

CKCS PRT Newsletter

February 2020 edition

PRT Mission: Supporting a strong CKCS community through fundraising and community building events.
See these newsletters, flyers, and past PRT handouts on www.vackcs.com/prt

PRT UPCOMING EVENTS

 = Fundraising events

FEBRUARY

14 K-5 Friendship Classroom Parties

25-28  Spring Book Fair

28 K-5 Family Game Night Pajama Party

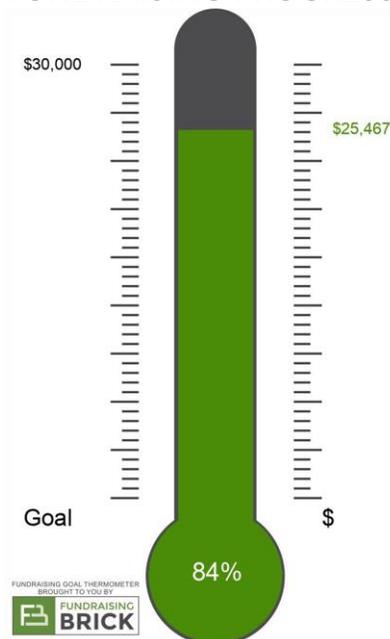
MARCH

12 Learner Fair

APRIL

TBD Possible Social Event

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



Monthly Highlights



Amazon Wish Lists

It's that time of year where supplies start running low (Clorox wipes – need we say more?) and new needs arise, like games for free choice time, bean bag chairs, or stickers to put on homework.

Consider donating to your child's classroom through each teacher's [Amazon Wish List](#)! This link defaults to the Community Teacher wish list, and you can switch between each grade/teacher on the left sidebar also. Order items to be delivered to your own home and then send in with your child to ensure it gets to the right classroom. Or be sure to include a note with the teacher's name if mailing directly to the school.

Book Fair

Feb 25-28



The Spring Book Fair is being held February 25-28 during the school day and also on February 28th during the party 5:30-8pm. Look for details later this month and check out the flyer attached below! [Sign up to help](#) kids visit and shop.

Family Game Night Pajama Party

Feb 28, 5:30-8pm

CKCS Commons, Little Gym, and Step Room

This is going to be a new event for us and it is shaping up to be amazing! We have many dozens of board games for all levels, yard games, 3-legged races, Bingo, large motor activities in the little gym, and of course **FREE dinner** (while supplies last). Not to mention the Book Fair open for shopping down the hall in the LMC. Wear your pajamas, bring the entire family and prepare to have fun! Please [sign up to help](#) in 30-minute shifts!

GET ON BOARD

Please contact ckcsprt@gmail.com if interested!

We Need You!!

Are you interested in being more engaged with the school? Are you looking for ways to be involved outside of the school day that will still have a direct impact on our students/school? Consider joining a PRT committee!

PRT is looking for people to join the Color Run, Staff Support and New Student **committees**. There are specific tasks that need to be accomplished AND there are opportunities to share your thoughts/ideas to help the committees grow and improve their effectiveness. Any level of involvement is welcomed and appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Color Run committee: The planning is already beginning for the fall 2020 Color Run! Do you have ideas for ways to improve the event? Help will be needed this spring to plan the event so that it will be successful and fun. Assistance with executing the plans will begin over the summer and will be vital in the fall.

Staff Support committee: This committee was created to fulfill tasks previously handled by the individual class Room Parents (coordinating class parties and teacher gifts). In addition, this committee will work with the staff to determine how best the parents can support the staff and facilitate as needed.

New Student committee: Currently, this committee is responsible for coordinating a meet and greet event for incoming kindergartners over the summer. Help is needed to expand this committee's duties and usefulness, including establishing a mentor program for new incoming students in the upper grades.



Field Day is Just Around the Corner May 22, 2020

Please consider [signing up to help out](#) with this fun event that celebrates the end of the school year!

New for 2020: The CKCS 8th Graders will be helping to coordinate the event and running the stations the day of the event as their Service-Learning Project!!

We will still need parent volunteers to help out though! We need volunteers for each classroom to help the students get ready for the event and to help them navigate from station to station. We would love to have photos taken during the event. We need a Master of Ceremonies (MC) to kick off the event and to help keep the event moving.

Most importantly, we are seeking a volunteer or two that would be willing to work with the PRT, the school and the 8th grade classes to coordinate the event prior to and the day of. There are detailed plans/instructions, so we're looking for someone who can execute the plans to make this event fun and successful for the students.

