CRA Newsletter, 9-17-2019

Power Outage

Your children may have told you that yesterday about 20 minutes before school dismissed, there was a power outage at school. That's why you're receiving the Monday newsletter on Tuesday.

:) This morning the power is on and working great.

Due to the dropping temperatures in the milk cooler overnight, we are not confident that the milk will be safe to serve today, so students will be given water bottles with their hot lunch. Sorry for the inconvenience. Fresh milk will be delivered in the morning and available for tomorrow's lunch.

Lottery Open House

The Open House this year for our new lottery applicants will be held on

Thursday, October 3rd, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

If you have friends, neighbors or relatives interested in applying for their child to enroll at Canyon Rim Academy, please invite them to the Open House. This is the first opportunity for new students to apply for CRA beginning in 2020-2021. Board members and administration will be on hand to answer questions, conduct tours and give important information.

Jump Team

If your child 4^{th} , 5^{th} or 6^{th} grade child would like to participate in the Jump Team this year, auditions begin today.

4th graders may audition today, Sept. 17th right after school.

5th & 6th graders may audition tomorrow, Sept. 18th right after school.

After School Activities

As different activities after school begin for some students, we want to remind parents that if one child stays for an after school activity, other siblings still need to be picked up as soon as school ends. We do not have supervision after school and students should not be left waiting at school while their brother or sister participate in Band, Orchestra, Jump Team or any other after school activities. Thank you!

Dress Code Policy

Please review the CRA Dress Code Policy on our website and make sure your child is dressed in the required uniform clothing for school.

Reminder...School spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays, but not during the rest of the week.

School Wide BOOK DRIVE

September 23rd-27th

PLEASE SEND IN <u>NEW</u> AND <u>GENTLY USED</u> BOOKS to the donation boxes in the library.

All books will be donated to children and elementary aged students who don't have books or libraries

readily available to them.

**This is part of the READ AROUND THE GLOBE book challenge in the library.

KEYBOARDING GOALS at CRA & USING A MOUSE FOR KINDERGARTEN

Students in grades 3-6 will be formally introduced to keyboarding starting in September. Since computer time is limited, we invite our students to practice keyboarding at home for 10 minutes every

day. Regrettably, there is insufficient time in the school week to get enough practice to reach the technology standard set the by the Utah State Board of Education. Each student in Utah is encouraged to reach the following goals by the end of the school year (it isn't required):

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3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 15 wpm with 3 or less errors
4<sup>th</sup> grade – 20 wpm with 3 or less errors
5<sup>th</sup> grade – 25 wpm with 2 or less errors
6<sup>th</sup> grade – 27 wpm with 2 or less errors
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Whether or not your student(s) reaches these year-end goals, it is important that they memorize and learn the correct fingering on the keyboard. There is a "KEYBOARDING" tab on the **CRA computer lab** website (protopage.com/cracomputerlab) that has games and practice keyboarding sites for students to work on their keyboarding skills. We also encourage students in grades 4-6 to work on the program Typing Club (cracomputer.typingclub.com) at home for 10 or more minutes every day. Students in 3rd grade will be using typing.com at home. Students will learn how to login to these programs during computer lab time this week at school.

A keyboarding technique grade will be given to students in grades 3-6 on each report card. It does not matter the speed for this grade as long as they are increasing by 2 or more wpm (words per minute) each term. If a student reaches the Utah State Board of Education goal set above, they will receive a certificate at the end of the school year. Please encourage your child(ren) to work toward this goal.

<u>KINDERGARTEN PARENTS</u> – If you could work with your child on using a mouse, that would help SO much. I have mouse practice games on my webpage that I mentioned above on the KINDERGARTEN tab. A lot of students need extra practice at home to master the mouse.

If you have questions or comments please email our computer lab teacher, Susan Garrett, at sgarrett@canyonrimacademy.org.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 17: 4th Grade Auditions for Jump Team, 3:15
Wednesday, Sept. 18: 5th & 6th Grade Auditions for Jump Team, 3:15
Friday, Sept. 20: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Utah State Capitol, 8:30-11:30

PTO Carnival, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Carnival.

PTO Newsletter, September 17, 2019

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the family lunch last week and for our amazing lunchroom staff at CRA for the extra meals they made and the delicious cake. Also, thank to Laurie Merriman for arranging everything!

BOX TOPS

Thank you to everyone who visited the Box Tops store during family lunch and to all of you who have downloaded the App. The \$50.00 gift card winner was Talmage Hunter in Mrs. Pratt's class. 10 other names were drawn as well and they were all given magic rings.

The Box Top store will officially start at lunch this Wednesday September 18th, remember to get double points by using the app and scanning your receipts. You can always send in your receipts to the school as well.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Download the app or log on to AtoZconnect.com to gain access. Printed directories in the works.

**If you didn't put your info into the directory link, but would like it in the directory, or you purchased a directory but did not fill out your online information, you will not have online access unless you go to AtoZConnect.com and click on the Log In and sign up now. You can "opt out" or hide certain information in the directory itself if that is an issue.

WASATCH SAVINGS BOOKS

Wasatch Savings books are still available for purchase. They are \$30.00 and can be purchased through Venmo, your online directory, or you may send a check (make sure to include information with your payment - what it's for and for whom) and we will send the book home with your student.

UPCOMING DATES

<u>FIT FEET-</u> will start 9/18. Children will be able to run during morning and afternoon recess to earn fit feet.

<u>School Carnival September 20th</u> at CRA. If you did not pre-purchase tickets you will still be able to purchase both wristbands and food tickets the night of.

Room Parent Tea- will be held September 27th at 1:30. This is for all room parents.

<u>The Talent show</u> – We will be doing the school talent show again this year. Tryouts will be happening the end of October so get your talent acts together and start practicing!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers to help with set up and take down at the school carnival as well as run some of the carnival booths. The more help we get the faster it will go. Please signup here https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa4a92ea5f49-classroom

We are also looking for someone to be the Committee chair for ART Night. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa4a92ea5f49-artnight1

Thank you for all of you who are so willing to help and volunteer. The more helping hands we have the faster and smoother things go. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!