



CKCS Parent *Spring Newsletter*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This year, like any other year, our PRT has a fundraising goal to support our school, educators, community, and students. At the beginning of the school our traditional fundraising efforts were thrown out the window due to COVID. Our Board, like many of you, pivoted and here we are - well on our way to reaching our \$10,350 goal because of YOU and your continued support in these unprecedented times. We cannot thank you enough.

By participating in the virtual book fair, enjoying a cupcake you purchased from the Gigi's cupcake sale, buying school spirit gear and school supply kits, and making generous donations, we have been able to purchase items like standing desks for our teachers, additional TVs on carts to support our smaller class sizes, treat our Teachers and Staff who work tirelessly to support our students. These are just a few things that your donations have done! - THANK YOU!

Teacher Support Committee Update

A new committee was formed earlier this year by a few parents who simply wanted to show additional support, to be “cheer leaders” for the teachers, and to provide assistance where needed since Room Parents are not an option right now. They call themselves the Teacher Support Committee (TSC).

So far this school year...

- In October, the TSC sent out a request for donations to a Teacher Appreciation Fund, and they were overwhelmed with the generosity of fellow parents who also wanted to show appreciation in this way. Using a portion of the funds collected, the TSC **purchased various gift cards from local businesses** and each of the teachers and support staff of CKCS received one along with a sincere **Thank You note** just before Thanksgiving. “We wanted them to know how truly thankful we are for their additional efforts and flexibility right now” said Brandis Wasvick, a member of the TSC.
- In December, the TSC coordinated a **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**. See the full recap of this event below
- As more staff and students return to the building, and schedules and routines are shuffled yet again, the TSC provided cute little “**Appreciation/Survival Kits**” for all staff. The gesture is meant to provide encouragement, a little smile, and to signify that “we are here for you”.

Coming soon...

- In February, **donuts and other pastries** will be provided to all staff as a Valentine/Love your Staff gesture.
- In March, the TSC will provide a **Pinterest worthy beverage cart** with various drinks with sayings of gratitude on them.
- And with **Teacher Appreciation Week** in May, you can bet they’ll come up with another fun way to show their support and appreciation.

“We recognize that it takes more than just the teachers to keep each day running as smoothly as possible, especially these days,” said Brandis, “and the education team at CKCS is being so flexible, so creative, and displaying true dedication to educating our kiddos. It is clear that they have put in extra work behind the scenes and we want to acknowledge that.”



Fall Teacher Luncheon Recap

Our Teacher luncheon looked different this year but with your help and the incredible support of our staff, it was a big success! We safely provided meals and snacks for our teaches. Thank you again to the parents and staff who donated and made this event possible. Our teachers left with full bellies and hearts!

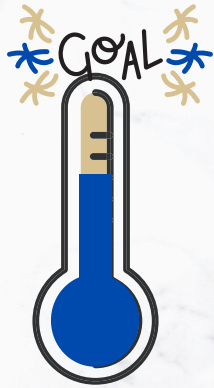
To join the Teacher Support Committee, email ckcsroomparents@gmail.com

To contribute towards future Staff Appreciation events,

PayPal to ckcsprt@gmail.com or check to CKCS PRT to 300 Richard St, Verona, WI 53593

(note TSC in memo for both payment types)

Your donation makes a difference!



Fall Un-Fundraiser

Many thanks to our families, friends, and community who participated in the Fall semester portion of our Un-Fundraiser event. Your generous donations totaled \$952.10!

Un-Fundraiser events will continue through Spring semester as we progress towards our \$10,350 2020-21 fundraising goal!



Technology-Focused Fundraiser Now in Progress!



Did you know that district funding does not cover all of CKCS's technology needs? We are running a short term fundraising effort to ensure we can cover our \$5,000 expected costs to ensure our students and staff have the technology to be successful.

We have multiple ways to give to this semester's Technology Fundraiser! Participate in the community effort by visiting our [PRT Facebook](#) page! Don't use Facebook? No problem! You can donate via paypal or check, email ckcsprt@gmail.com!

Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Our Fall Scholastic Book fair went virtual this year and was a success! With over \$988.32 in online sales we raised \$247.07 scholastic dollars!

This money will be used for our weekly readers program and purchasing other items for the library - Thank you!

Missed out on this fun event? No worries, we will have a Spring Book Fair happening soon!



