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J.P. RYON WEEKLY CARDINAL COMMUNICATOR

Week of: September 21-25

The purpose of the COMMUNICATOR is to provide weekly updates to parents, guardians and scholars during Distance Learning from our Administration, Office Staff, Instructional Leadership Team, Counselor, Psychologist, Parent Liaison, and other Support Staff.



A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Greetings J.P. Ryon Cardinal Families,

Happy Fall!!! We hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather. Join us in welcoming Ms. Deborah Booze to the Administrative Office Team and Ms. Courtney Williams, Kindergarten Instructional Assistant (with Ms. Charmen Holbrook). Welcome to the J.P. Ryon Family! We are still celebrating our Grandparents & Grandfriends and cherish all that they do for us. Thank you for sharing your special moments with us. If you have not had the opportunity, view the **updated** video here (you may even see some of our Admin and Staff too):

<https://youtu.be/karBm9KtJCw>

Please remember to stop by to pick up mandatory materials of instruction today – September 23, 2020 1-4pm in the staff lot. Call the Main Office to make other arrangements for pick-up if you're unable to make it out today. Also, parents of scholars 5 and under, do not forget to join us for a very helpful parent workshop on Conscious Discipline. Learn strategies to support you as you parent during the pandemic. It's not too late to register, click link to register: <https://earlychildhoodccps.wufoo.com/forms/qmtaopz0gsttvc/>

We're still celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, be sure to check our Facebook and Twitter pages for facts, recipes, traditions, crafts and other each day. If you have one to share, remember to email to Ms. Claassen at dclaassen@ccboe.com. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

As we continue to navigate distance teaching and learning, we thank you for your support and partnership to overcome obstacles. Our teachers and staff work hard each day to ensure our scholars are connected and engaged in meaningful instruction. Please continue to allow your scholar to engage and support their independence in the home space and the distance learning experience. Thank you for taking a few moments to review the important information and messages below from our support staff. We can do virtually anything together! When they go low, we fly H.I.G.H.!

Your partners in distance teaching and learning,

Dr. Melinda B. Johnson, Principal

Diedra Barnett, VP PreK-2nd

Scott Hangey, VP 3rd -5th

Important Dates (mark your calendars):

Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 23: Desserts & Dialogue about Discipline Virtual Parent Workshop 6:30pm

Sept, 23: Mandatory Materials Distribution #1 1-4pm

Sept. 25: Thriving Threes Virtual Meet and Greet

Sept. 29: Early dismissal day canceled/Full Day

Oct. 2: Building Service Workers Day

Oct. 7: PTO Virtual Meeting

Oct. 9: Early dismissal day canceled/Full Day

Oct. 12: Schools closed for students/Parent Conferences

added! - Oct 14: Mandatory Materials Distribution #2 1-4pm

Oct. 19: Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8pm – Save the date!

Oct. 21: Unity Day – Wear **Orange**

Oct. 21-25: Spirit Week – Bullying Prevention Week

Nov. 2: End of the first quarter

Nov. 4: Two hours of teacher planning for report card preparation

Nov. 6: Early dismissal canceled/Full Day

MOTIVATIONAL THEME

WE CAN DO VIRTUALLY ANYTHING TOGETHER!

MONTHLY CORE VALUE

FRIENDSHIP – Using your words and actions to show others you care.

LUNCH APPLICATION (FREE STATUS ELIGIBILITY)

Be sure to complete the lunch application, if you have not already done so. On Oct. 14th any scholar with a "FREE" status will change to "PAID" if an application is not submitted and processed. Parents are encouraged to submit SY 2020-21 applications online, it is quick, easy, secure and reduces the chance of error. The online application is found on the CCBOE website homepage at the bottom OR at www.myschoolapps.com.

GRAB AND GO FREE LUNCH

Grab and Go lunch is available at J.P. Ryon and other meal sites Mon. through Fri. 11:00 - 1:00pm for CCPS students through Dec. 31st.

View more information here: <https://www.ccboe.com/pr/ccps-offers-free-meals-to-children-ages-2-18/>

ATTENDANCE MATTERS DURING DISTANCE LEARNING

Regular attendance at school is vital to educational development. School attendance laws of the State of Maryland require that scholar attend school regularly. If students are absent from school due to illness or for other legitimate reasons, they must bring a written EMAIL excuse signed by the parent, legal guardian or doctor. Unless an excuse is received within 3 days it will be coded unlawful. Parents are asked to call the school on the third day of consecutive absences. Letters will be sent to parents when students have chronic absences. Parents may be asked to conference with a school administrator and a pupil personnel worker to improve absenteeism.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TEAM

Welcome Ms. Deobrah Booze to the Administrative Office Team! We're happy to have her on board. Here are our updates:

- Yearbooks from 2019/2020 SY are still available for pick-up Mon-Fri 11-3pm for parents who did not receive during the summer.
- Please call school directly for parents who need to establish their ParentVue Accounts.
- Reminder that parents will be contacted directly from school staff about technology device pick-up.
- Please call ahead to schedule in-person assistance device if having problems with school issued device.

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Deborah Booze, Office Secretary Temp, dbooze@ccboe.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Hello J.P. Ryon Scholars and Parents!

