

## **CRA Newsletter, 2-12-2018**

### **Board Brief**

*The CRA Board of Trustees are continually monitoring and updating our school policies. As these policies are approved and updated, they are posted on the CRA website under the Policies and Procedures tab. Please feel free to familiarize yourself with these policies & procedures and also to utilize this information when introducing and/or referring new families to our school. We believe that Canyon Rim Academy provides a unique learning experience as we focus on getting to know each student and helping them to grow emotionally, socially, and academically.*

*You are always welcome to email the Board with any questions you have relating to CRA policies and procedures to [board@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:board@canyonrimacademy.org). If your questions relate to day-to-day operations of the school, please direct those questions to the principal.*

### **OLYMPICS SERVICE PROJECT**

Remember to bring your change...

Just a reminder to bring your coins/spare change to donate to the Olympics initiative called "Become the Light". The coins will help bring light to thousands of people living in refugee camps that don't have access to any light during hours of darkness – your contribution will go towards purchasing solar panels for these refugees. Your change can help *change* someone's world by giving them the needed light they don't have. Students and adults may put their coins in a 5 gallon jar outside of the office. For more info about this project, look up:

<http://unfoundationblog.org/5-reasons-care-powering-refugee-camps/>

## **Our school library is full of great books. Encourage your child to try something new on his library day...**

Thanks, Miss Alyson

Here are a few ideas picked up from a librarian in Arizona- J. Bradshaw, **to encourage** a reading culture in your home.

### **1. Don't worry about finishing the book.**

There's something that feels so *wrong* about giving up on a book. It feels like you're teaching your child to be a quitter. But slogging through a book you **hate** just makes you NOT want to read. If your toddler loses interest in a picture book or your elementary-school child can't keep up with a chapter book, ditch it and try something new. The goal is to help your child develop a love of reading, not dread getting stuck in a book you won't let them give up on.

### **2. Place books within your child's reach.**

Keep a basket of library books next to the couch and a bookshelf in their bedroom or playroom and a couple of books in the car to look at during a drive. You'll be amazed how often they pick them up when they can grab them on their own.

### **3. Don't rush into older books too soon.**

It's so tempting to jump into chapter books as soon as possible. (Nothing like a good chapter book!!). But picture books have so much great vocabulary and wide range of topics --- you'll want to savor those as long as you can. And even as they do graduate to older books, keep picture books in the mix.

#### **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

Parents and school personal alike have reported that there are problems at the Drop Off/Pick Up area before and after school. Children's safety is and should be our first priority.

Please remember that children should use the crosswalks to cross the street, and should not be encouraged to cross the street outside a cross walk area. Please be patient as you wait for your child in the pick-up area (church parking lot next to the school). Please do not drop students off or pick them up in the front parking lot, or in front of the school.

CRA has created a procedure for a drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern. This information is also on our website. Communicate this information to anyone who will be part of the pick-up and drop-off process for your child. We all need to work together to maintain a safe and accessible procedure.

- There is one supervised drop-off and pick-up location. The Drop-off and Pick-up map (attached to this email) outlines where cars are expected to enter and exit the drop-off and pick-up area. The arrows indicate the direction the vehicles should follow.
- There is a no parking zone in the traffic patterns to keep children safe, and avoid congestion and accidents.
- Do not enter the drive way north of the school; it is for bikes and walking students.
- Do not use the front parking lot or 2900 East, the street in front of the school, for drop-off and pick-up. The front parking lot is for faculty and parents entering the building only. 2900 East is narrow and needs to be kept clear for snow removal, pedestrian safety, and neighbor courtesy.
- We need every adult who is driving students to and from school to follow these procedures to protect the safety of *every* child.

#### **Report What You See**

If you see any unusual things or vandalism happening around the school or in the neighborhood, please let the school know. Thank you!

#### **CALENDAR**

Wednesday, February 14:	Happy Valentine's Day! Valentine parties will be held in classrooms.
Thursday, February 15:	Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.
Friday, February 16:	NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 19:	NO SCHOOL, President's Washington & Lincoln Day