

2020-2021 School Year CKCS Parent Newsletter

Fall edition

Welcome to an exciting new school year at CKCS!

In this newsletter, we are sharing with you some important information as we start our school year, including our fundraising goals, how to access parent resources, communication and contact details, details on your parent-led school's leadership, and sharing some ways you can get involved in your child's school and education!

As a parent led school, we encourage each family to become involved with our school in a meaningful way – this could include joining a school committee or board, contributing financial towards our school's needs, or by signing up for a volunteer slot for an event (as we are able to host them!). We recommend that each family consider how they could contribute an equivalent of five volunteer hours to our school.

We are looking forward to a great year, in whatever form it takes! Please let us know what questions you have, and we will work to address!

-- From the CKCS Staff and your Parent Leadership Boards

Unfundraiser! - We need to raise **\$10,350** this year!

Due to current conditions we are unsure if our school will be able to hold our normal fundraising events. Our school does still have expenses that help make our school the great place it is, and we do still need to raise funds for 2020-21!

Please consider making a donation to our school's PRT to offset some of our expenses. We understand that at this time there are families that cannot afford to give.

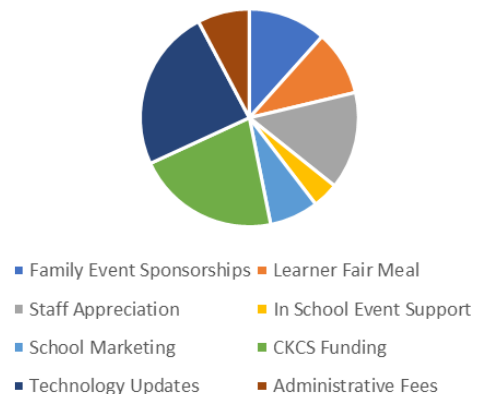
As you consider if your family is able to make a financial donation, please consider that CKCS typically has a registration fee of around \$70 per student, which was waived this year. Consider making a donation in this same amount towards an investment in our school!

You can donate to the PRT through

- Paypal - Send to ckcsprt@gmail.com
- By Check – Mail to CKCS PRT, 300 Richard St, Verona, WI 53593

Please email the PRT at ckcsprt@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2020-21 Fundraising Needs



Staying Connected - 2020-2021 CKCS Directory

Like last year the PRT will be completing a school wide directory for those who would like to participate. The directory will include contact information for other families in the school – useful for setting up playdates or birthday party invites!

This is not required, but the only way to get access to the finished directory is to submit your family's information. Data from last school year is not retained, so please submit again if you submitted last year.

Submissions are due by **October 1st** and we will get the directory out to families as soon as possible.



Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBaNwp71JEcW-4WuXjS_JJrT-9uTZkqJaWadvhGYdfs3lpg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Parent Information and Resources



CKCS PARENT LEADERSHIP WEBSITE- <https://vackcs.com/>

This website includes information about our school's mission and our parent leadership boards, links to volunteer or donate, and a calendar of events that is updated in real time.

DISTRICT CKCS WEBSITE - <http://ckcs.verona.k12.wi.us/home>

District managed resources for our school are located here.



CKCS FACEBOOK – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212817182076525/>

This page is a community forum for members of our school community. It is not affiliated with or managed by CKCS or its parent groups. Content is not actively moderated, but it is a place for parents to engage with other parents on topics related to the school – get questions answered and share information.



CORE KNOWLEDGE CHARTER FACEBOOK – <https://www.facebook.com/Core-Knowledge-Charter-448779121991723/>

Be sure to join Core Knowledge Charter School group, this site is managed by the school. Get school announcements and candid glimpses into the school day.

Help Support Our Amazing Teachers and Staff

Looking for an easy volunteer opportunity this year? Consider participating in your student's educational experience this year by joining our new **Teacher Support Committee!** This committee replaces the traditional "room parent" concept, providing support to teachers in volunteer request management, room party planning, and more! We also organize appreciation gifts and events for our staff.

Contact us at ckcsroomparents@gmail.com to find out more and see how you can help!

PRT Contact Information

EMAIL – ckcsprt@gmail.com

FACEBOOK – <https://www.facebook.com/coreknowledgeprt/>

REMIND TEXTS – Text '@ckcsp' to '81010'



PRT Meetings

Open meetings are held every second Wednesday of every month. Starting time is at 7:00pm.