I hope everyone had a great weekend and an even better start for the week!! I sent out a parent needs assessment last week. Parents, please take the time to complete as it will help me develop groups based on students' needs. Click this link to complete [Needs Assessment](#)

Thank you to the parents who attended last weeks and this week "Conversations with the Counselor. I look forwards to seeing you on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Again, for those parents who would like to meet but cannot make the times scheduled, send me an email with a good day and time that will work for you!

As always feel free to contact me anytime at 301-645-3090 or jcrumpley@ccboe.com.

Counselors Corner - <https://sites.google.com/view/jpryoncounselorcorner/home>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs. Rodriguez: Learning Resource Teacher (Gifted & Testing) Diagnostic Testing has begun. Please remember that your scholar needs to take this assessment on their own. The information gained from this diagnostic test will not be used as a grade, but it will be used to guide your child's teacher in closing the learning gaps from last year. Here are a few tips & suggestions if your scholar is having trouble getting to their test:

1. If the link shared in the Zoom chat doesn't work, copy & paste it into a new tab and open.
2. Make sure FastTest is opened in Google Chrome. That's its preferred browser.
3. Look for the Diagnostic assessment in either the Reading or Math Gradebook content; 5th grade will also have a Science assessment.
4. It will not work on a phone, but it should work on an iPad.

If you have opted out of live lessons, your child can still access the tests through the content pages. However, if you need or prefer a paper version of the test, please contact me at krodriguez@ccboe.com. Be sure to include the scholar's name, grade & teacher.

Ms. Washington: Reading Resource Teacher

Reading to and with your child(ren) has many benefits. Choose books that your child will enjoy and read a story at bedtime or any time you need to get away from the screen. Children who are not yet reading on their own benefit tremendously from being read to. Being read to allows children to hear the language of literature and develop a love for reading. Older students also enjoy being read to and having rich conversations about what they have heard. Sharing a good book, even chapter books is a great way to further develop reading skills at any age.

Mrs. Metz: Instructional Resource Teacher

I do hope all of our families and caregivers take time this week for selfcare. With distance learning being the new-normal for our scholars and teachers, we are all working diligently to provide a stable, engaging and rigorous learning environment. This can all be overwhelming at times. To help create lasting connections in your home and with math, I would like to share some ideas with you to use during everyday routines. Here are some ideas:

- Handwashing and teeth brushing: count how many seconds and convert to half and whole minutes, hang up math facts around the mirror to practice
- Cooking and baking: reading numbers, measuring with whole numbers and fractions, estimating amounts, organizing place settings

- Bedtime routine: check out math centered stories from the library, count imaginative sheep, set the alarm on the clock and determine the amount of hours of sleep available and review math facts together

A special note for families and caregivers of our 3rd - 5th grade scholars:

We have embarked on a new journey in math this year. Your scholars have a new math workbook at home entitled Illustrative Mathematics. Please be sure this book is available during math class. We are excited to partner with Illustrative Mathematics and bring a rigorous, standard-aligned and deep curriculum to our scholars.

A special note for families and caregivers of our K – 5th scholars:

Please encourage your scholar to complete five DreamBox lessons each week. This will ensure they are making adequate progress and provide timely data to teachers for planning supports and lessons.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARENT LIAISON

Hello Cardinal Families and Scholars! I am so excited to connect with you each week on our Weekly Communicator Newsletter!

Don't forget to fill out your FARMS Application! It's more than just free or reduced meals. It also helps Title I fund student programs and services, reduced registration fees for AP/SAT/ACT exams and free enrollment for high school students who take classes at the College of Southern Maryland.

CCPS families can complete the meal application at <http://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Please contact me if you need resources and/or support.

Your Title I Parent Liaison,

Dana Claassen Email: dclaassen@ccboe.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Hello JP Ryon Scholars & Families!

This month is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month! In 2008, the month of September was declared National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember the 48,000 lives lost each year to suicide and raise awareness of preventative strategies and resources. Please click [here](#) to read the document entitled Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents and Educators. This document includes Risk factors, Warning Signs, Strategies for what to do and Reminders for Parents. If you or someone you know is suicidal, get help immediately via 911, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your School Psychologist,

Shideka Mullings Email: smullings@ccboe.com Call/text: (240) 348-3225

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ESOL TEACHERS

We will see students for a 30-minute synchronous (live) lesson each week as well as provide activities for an asynchronous lesson through our LMS pages. Please be sure to check your StudentVue/ParentVue accounts for lesson invitations. Please be sure to send back the necessary ESOL paperwork to the school as soon as possible. Information about Imagine Learning will be coming soon. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Megan Kaiser- mkaiser@ccboe.com Jessica Schwab- jschwab@ccboe.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

Hello JP Ryon Scholars and Families!

As the Summer is coming to an end and Fall is making its grand arrival, we are entering a season where a lot of family and friends would usually come to visit. Since Covid-19 has changed the way we do things, this activity may be just as fun to do with your scholar! Help your scholar send a postcard to a relative! Talk about the different steps you have to do to send a postcard. Target sequencing, following directions, vocabulary, and much more! You and your scholar can still feel the love of family even during this time!

P.S. We are still sending out information to each student/family regarding IEPs, consent forms, and more. Many things need to be returned to your SLP. Please reach out to us with any questions you may have. We are so excited to be working with you!

Your J.P. Ryon SLPs,

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Thank you for reading and remember: When they go low, we fly H.I.G.H.!

Stay safe and healthy, remember to wash your hands often!