



COUGAR NEWS

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Cyber Newsflash

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CCA's website has a new address! www.CCACougars.org. Many of you have said the old address just wasn't easy enough to remember. Problem solved! Remember to "click it" to find the latest updates on our school calendar, sports schedule, and weather-related school closings. Check it out!

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

It is NOT too late to participate in CCA's ANNUAL FUND drive. We "kicked it off" in early November, and we've been encouraged by the response. God has used you to meet our budgeted "fundraising" amount (\$14,000+) needed for the school year. However, as God's people continue to give, CCA will continue to experience even greater blessings and we will be better able to assist you with the academic and spiritual needs of your children. Your support will help to keep tuition affordable for years to come, and your donation is tax-deductible! You can send your donation to the office – and now, you can even go to our web site (www.CCACougars.org) to safely donate online!

Be aware that in the event of inclement weather, causing a need to cancel school, you will be notified by way of local radio or television broadcasts. In addition, you can get immediate information regarding our school, specifically, by logging on to our website (www.CCACougars.org) for the latest update!

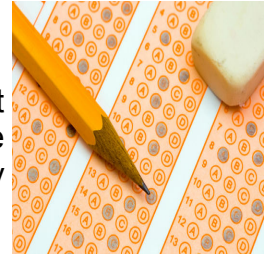
A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to a GENEROUS donation from one of our very supportive families, our students in grades K-8 will enjoy a special "in house" field trip on the afternoon of Thursday, March 25. The WHISPERING PINES ANIMAL KINGDOM, from Lexington, Michigan, will be presenting two programs, specifically tailored for our elementary and junior high students, about animals from around the world. Of course, they will bring a variety of animals, for demonstration purposes, to enhance their presentations.

IN THE KNOW

ACADEMIC TESTING

- ◆ Parents of **Sophomores** and **Juniors** who took the PSAT in October: The test results were sent home with the students just before Christmas break. Please feel free to call the office to set up a time to speak with me if you have any questions. I'd be happy to go over your child's individual scores with you.
- ◆ Stanford Achievement Tests and the Otis-Lennon Scholastic Ability Tests (SAT/OLSAT) are scheduled to be administered to all students in **grades K-11** during the week of April 26.
- ◆ A number of our **elementary and secondary students** will be representing CCA as participants in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS) Academic Testing Competition. The senior high competition takes place on **Friday, February 5**. The junior high testing date is **Friday, February 19**, and the elementary testing day is **Thursday, April 22**. Be watching our upcoming COUGAR NEWSLETTERS for results of these competitions!



CCA's 4th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE is being planned for **Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1**. It's time, once again, to clean out the attic, garage, under the bed, behind the sofa...wherever you have "treasures" stashed! The plan is for you to bring your donations to our gymnasium that week. Then, come back again on Friday and Saturday to shop – and buy someone else's donated "treasures"! All proceeds will go toward our annual fundraising needs to help supplement tuition dollars. Start your "spring cleaning" now – and avoid the rush!

RE-ENROLLMENT

Be on the LOOK OUT! – It's that time of year again – RE-ENROLLMENT information will be sent home (via USPS) by the **first of March**. Remember that in order to benefit from the reduced RE-ENROLLMENT rate, you will need to respond by the date outlined on the fee schedule included in that packet. If you do not receive your re-enrollment packet by the first week in March, BE SURE to call our office.

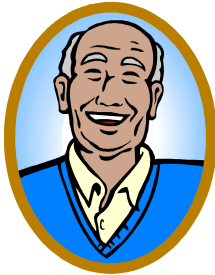
NEW ENROLLMENT begins on **Tuesday, March 16**. Any applications (current students or new) submitted on that day or after, will be accepted at the NEW ENROLLMENT rate.



SENIORS

Parents of seniors – Payment #1 and #2 for Senior Trip (woo-who!!) is due on **Friday, February 26**, and **Friday, March 26** (respectively). Please refer to the letter sent home for the specific amounts due per payment for your child.