BUDGET UPDATE

Fundraising Goal	\$30,000.00
Funds Raised to Date	\$25,467.62

Box Tops:	\$ 749.40	of \$ 1,000 goal
Color Run:	\$15,035.50	of \$15,000 goal
Giving Tuesday:	\$ 570.00	of \$ 1,000 goal
Trivia Night:	\$ 6,814.88	of \$ 6,500 goal
Amazon Smile:	\$226.46	
School Supply Kits:	\$476.00	
Merchandise:	\$589.99	
Misc. Donations:	\$605.10	
Other:	\$400.29	



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Check out "We are CKCS!", a 1-minute [video](#) highlighting some of the unique attributes that make CKCS an awesome school. The creation of this video was part of Governing Council's Strategic Plan for outreach over the past year. (A huge thank you to [Tilt Media](#) for donating their time to create this video!)

Spread the (CKCS) Love!

This year February 14th isn't special just because of Valentine's Day – it's also the last day for open enrollment for the 2020-21 school year! If you have an incoming Kindergarten student next year, it is important that you [fill out the 2020-21 Kindergarten request form](#), *even if you already have older children attending CKCS*. Families that currently have older children in CKCS will have priority in K enrollment.

Did You Know...

We rely on our current parent base to "Spread the Love" of CKCS and recommend our school to families? The school depends on strong enrollment, as it determines the amount of money we get from the school district.

Strong Enrollment = demand for CKCS = we have a desirable academic program = easier charter renewal!

BOX TOPS DEADLINE

Send in your clipped Box Tops by **Wed 2/20** so they make the last mailing deadline!



Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on <https://vackcs.com/> - all are welcome to attend!

Feb 11, Tuesday – PRT meeting

6-9 PM – Verona High School lower level LMC

Feb 12, Wednesday – Governing Council meeting

6-8 PM in the CKCS LMC

February 26, Wednesday – PASS meeting

6-8 PM in the CKCS LMC

Classroom Friendship Parties - Feb 14th

Core Knowledge is hosting Friendship Parties in your children's classrooms on Friday, February 14. **Parent participation is required** to make them successful, and is an easy way to show appreciation to your child's teacher. Opportunities include parent coordinator, provider of snack or beverage, chaperone, and game and activity provider. **Party attendance is not required for all roles**. For information on sign up, look for an e-mail from Sign-Up Genius with the teacher's name as subject.

Parties without enough signups may be cancelled.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
DONATE TODAY.**

- Use the "Donate" button on the top of our [Facebook](#)® page via **Paypal**

- **Directly via**  **PayPal** – send money to ckcsprt@gmail.com

- **Mail a paper check to**

CKCS PRT - 740 N Main St
Verona, WI 53593



- Collect paper  and drop them off at events, send them to school - Or **scan new digital ones** with the mobile app (download for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)) to collect instant Box Tops
- Collect *Coca-Cola* product reward codes on bottle caps and printed inside the cardboard of canned soda packs. Each code is worth 5-38 cents!
- Shopping on ? Use the URL smile.amazon.com and Amazon will automatically donate a percentage of your purchases to CKCS PRT – just search for "Core Knowledge".
- **Teachers have [wish lists set up on Amazon.com](#)** for ongoing classroom needs – find them under VACKCS (please ship items to your own home).



IT'S TIME FOR BOARD ELECTIONS!

Elections for the 2020-21 Parent Leadership boards will be held in the spring so

we are seeking nominations for parents/guardians who are interested in making a difference in our *parent-led school*.

Information about specific position openings and responsibilities will be posted on <https://vackcs.com> and shared at upcoming board meetings/school events. Do you or does someone you know have the time and talent to be a leader in our school? Consider attending a meeting, reaching out to a current board member or completing a nomination form.

[Click Here for the Nomination Form](#)

TRIVIA NIGHT – IN REVIEW

Trivia Night 2020 took place on January 25th and was a blast, yet again. It's not only a fun night out, but it is also a fundraiser for our school. This year YOU helped raise nearly \$7,000 through tickets, basket raffles, silent auctions, and games!! 18 teams of 8 participated! Thank **YOU** for coming out in full force, making this an event to look forward to each year, and for doing good in the process.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check [SignUpGenius](#) for PRT opportunities.

Current needs

[Spring Book Fair – Feb 25-28](#)

[K-5 Family Night – Feb 28](#)

[Field Day – May 22](#)

Did You Notice....