You're SO Sweet

Gigi's Cupcake Fundraiser

We think it is safe to say that our families and friends sure like cupcakes! The Gigi's Cupcake Fundraiser was a BIG success and with your support raised \$600 towards our PRT annual fundraising goal - THANK YOU!



SPRING EVENTS!

Join us!

January

- **January 12th** - *District Open Enrollment Begins* - Share CKCS with friends, family, and neighbors who would like to enroll for 2021-2022 school year.
- **January 22nd** - *Virtual Paint Party!* - We had so much fun "chillin' with our gnomies! Missed the live event? Check out the video tutorial: https://youtu.be/L_BFonK6OtI

February

- **February 12th** - *Treats for our Teachers!* - Special treats will be available in school for our teachers and staff! If you'd like to get involved please email the TSC at ckcsroomparents@gmail.com
- **February 14th** - *Virtual Family Trivia Night!* - The entire family can play this Disney theme trivia game online from 7-9 PM! Register now [HERE](#) by 2/7/21.
- **February 15th** - *District Open Enrollment Ends*

March

- **March 13th** - *Zoom Bingo for Kids!* - We will be hosting virtual bingo for K-2 and 3-8. Save the date and more details to come!

April

- **April 12th-16th** - *CKCS Merch Sale* - If you missed the Fall sale or maybe your kids grew a few inches we will have CKCS merch available for purchase this week. PS-Shhh...there may be a Spirit day coming up in May. Get ready!
- **April 24th** - *Drive In Movie Night* - You read that right! Space will be limited so stay tuned for more details and register ASAP!

May

- **May 10th - 23rd** - *Scholastic Book Fair* - Proceeds from this event will go towards the classroom's Scholastic magazines.
- **TBD** - *School Supply Kit Sale* - Hit the easy button and order next years school supplies now!
- **TBD** - *Teacher Appreciation Week* - More details to come! We are looking for volunteers - email the TSC to show your CKCS teachers support!
- **TBD** - *Community Event* - Our Board is working on the details and we will communicate them soon.

A Word From Our Governing Council



The district open enrollment period is January 12 - February 15. We need your help in spreading the word about CKCS as a public school option for K-8 instruction! Please consider reaching out to your friends and neighbors to share your positive CKCS experiences. Interested families are encouraged to learn more at vackcs.com or ckcs.verona.k12.wi.us, or may directly contact us at ckcsgoverningcouncil@gmail.com.



CKCS Parent 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.

- PASS Curriculum Update -

CKCS is committed to building strong learning skills and broad-based knowledge by integrating effective traditional and contemporary teaching methods to create a dynamic learning environment for all students. Pursuant to its commitment to families, CKCS is piloting a new math program called Math Expressions this year, which, if approved by the CKCS Curriculum Committee and Governing Council, will have a very large purchase (>\$50,000) on our horizon. While we are working with the district to cover some of the per student costs as a public school, VASD contributions are not guaranteed. PASS is excited to support the commitment of CKCS by fundraising towards this significant purchase. Giving Tuesday raised \$805 through the generous donations of CKCS families. We have a long way to go. Keep an eye out for updates on the impact of your Giving Tuesday donation in the coming months, along with other ways to get involved in the CKCS community.

JOIN US!

Attending a meeting is the easiest way to learn more about PASS and opportunities to give to the CKCS community.

PASS meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7-8.

Zoom -
Meeting ID:
86290120780; Passcode:
YWIEH5.

WE NEED YOU

Get Involved with CKCS Today!

Parent Round Table (PRT)

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.

Become an event coordinator! We are looking for parents to help with: Book Swaps, Adult Social Events, School Supply Kit Coordinator, Field Day



PRT Meetings

Open meetings are held every second Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm.

Contact
CKCSPRT@gmail.com to
receive the meeting invite.

Governing Council (GC)

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. Please consider volunteering!

Email ckcsgoverningcouncil@gmail.com for more info!

Parent Advocating Student Success (PASS)

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.

Email: ckcs.alumni@verona.k12.wi.us

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CKCSPASS/>

Coming Soon! Spring Elections for 2021-22 Board Positions

Our parent-led school needs your voice!

Watch for opening seats on our boards for the next school year. A great way to find out about which board may be of most interest for you is to attend a meeting of this year's boards!