

CRA Newsletter, 4-13-2020

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is adjusting to the distance learning as best as you can. I know every family has unique circumstances and we want to be supportive as we can.

Please know that our teachers are concerned about how best to educate your children and are working hard to do so. The entire school staff is missing the students, seeing them each day and helping them in person.

This coming week may bring more news about the status of the school soft closure. The state superintendent has meetings with district and charter leaders, and the state board of education is holding meetings later this week. We will let you know of any changes to the school closure.

One item that seems to not make the news very much is the emotional stress and toll that may be present for many if not all of the general population. My hope is that you and your family can find ways to deal with the emotional aspects of governmental regulations and guidance in addition to the stresses of having school at home.

Sincerely,
Kent Fuller

Kindergarten for 2020-2021

If you have a Kindergarten student coming in to Canyon Rim Academy next year, don't give up on us! Due to the changes in how we are all managing school, we've had to change the way to collect your information. Watch for an email this week about filling out registration packets for your child. Information about Kindergarten Enrichment will be sent out next week.

Message from Miss Katina

Hello parents and caregivers... thinking of you all at this time for sure!

I wanted to provide you all (or those that are interested) with a couple resources that I think are useful for those taking care of children during a pandemic, especially while trying to socially/physically distance and at the same time trying to keep everyone's spirits high. What an overwhelming task this poses to be! Please let me know if there is more I can be doing to support you... it would be my privilege:

1.) Many of you have asked in direct personal emails to me (ktemme@canyonrimacademy.org), about the "going outside" issue for yourself and your kids. There has been more talk about this lately with the health professionals and virus experts, and I wanted to give you a link to review:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/2020/04/playing-safely-outside-coronavirus.html>

2.) Being a parent myself, and recognizing the challenges presented during this time, I came across a resource that I looked to for information and guidance in regards to child appropriate electronics, movies, digital games, videos, etc. It's called Common Sense Media, and they have put together a wonderful extensive list of resources for home use during the pandemic. Here is the link to review:

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/resources-for-families-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic#section-4>

3.) Many have asked me how to speak with their children about COVID-19. This is a well done and comprehensive summary that I think hits many important parts of this complex issue, all based on age and maturity of the child. Here is the link for you to access if needed:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/coronavirus/talking-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>

All the best to all of you!
Warm regards, Katina

Hello from the Library

I have one thing to say out loud- WE CAN DO THIS. Working together has been wonderful and it's an evidence that we have got this!

Reading picture books/biographies has been one way I have enjoyed hearing about others who have triumphed over challenges. We all have them. We can all be champions.

"Reading the stories of others who have triumphed over adversity through problem solving and determination will teach children to have the confidence to do the same." - Erica from Whatwedoallday

Here is a list of book ideas I found on the blog: Whatwedoallday. She always has great ideas for book lists. I have used them often in the library. I know we don't have access to a library but maybe you have a few of these on hand. . . or maybe neighbors can share around if they get one of them.

Picture Books:

AFTER THE FALL: HOW HUMPTY DUMPTY GOT BACK UP AGAIN BY DAN SANTAT

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A PROBLEM? BY KOBI YAMADA

LUBNA AND PEBBLE BY WENDY MEDDOUR

COURAGE BY BERNARD WABER

A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER BY VERA B. WILLIAMS

Novels:

FRONT DESK BY KELLY YANG

BEVERLY, RIGHT HERE BY KATE DICAMILLO

STANLEY WILL PROBABLY BE FINE BY SALLY J. PLA

A LONG PITCH HOME by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

Just a reminder: If your student has his school library books at home *please keep track of them*. I will let you know the plan for collecting books by the end of the month. Watch for more information. Thanks!

(Wish we were) Cookin' at Canyon Rim

Greetings Canyon Rim Academy Friends! Hope you're all doing well despite the distancing! How about a delicious and fun kitchen activity?? Some of my grandkids came over (a couple of weeks ago when we could still all get together...remember what that was like??) to help me show you how to make these tasty Zucchini Pizza Boats. Thanks to James who shared this contest recipe with us a couple of years ago! Have fun with this!!

Watch our YouTube video (below) to see the finished product! Everyone looks happy here, but I have to admit that there was a bit of a disagreement on who got the last one!! So tasty that they didn't last long!

