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2019-2020

March 29, 2020

Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 3/29, check [Calendar](#) for updates)

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| 3/29 | Last Day for Fun Run Donations (donate) | 4/3 | Report Cards Posted in Powerschool |
| 4/1 | Last Day to Order Yearbooks (order) | 4/6-10 | Spring Break |
| 4/1 | End of Quarter 3 | 4/13 | Remote Learning Continues |

School Closed through May 15 (Remote Learning)

Message from the Principal

Happy Sunday, Cardinals!

I hope you've all been relaxing this weekend AWAY from your screens. While we have enjoyed seeing you in classroom zooms and we love all the work you've been submitting, we want to stress to everyone how important it is to step away from digital learning each day and do things that are rewarding and fun.

We have an amazing opportunity to set a very high bar for this new way of teaching and I'm so excited to see how quickly our teachers have stepped up to this challenge. None of this has been easy for any of us, but I am wowed every day when I see what new and cool things our teachers have planned for our little Cardinals. We've put this together quickly and it's been a huge learning curve for us all, but I'm pleased at our results so far. We're one of the only schools in our area to even provide digital content and we've done it in every subject area and at every grade level AND we've included specials classes, math and reading intervention, and EC classes as well. It's a huge feat and one of the reasons our school is different and better; I am so happy to be a part of it as we are changing the game for everyone else in our area.

At the end of this week, third-quarter report cards will be available via PowerSchool. There's still time to bring these grades up; please reach out to your teacher to discuss any concerns about grades. While we didn't get to finish the quarter together, we still have an opportunity to give students this feedback and set a course for the last quarter of the year.

We will observe Spring Break from April 6-10, so no new content will be available at that time. We encourage everyone to relax and spend time as a family.

Parents, please share this message with your student: as you are interacting with one another online and posting in chat rooms, please remember to be kind. We Cardinals treat each other with respect ALWAYS, regardless of whether we're in person or online with one another. We don't call each other names or say / type hurtful things to one another, and we don't post things that can hurt feelings. Be NICE to one another online just as you do in person because someone is always watching; you want to be the kind kid.

Let's have a great week of school!

Becky Draper, Ed.D.
Principal



Cardinal Families,

March 27, 2020

We hope this email finds you healthy and safe. As you know, the Governor of North Carolina has extended school closure until May 15, 2020. What does school closure mean? It means that the school building itself is closed as a learning environment for children. However, as you know and have experienced over the last week and a half, we have been able to develop and deploy our remote learning plan and this week has been epic! Our teachers and staff have done a phenomenal job switching from a school with four walls to a completely virtual school and we all want to keep going! So, while the school building will remain closed as a learning environment until May 15th, we are going to continue operating school via remote learning.

Our school calendar remains intact, and we will continue to observe holidays, breaks, etc. as outlined in our 19-20 calendar. Spring Break will be April 6-10, which means that students and teachers will be off and digital learning will not be expected or required. Also, our last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year remains June 11. As a school, we remain committed to your child's growth and education, and we are grateful to continue the school year with your student and family.

Thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time. We know this has been challenging for you. It has been challenging for all of us, but we are excited to partner with you to continue educating and growing your Cardinal, preparing them for the future, regardless of the current circumstances.

If you have any questions about our remote learning plan or the school calendar, please contact your child's teacher or me. We're here for you!

With love, digitally,

Becky Draper, Principal

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Instructional Leader of the Week—Updated

Congratulations to this week's teacher of the week, Ms. Lori Tryon! Ms. Tryon has been working diligently with the EC team this week to continue to ensure that all of her students have the support they need at home. She has been conferencing with individual students, supporting students in their regular instruction, and speaking with students and families about what they need to succeed. She relentlessly advocates for her students and classes, and we so sincerely appreciate the hard work she is showing in this time of transition!

School Calendar—Updated

Our school building remains closed and we will continue remote learning through May 15. April 13 is now a regular school day.

K-4 Specials

Specials for students in grades K-4 will take place with one special each day. The schedule may be found below. Online materials may be found [here](#) and more information is in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

- Monday: Music
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: PE
- Thursday: Spanish
- Friday: Technology

Counselor's Corner—New

We know that this is a stressful time for parents which includes many novel challenges. Our counselors are beginning to reach out to families individually to check in, but we are always available through email, five days a week. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the counselors if you or your family have any needs, emotional or material, and we will do our best to accommodate. We have been using Zoom to conference with students, and are available and willing to work with your family as well. Additionally, we will be posting new Social/Emotional Learning content on our school's WIX page. Please check it out.

We can be reached at our email addresses:
[Sara Penna](#) and [Savannah Nevarez](#).

Fun Run

TODAY (Sunday) is the last day to make donations for the Fun Run and Color Run. Individual and class prizes will be announced next week. Please continue to donate today! Thank you!

View and add your pictures here: [Elementary Fun Run](#) [Middle School Color Run](#)

Donate here: [FUNRUN.CCAPTCCARY.ORG](https://funrun.ccaptccary.org)



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Remote Learning Website: <http://bit.ly/2Uat4qz>

For tech help, please email: ccatechhelp@gmail.com

Spirit Week—Updated

Monday - Sunshine day—Post pictures in sunglasses and hats.

Tuesday - Flower day—Post pictures of flowers from in or around your house.

Wednesday - April showers—Happy first day of April! It's supposed to rain today, so let's see you in your rain gear.

Thursday - Ride your bike day—Show us a picture of you riding your bike.

Friday - Cardinal Spirit Wear—Sport your Cardinal gear and post some pictures of your Virtual Learning.