At this time meeting will be held virtually. Please contact CKCSPRT@gmail.com to receive the meeting invite.

Everyone is welcome!

Meet Your Parent Round Table Board!

President (interim) - Sara Hereley

Vice President Community Building- Sara Hereley

Vice President Fundraising - Sarah Wood

Treasurer- Laura Meicher

Secretary (interim) – Laura Meicher

What we do: We manage school events that encourage the CKCS community to come together. Past events have included a color run, trivia night, bingo night, school dances, and family game/movie nights. We aim make our school events accessible at no additional cost to families. Fundraising efforts support the school with funds to cover teacher and school needs in the current school year, above what the district provides.

Get involved with PRT! *Email ckcsprt@gmail.com for more info*

- **Join our board!** Currently we have open positions for President and Secretary, as well as at-large parent reps
- **Become an event coordinator!** We are looking for parents to help with: Book Swaps, Color Run, Adult Social Events, School Supply Kit Coordinator, Field Day, Staff Support Committee

Ongoing ways to support CKCS's Financial Needs

- Use the "Donate" button on the top of our PRT [Facebook](#)® page
- Contribute directly to our **PayPal** by sending to ckcsprt@gmail.com
- Mail a **paper check** to CKCS PRT, 300 Richard St, Verona, WI 53593
- Scan **Box Tops** with the mobile app to collect instant Box Tops
- Collect **Coca-Cola Product Reward Codes** – found on bottle caps and inside the cardboard of canned soda, we can input the codes to go to CKCS, and make 5-38 cents per code!
- **When shopping on Amazon** use the URL [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) instead and Amazon will automatically donate a percentage of your purchases to CKCS PRT – just search for "Core Knowledge." On the Amazon app find settings and tap on "AmazonSmile".
- **Teachers have [wish lists set up on Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/wishlists)** for ongoing classroom needs – find them under VACKCS, ship to your home and send items in with your child OR ship to school with a note saying which teacher it is for.

GC Contact Information

EMAIL – Ckcsgoverningcouncil@gmail.com

Meet Your Governing Council Board!

President- Joleen Rau

Vice President- Erin Marriott

Treasurer- Abbey Weiss

Secretary- Melissa Moser

Parent Rep – Jenny Hammes

Community Reps – Lauren McQuiston and Jorja Gander

What we do: Decision making body responsible for setting school policies and procedures, curriculum review, budgetary review and oversight, hiring, marketing during open enrollment, and setting annual school goals, all in accordance with the Verona Area School District (VASD) Core Knowledge® Charter contract.

GC Meetings

Open meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month – start time is 6:30pm

At this time, meetings are held virtually. See <https://vackcs.com/calendar> for an agenda and Zoom link to attend, or visit <https://vackcs.com/parent-led> for minutes of past monthly meetings.

Everyone is welcome!

Get involved with GC! *Email ckcsgoverningcouncil@gmail.com for more info*

Here's your opportunity to model leadership and your belief in the importance of education for your kiddos! GC has standing committees for the following: Budget, Curriculum Assessment & Review, Hiring, and Outreach. We'll be sharing more information about each of these committees and estimated time commitments in the near future. Please consider volunteering!

PASS Contact Information

EMAIL- ckcs.alumni@verona.k12.wi.us

FACEBOOK – <https://www.facebook.com/CKCSPASS/>

Meet Your Parents Advocating Student Success Board!

President- Jennifer Mueller

Vice President- Marcia Tennyson

Treasurer- Dave Vogt

Secretary- Vacant

What we do: The goal of our board is to support and sustain schools that use evidence-based curriculum and teaching methods. We hold the contract for the charter school with the Verona School District, and work with the district on updates and renewals, as well as ensure our school remains in contract compliance. We support the long-term sustainability of our school through management of our CKCS endowment.

PASS Meetings

PASS launches into the 2020-21 school year on Wednesday September 16th!

Future Meeting Schedule and Agendas:
<https://vackcs.com/calendar>

Hope to see you there!

Get involved with PASS! *Email ckcs.alumni@verona.k12.wi.us for more info*

Looking to participate in the community and have a little time? PASS has several opportunities - **Board Member, Web Coordinator, or Endowment Coordinator** - to name a few.