<https://youtu.be/PE4sATZOC7s>

ZUCCHINI PIZZA BOATS

Ingredients:

6 small zucchini

1 Tablespoon olive oil

1 garlic clove, finely minced

Salt and pepper to taste (CRA note: we didn't use any)

1 cup marinara sauce

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded mozzarella cheese

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely shredded parmesan cheese

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup mini pepperoni slices

2 Tablespoons fresh oregano chopped (CRA note: If you don't have oregano, try some dry Italian seasoning)

Preparation:

Slice zucchini thinly into boats. (About 1/4") Pat dry with paper towel. Brush with oil and garlic. Top with sauce, cheeses and pepperoni. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 12-18 minutes. (CRA note: Depending on your oven, that might be too long! Check at about 8 minutes...bake long enough to heat and melt the cheese, but you'll want to keep zucchini crisp)

PTO Newsletter, 4-13-2020

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday and are ready for another week. I wanted to share some of the fun and uplifting things that have been seen around the Canyon Rim community. We are seeing science lessons at home, lots of chalk art, dress up parades, book libraries, porch pantries, gratitude letters, mask sewing, lots of Birthday drive bys, karaoke porch parties, bike rides, exercising, and more. We see everyone embracing this time together at home and it is encouraging. Keep up the great stuff!

With the school year growing shorter, we have been working with administration on how to proceed through the end of the school year. We are trying to plan some things to help give closure to this historical year and your kids participation will make it great. Please participate in things if you feel you can, everyone's load is different right now.

Speaking of taking on LOADS of work, THANK YOU to our AMAZING teachers and staff for getting through the toughest first weeks of homeschool. You have been swamped with creating new ways to teach, communicating with parents, and keeping our kids feeling close with their peers. Every one of us is going through a lot of change, and the stress levels are high, please remember to be kind to one another, we are all in this together.

What we ARE doing:

Right now we working on the Year book and end of year video for everyone. We will be determining how to distribute these items as the time gets closer. It will most likely be via email for the video and mail or pick up for the yearbook, if we are not back to school.

We really would like to make this a memorable book for everyone. Some of our ideas are incorporating pictures from your time at home, and some answers to some prompts we will be putting out there in the coming weeks. The book will have the usual school pictures and pages showcasing our school activities, along with a section in the back for your child to fill in with questions to help them remember this year. There is no charge to you for this book.

WE NEED SOME HELP!!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, sign up following the link below and we will contact you. We will be looking for people to edit photos (using light room), sorting group photos etc. This is a process but can easily be done at home day or night. Please inquire if you WANT to help and have the time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA4A92EA5F49-yearbook>

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!!!

We will be sending out a link for you to upload your pics, the old link is compromised, we should have the new one shortly. -keep an eye out for an email

Officer Nominations:

We will vote in our officers at our next PTO meeting, May 5th. Below are the current nominations. If you have a nomination, please email canyonrimpto@gmail.com.

President: Lynsi Marshall Co-President: Emily Pehrson

President elect: -

Treasurer: -

Secretary: Maris Scott

Staff nominations this month! YES, life goes on...

Prisca Ranck has been at Canyon Rim for over a decade! She has dedicated many hours to not only helping her third graders as a classroom aide, but also assisting in Special Education. She is exceptional at maintaining order while on duty, yet she also cares about each child and knows what they need emotionally. Recently, a student was triggered in the lunchroom by another student who ruined his food, and he got very upset, running out to recess without eating. Ms. Prisca got him another slice of pizza, put a treat in his box, wrote a personal note to him, and explained the situation to his classroom teacher. When the student returned to class, he was a bit shocked to see that someone cared that much about him. This is just one example of how Ms. Prisca goes the extra mile to help individual kids, not just academically, but in other areas as well. I feel that Ms. Prisca should be nominated for her exemplary service at Canyon Rim Academy. She is much appreciated by students and staff alike 😊

I nominate **Lizette Sheppard**. She cares about the kids SO MUCH and goes above and beyond. She also takes the time to repair our playground balls with her super crazy egg white method. She helps wherever she can, and is the most kind and genuine person, this school is lucky to have her.

The PTO also appreciates all Lizette's hard work helping wherever you can for the school and the PTO. You are very valued for your sincerity, kindness and openness about what can be done to solve problems. We love you!

AtoZ school directory access:

To help keep communication amongst peers and parents, the PTO has made the AtoZ directory available at no charge for all to access through the end of the summer. If you have not added yourself into the directory, we urge you to do so. This is the official PTO directory that PARENTS will be updating upon the start of each new school year.

To Join:

Go to join.atozconnect.com and click on "sign up now". Enter the school zip code then select our school. If your email or phone number is in the database, a password reset link will be sent to your email. If not, complete the form to send in your join request. Only families with students have access to the directory.

Once we approve your request, you will get an email with login info. You can also download the AtoZconnect app from your app store.

- **Please remember to utilize our "EASY" fundraising options through "Smiths Inspiring donations" and "Amazon Smile". We are listed as Canyon Rim Academy PTO and receive a percentage from your purchases.**

- Follow us on Instagram! [#Canyonrimacademypto](#)

Thank you,
Canyon Rim Academy PTO