



Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back and congratulations to all of us!

This school year marks the fourth anniversary of Carbon Valley Academy. Great strides have been made during that short time, but the best is yet to come. There are big plans for the 2009-2010 school year, and you are encouraged to play significant roles in carrying them out.

Priority is being given to active and participatory communication. To that end, our email system has been totally updated. The updating, coupled with the CVA website (www.carbonvalleyacademy.org), enhances our ability to share thoughts and ideas and to keep everyone current in all aspects of our operations. Please visit the site frequently to take full advantage of the wealth of information available.

We want to hear from you. Your reactions, feedback and input are invaluable to our planning processes and future programming. Please don't limit yourself to emails and the website. Personal calls and campus visits are always welcome.

During these economic times, some children may be feeling the stress parents are experiencing. They may lack a frame of reference to put circumstances into context. To help them gain perspective and sort out their feelings, we are going beyond traditional student counseling services. Kelly Kurz, our outstanding counselor, is prepared and available to help students work through their concerns. She can be reached at (303) 718-1176.

We know that some families may need some assistance with lunch or uniform expenses. In both instances, help is available. To learn more about our lunch or uniform assistance programs, please contact Stephanie Kajcienski at (303) 774- 9555.

Jere Pearcy, our new principal, is on board and is looking forward to meeting all of you. Please drop in and introduce yourself to her whenever you have the opportunity. She is a key player in shaping CVA's future and wants to work closely with all of you.

Future successes are predicated on what we, as a team, already have achieved. Here are some of the highlights from last year:

- The CVA Odyssey of the Mind team made the world finals held at Iowa State University. This was our first year in competition, making the achievement even more meaningful.
- Our Board underwent extensive training and is working very hard as a cohesive group. The backgrounds of Board members are diverse, but all share the same priority – Carbon Valley Academy. All Board discussions and decisions are directed to a common goal – to make the best even better.
- Reflecting our emphasis on quality education, a process enabling us to track individual student achievement on an on-going basis throughout the school year has been established. Thus, appropriate interventions can be made early and much more effectively.
- Finally, in spite of the troubling economic situation, we were able to once again provide our teachers with a salary increase. This continues our ongoing initiative to sustain the highest quality instruction.

Thank you for selecting Carbon Valley Academy. Your choice and faith in CVA reinforces our commitment. Together, we will continue to provide the quality you expect and the academic environment in which students will thrive.

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