

CRA Newsletter, 11/2/2020

4 Day Attendance Schedule

We are still on track to transition to the 4 day in person with Friday being an online learning day schedule this coming Monday, November 9th. The main factor driving this decision is the lack of spread in elementary schools. The 8 Granite District Elementary Schools which are about 2 miles away from us saw an increase of only one student over the previous week in all 8 schools.

Here are the weekly numbers of COVID cases in all those schools combined for the last 5 weeks with the most recent number listed last: 8, 10, 6, 4 and 5. So to clarify, in this last week there were 5 COVID cases combined in all 8 schools. This leads us to believe that mitigation strategies are working and that there is little to no community spread in these schools. We have made some adjustments to our mitigation strategies and are prepared to safely welcome students back on Monday.

Halloween

It was nice to see so many students and families at the Halloween parade on Friday. I appreciated how everyone wore face masks and most groups maintained the 6 foot social distancing between groups. I want you to know that I did fill out and complied with the requirements of the state's Event Management Template. I mention this because later the day of the parade is when the Governor sent out the text message about limiting gathering sizes to 10 or fewer.

I am sorry that the video recording of the parade did not work out. For some reason the computer that I was using to record did not record the parade. I had done a test just before the parade with one student for 10 seconds and it worked. When I hit the record button for the regular parade it came back with no images of the parade. Again, I am sorry this did not work.

Kent Fuller, Principal

Safety Measures

Maintaining a healthy school operation is of greatest importance as we endeavor to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Canyon Rim Academy stays informed about best practices through regular visits with local health officials, reviewing CDC guidance and through education websites. We closely monitor other neighboring schools and learn from their experience. We strive to stay well-read and informed on the best practices being adopted in elementary school settings in Utah and across the country. Scientific evidence indicates that risks to students and staff can be kept low if schools adhere to strict control measures and dynamically respond to potential outbreaks. We appreciate the resilience of all students and staff, patrons and guests, who faithfully wear their face mask every day when they enter the school.

The CARES Act passed by Congress provides financial assistance through the Coronavirus Relief Fund to aid schools as they navigate the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. CRA has benefited from the grants made available to us. We have acquired necessary sanitization supplies and equipment not accounted for in our yearly school budget. Here is a sample of things we have purchased to benefit all students and employees: 50+ gallons of hand sanitizer, UV sterilizer light wand to disinfect keyboards after each use, non-contact thermometers, Plexi-glass, window fans that can reverse air flow, Web cameras and mics for each teacher to teach digitally, Chromebooks (there is a Chromebook shortage – we are still waiting for more), face masks, and most recently we have acquired 28 mobile air purifiers that will be in all rooms in the school where students gather. This represents some but certainly not all the things we have received.

Based upon the school's reopening plan we have tried to balance the risk of exposure with the benefits of being together for social/emotional health and educational equity. Our plan encompasses 3 goals: 1) safeguard the health and well-being of our entire community, including students, staff and families, 2) provide a high quality education for all students, no matter where the learning takes place, and 3) respond quickly to changing conditions.

We appreciate your fidelity in following the protective measures we have in place and the great example you set at home. The precautions you take at home make a difference when your child comes to school.

REMINDER – NO Online SCHOOL this FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 for Teacher Planning Day.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19. Conferences will be held online this fall (no in-person conferencing), and teachers will communicate with you as the time gets closer to let you know how you'll connect online with them for conferences. Parents will sign up for a conference time on the scheduling website, PTCFast. Watch for an email this week that will explain how to schedule a time.

It is a tradition to have a Book Fair during PTCs, and though we can't do it in person this year, we will have an online Book Fair...

Canyon Rim Academy Fall Online

Story Cupboard BOOKFAIR

Nov. 12th-19th

This book fair is a wonderful opportunity to support getting new books for our library and teachers + some great things for the Holidays. Here is what you need to get started:

www.storycupboard.com

School discount code: canyonrim2020fall

Go to the website. Create an account by clicking the "sign up" prompt at the top of the website. Browse by category, genre, alphabetically or you can use the search feature at the top of the page. Have your student make a "wish list" by selecting "adding to a wish list". You will notice a purple heart down in the right hand corner of the website. You can send the wish list to extended family if you would like.

(Be sure they have the school code.)

If you would like to order a book for your child's teacher, at check out there is a box titled-"Special instructions for the Seller". This is where you can put which book or books in your order are for teachers, and if you want your child's name on a donation label in the book.

Example: I Survived/Donated to Ms. Teacher/donated by Name

Books will be delivered to the school or you can pay for shipping to your home.

The purchased books will be given to your child to bring home unless you say that you will pick them up in the library.

SL County Ski & Snowboard Program

SL County has asked us to pass along this information to you - they are cancelling the Ski & Snowboard Program this winter. If your child has enjoyed participating in this program, they hope it will be available next winter.

CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 6:	NO SCHOOL Online, Teacher Preparation Day
Monday, Nov. 9:	Begin the 4 day week at school schedule
Thursday, Nov. 12:	3:15 Dismissal, End of 1 st Trimester
Friday, Nov. 13:	NO SCHOOL, Teacher Prep Day
Wednesday, Nov. 17:	Dismissal at 1:15, Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, Nov. 18:	Dismissal at 1:15, Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, Nov. 24:	Dismissal at 1:15
Wednesday, Nov. 25:	NO SCHOOL, Compensatory Day for PTC's
Thurs&Fri, Nov. 26 & 27:	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday Break

PTO NEWSLETTER November 2, 2020

Thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween Parade! It was a success and the children were all so happy to be able to dress up. Thank you teachers and staff for making this small event possible.

PTO Meeting:

We will be holding our monthly PTO meeting this Wednesday, November 4th at 8 am via zoom. If you would like the link to join the meeting, please email lynsimmarshall@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

Please be aware that every year there is a scam that asks for gift card donations for the PTO. The email typically comes from the PTO president or a past PTO president. As a PTO we will not be asking for any gift card donations and any email that you receive asking for gift cards is a scam.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this year successful. We appreciate all that you do!
Canyon Rim PTO