2009/10 School calendar



Grandparents' Day!

Grandparents' Day will be here soon! **Thursday, February 11**, is the special day that we will celebrate Valentine's Day with our special Valentines. The event begins with a program for our grandparents at 1:00 and concludes at 2:30. We will also be "showing off" our classrooms during that time as well as enjoying a light refreshment with our grandparents. If a child's grandparent is unable to attend, we are encouraging them to "adopt" a grandparent for the day. Invitations were sent home with each student recently, but if you need more, be sure to contact the office. Also, we are in need of about 25 dozen homemade goodies. Please call Mrs. Hunter if you can help in this way. Finally, please remember to send in the requested \$3 per child to help with expenses for this event.

- ◇ **WINTER BREAK is scheduled for Friday, February 12, through Monday, February 15. School will resume on Tuesday, February 16. We trust that everyone will have a safe, restful break.**
- ◇ **PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME ON TUESDAY, February 16.**
- ◇ **Friday, March 5, marks the end of our 4th marking period. Therefore, there will be NO SCHOOL for the students in order that the teachers may prepare Report Cards to go home on the following Monday, March 8.**
- ◇ **Progress Reports go home again on Monday, March 29. Please be sure to sign and return on copy ASAP.**

KROGER REWARDS & Box Tops

Register online at www.rewardyourschool.com with your Kroger's Card number, select your school and receive 5 Bonus Box Tops just for signing up (\$.50 value)! Then every time you participate in one of the Bonus Box Tops offers on this site and purchase the required amount of participating Box Tops for Education products with your Shoppers Card in a single shopping visit between **1/18/10 and 3/31/10** (the "Promotion Period"), your chosen school will receive the corresponding amount of Bonus Box Tops. . Please go to www.rewardyourschool.com for more details.!

Speaking of Box Tops: SUPERWHEEL IS COMING! General Mills' BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION program has been a BIG benefit for CCA over the past years. Last year we collected almost \$1,000 worth of labels! The elementary students have a great time "gleaning" hundreds of dollars in cash from the garbage – by simply tearing off the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION certificate on most General Mills items before the empty box is thrown away. Best of all, they bring in the certificates and then redeem them for a spin on the SUPER WHEEL! The Spin-off will take place the **week of February 15**. Twenty-five labels will give you one spin to win a free prize! Keep those eyeballs peeled for the General Mills "BIG G" logo, and keep clipping!

SPORTS CORNER

Parents of athletes: We need your help. Did you know that we rely heavily on the income from ticket and concessions sales to off-set the expenses of EACH of our games? The cost for referees, alone, runs between \$70 to \$150 PER GAME, depending on the level playing. That means on a night when all three teams are playing, our minimum intake must be at least \$370 to cover just the refs. Even though each athlete pays the sport fee, that total amount falls short of the actual cost of running our athletic program. In addition, we are all enjoying the improvements that have been made to the gymnasium. Though we see the clean, shiny “surfaces” of the new paint, refinished floors, walls, and beams, there was MUCH that needed to be done, structurally, to maintain the integrity of the building for years to come. Have you priced a new metal roof lately?

I am saying all this because we NEED to have more of you, the parents of our athletes, volunteer to help “man” the ticket and concession sales slots. If your child plays middle school ball, then you can volunteer during a Junior Varsity game or Varsity game – and still watch “junior” play! If every athlete’s parent filled a “spot” five times in that season, we’d be “covered” for the whole season and we would be able to run our concessions area at “full steam”. If you don’t volunteer for your allotted number, someone else has to cover for you which then leads to decreased revenue since you can only spread individuals so far.

So, what do you say? Give Mrs. Hunter a call and make her day! She would be more than glad to assist you in signing up for some of the slots for the remainder of this season that are still open. By the way, if you are not a parent of an athlete, you can still sign up – we are “equal opportunity” enlistsers for all volunteers! Support the cause - Come join in on the fun!

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