Every day is a learning opportunity for staff and students at CVA and every moment is a picture moment. Our students were captured hard at work as they learned how to cut with scissors, make patterns, measure, count, learn about the weather, and work together in their classroom.

In addition to learning about our community, we learned about what it means to support and be loyal to our country and fellow citizens as we talked about our monthly character trait “Patriotism.” I would like to recognize the following students who received Character Corral Awards and will be recognized at our next board meeting: Cayden Duwe, Maddison Little, Ashton Orr and Emmalynn Crose.

With the recent increase in childhood obesity, it is becoming more and more important to instill healthy physical activity and nutrition habits at a young age. We have, therefore, launched the Food Friends Program in partnership with Colorado State University. This program consists of a physical activity component entitled “Get Movin’ With Mighty Moves” and a nutrition component entitled “Fun With New Foods.” For more information about this program visit their website, www.foodfriends.org.

CVA Preschool will be accepting enrollment for the 2012/2013 school year starting December 1st. Enrollment forms can be downloaded from our website, www.cvapreschool.org.

Jodi Jansen
Preschool Director



Board of Directors News

Happy Holidays to the CVA Families!!

There will not be a December Board Meeting. The Board accomplished the following during the last BOD meeting:

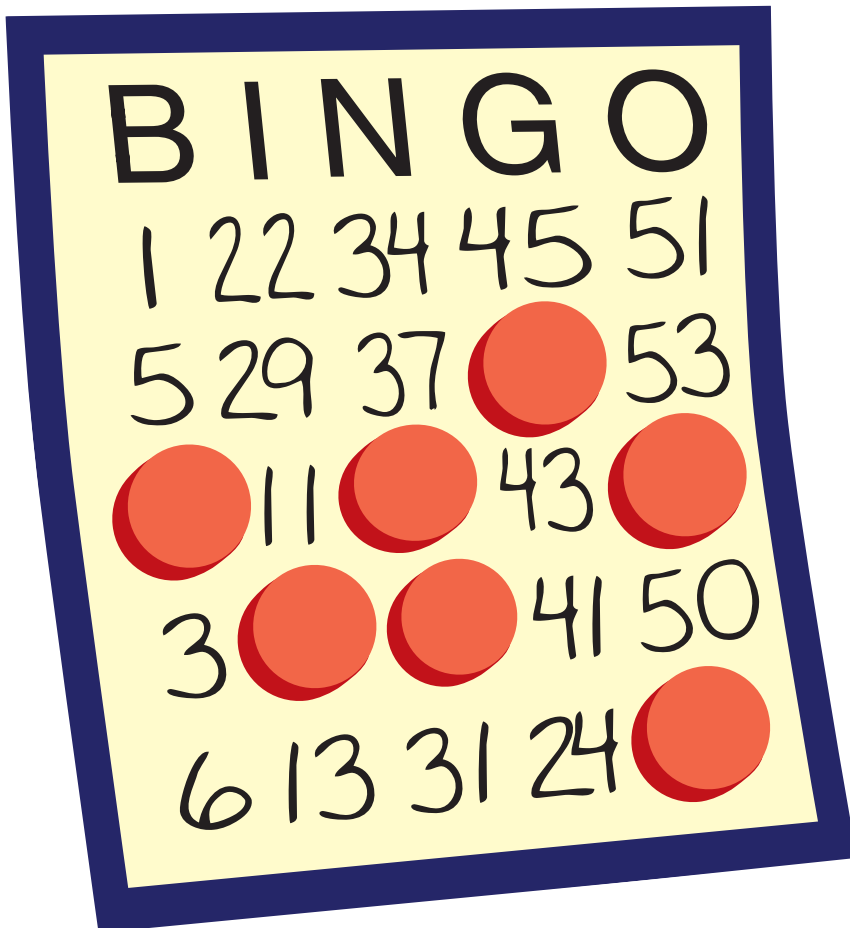
- Congratulations to all of our Character Trait of the Month winners, keep up the great work!
- The Board of Directors welcomes Samantha Nelson to our CVA family!
- Discussion and approval of September 2011 Financial Statements

The Board of Directors is diligently working on our Bingo occasions at the Bingo Mine in Lafayette. Historically, the Board has not encouraged students of CVA to engage in fundraising activities, however, with budget cuts statewide, it is crucial that we are successful in managing this business. The Bingo venture is our main fundraising effort. Please join us in our efforts!!

To help us, we need volunteers to help run our Bingo occasion on Saturdays from 1–4 pm, help obtain donations for our raffle at our Bingo afternoon, and help encourage friends and families to come and play at our session.

To get involved, please fill out a Friends of CVA Application (attached to this newsletter) and return it to the front office at CVA's main campus. For more information, please see the attached Bingo flyer, go to our website, or email our Games Manager at goterm@cvamail.com. Thanks for being active members in our success!

For more information, please plan on attending our Board Meetings. The meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 6:00 pm in our Library. We hope to see you soon!





Friends of CVA Application

For fundraising purposes CVA desires to hold bingo/raffle games of chance. “Friends of CVA” is an auxiliary association of CVA. The primary purpose of the Friends of CVA shall be to support and assist, through donations and uncompensated volunteer services, CVA. Friends of CVA will have no authority to pledge the faith and credit of CVA and may not enter into any form of contract or agreement for services with any third party. The Board has appointed the Games Manager(s) for CVA to serve as liaison between Friends of CVA and the Board.

_____	_____
Name	Phone Number
_____	_____
Address	Email Address
Bingo _____	_____
Raffle _____	Bingo/Raffle Buddy Name & Phone

By signing this document, you agree to assist in a Bingo/Raffle occasion. If you are not able to attend your scheduled occasion, you need to find a substitute. If you are unable to find a substitute, you must let the Games Manager know 48 hours in advance.

Name

Games Manager: mjgoter@msn.com, 303-833-3345

Return this form to the front desk at CVA’s main campus.



JOIN THE FUN AT BINGO!

Support CVA by assisting in Bingo at the Bingo Mine in Lafayette. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours and connect with other CVA families!

Who can assist in Bingo?

- Parents, family members, friends and acquaintances who are members of Friend's of Carbon Valley Academy Auxiliary. To register, visit www.carbonvalleyacademy.org, and fill out a Friends of Carbon Valley Academy Auxiliary application, currently located under "CVA News", or contact the Games Manager at migoter@msn.com to request a copy. Return the application to the front desk and the Games Manager will send you an invite to Volunteer Spot. After registering on Volunteer Spot, you can choose dates and jobs to volunteer for. We need a one caller and four other volunteers to sell pickles and Bingo Sheets.

Where?

- The Bingo Mine, 400 W. South Boulder Rd. Lafayette, 80026
- Occasionally at Carbon Valley Academy.

Why?

- Bingo is a great fundraiser for our school.
- Support/Connect with Carbon Valley Academy and its families.
- Earn volunteer hours.
- Have a fun afternoon out with your Bingo Buddy and other volunteers.

When?

- Every Saturday, from 12:30-4:00 p.m., as well as special events held at Carbon Valley Academy.

What is a Bingo Buddy?

- Someone willing to volunteer during our Bingo afternoon.
- Someone willing to substitute for you if you can't make it.
- Someone who you can carpool with or watch the kids while you are volunteering
- Someone willing to partner with you during our Bingo afternoon