Field Trip Refunds—New

Administration is currently working on refunding field trips. We are contacting field trip vendors that we have already paid to see about getting refunds and will update parents on their grade-level field trips with more information as soon as we are able.

Virtual Fire Drill—New

This is just for fun! We will hold a virtual fire drill on Monday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. Set an alarm for that time on your phone and when the alarm goes off, go outside to your family meeting place. Stay outside for ten minutes and enjoy the sun. Take a picture while outside and post it in the comments of Cardinal's fire drill reminder post on Facebook!





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Free Meal Sites

There are many sites throughout Wake county that are offering free meals to students. A short list may be found below. More locations are listed [here](#). Meals are served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are distributed by volunteers curbside. You do not have to show ID to pick up and children are not required to be present when picking up food.

- Creech Road Elementary School, 450 Creech Road, Garner
- Wendell Middle School, 3409 NC Hwy. 97, Wendell
- Briarcliff Elementary School, 1220 Pond St., Cary
- Athens Drive High, 1420 Athens Drive, Raleigh
- Reedy Creek Elementary, 940 Reedy Creek Rd, Cary
- Knightdale Elementary, 109 Ridge Street, Knightdale

Fifth and Eighth Grade: Baby Pictures

Baby pictures of fifth and eighth grade students are needed for the yearbook. Please upload your child's baby picture and include the student's name with the picture.

[5th grade baby picture album](#)

[8th grade baby picture album](#)

Yearbook Orders

It's time to order those yearbooks! Yearbooks can be ordered online via the link below and both elementary and middle school yearbooks are \$25. **Yearbooks must be ordered by April 1.** <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

Elementary: 13332720

Middle School: 13987320

Internet Access

If students don't have internet access, families may call 1-844-488-8398 for free internet from Spectrum during school closures.

Yearbook Autographs—New

This year, we will have a virtual signing of yearbooks. Students may upload their autograph to be included in this year's yearbook.

Upload a picture of a short message or just your signature (whatever you might sign in your friend's yearbook) on a plain white piece of paper:

[Grades K-5 Album for Signatures](#)

[Grades 6-8 Album for Signatures](#)

2020-2021 School Calendar

The 2020-2021 school calendar can be found on the PTC website [here](#). Dates have been entered into the live Google calendar found [here](#).



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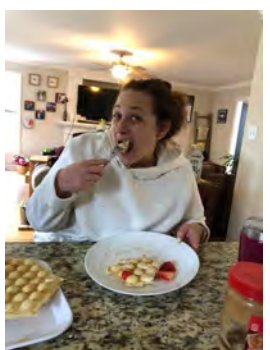
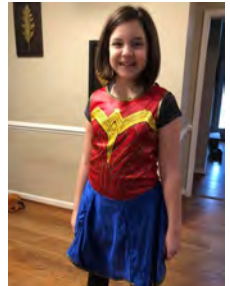
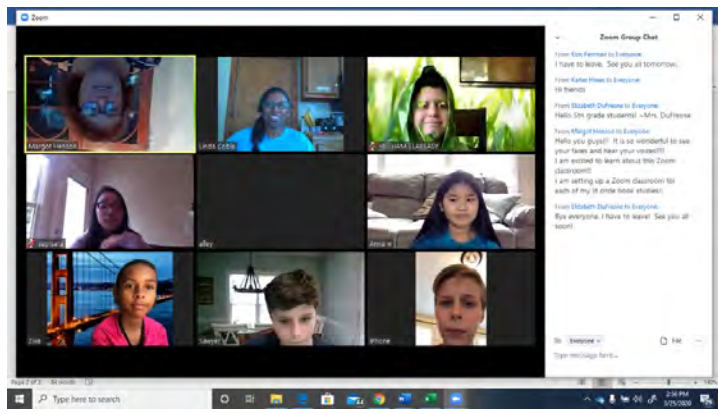
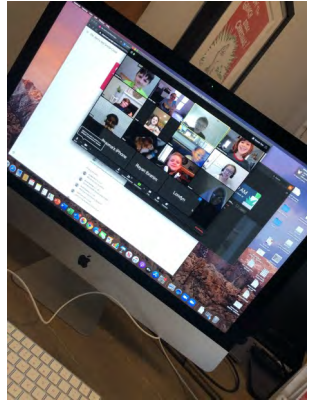
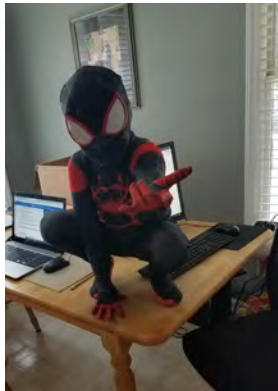
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Remote Learning and Spirit Week!

K-5 Picture Album

6-8 Picture Album





Dear Parents and Students,

Hello, our onstage and backstage parents and students. We hope you are all doing well and in good health. We are sad to inform you that the spring musical has been canceled, due to the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19.

Your money will be refunded to you at a prorated rate. The PTC and administration will figure that out very soon. We hope this will not inconvenience you in anyway.

We do have some good news for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue with the musical next year. We will be doing Little Mermaid Jr. in the fall, sometime in December. We will have the same cast as long as you are still at Cardinal Charter Academy for the next school year. The backstage crew will also be allowed back for the new school year.

However, there will be auditions for those roles that were taken by any of this year's eighth graders. We will also allow any new students to audition for the new school year next fall.

We will keep you informed about when auditions and rehearsals will begin closer to the end of the summer break. Thank you for your time and we appreciate your patience in this time of pandemic issues.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shabrack, Ms. Waltz, and Ms. Stanley