Did you notice **the Spring Fundraiser has been removed from the calendar**? The Spring Fundraiser was a placeholder in case we needed it to fulfill our funding commitments. Everyone worked so hard fundraising for the Color Run in the fall. Our families have generously supported our events. Our board worked so hard to offer successful events while being diligent about managing expenses. As a result, **we raised enough to meet our commitments for 2019-2020!**

PRT Contact Information

WEBSITE – <https://vackcs.com/prt>

EMAIL – ckcsprt@gmail.com

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

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

TWITTER – @CKCSRound

INSTAGRAM – CKCSPRT





Verona Area Core Knowledge® Charter School

2019-20 Community Events Calendar

- August 15 Incoming K play date 5:30-7:30pm
- August 20 K-5 Back to School Night and Color Run Kick-off 4-7pm
- August 21 6-8 Back-to-School Night & School Photos 4-7pm
- August 23 K Orientation / First Day of School for Grades 1-6 & School Photos
- August 26 First day of school for grades 7/8
- September 24 Adult Social: Wine & Bingo at Fisher King Winery 6:30-9pm
- Sept 30 - Oct 4 Homecoming events: dress up days & parade
- October 17 Color Run 4:30-6:30pm
- Oct 28 – Nov 1 Fall Book Fair Week school day
- October 31 K-5 Fall Classroom Parties school day
- November 1 K-5 Costume Dance & Book Fair 5:30-8pm
- November 18 Staff Appreciation Breakfast 8-9:30am
- December 3 Giving Tuesday all day
- December 20 K-5 Winter Classroom Parties school day
- January 25 Adult Trivia Night 6-10pm
- January 29 K-5 Book Swap school day
- February 14 K-5 Friendship Classroom Parties school day
- Feb 24–28 Spring Book Fair Week school day
- February 28 K-5 Pajama Party & Book Fair 5:30-8pm
- March 12 Learner Fair 5:30-8pm
- April 2 Spring Fundraiser Kick-off (if needed) school day
- May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week school day
- May 11-15 Charter Schools Week school day
- May 11-21 K-5 Mileage Club school day
- May 21,22 BOGO Book Fair/Summer Book Event school day
- May 22 K-5 Field Day 1-3pm
- May 29 Last Day of School early dismissal
- August 22 CKCS 4th Annual Golf Outing Times TBA

See what's **NEW** at the

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dates, Times, and Place

Come visit the CKCS Spring Book Fair!

Tuesday, February 25th - Friday, February 28th
Open daily 8:15am-4pm in the LMC

Also! Open Friday evening from 5:30-8pm
during the Pajama Party!

Look for information to come home in mid-February!



All purchases benefit our school!

 **SCHOLASTIC**



Wear your
pajamas!

DAY

Friday, February 28

TIME

5:30 – 8 PM

WHERE CKCS Commons, Small Gym, Step Room



Join us for our spring Family Night event and have fun with family and friends!

Enjoy FREE pizza * Play games * Stop by the Book Fair * BINGO with prizes

Sign up to help make the event a success – [SingUpGenius Volunteer shifts](#)

Learner Fair 2020

Thursday, March 12th - 5:30-7:00pm



Classroom Projects

Grades K-1 – Step Room
Grades 2-3 – Lower Cafeteria

Passion Projects

Grades 4-5 – Small Gym
Grades 6-8 – Big Gym



FREE Spaghetti Dinner for families

Starting at 5:00pm while supplies last in the **Cafeteria**

This is an exciting event to celebrate our students' hard work, individual interests and passions.

Middle school students are required to be at the Fair. It counts towards their grade.

Their assignment includes presenting their project to adults to get their signature. Please visit a few projects (or more) so the kids can show off their work and complete their assignment.

Elementary students are encouraged to attend.

K-5th graders have assigned projects that are due in the classroom March 9th through March 12th. They will be put on display for viewing during the Learner Fair. There are some wonderful middle school projects that kids will not be able to see during the school day and they love showing off their hard work to you too, so please join us for the fair if you are able.

We will also have our **Maker Space** open for students to explore with their parents. This is located in the library and is an interactive space with stations set up for kids to do electronics, coding and other creative activities.



Feria de Aprendizaje 2020

Jueves 12 de marzo - 5:30-7:00pm



Proyectos del Salón de Clase

Grados K-1 – Salón de Usos Múltiples

Grados 2-3 – Cafetería

Proyectos de Pasión

Grados 4-5 – Gimnasio Pequeño

Grados 6-8 – Gimnasio Grande



Cena de Espaguetis Gratuita Para Familias

Comienza a las 5:00pm hasta que se termine la comida en la Cafetería

Este es un evento emocionante para celebrar el trabajo duro de nuestros estudiantes, sus intereses individuales y sus pasiones

Se requiere que los estudiantes de la secundaria estén en la Feria, cuenta para su calificación final. La tarea para los estudiantes incluye presentar sus proyectos a los adultos para obtener su firma. Por favor visite algunos proyectos (o más) para que los niños puedan mostrar su trabajo y completar su tarea.

Animamos a los estudiantes de la primaria a asistir.

Los estudiantes de K-5º grado han sido asignados con proyectos que deben entregar en el salón de clase entre el 9-12 de marzo. Se exhibirán para que puedan verlos durante la Feria de Aprendizaje. ¡Hay algunos proyectos maravillosos que hicieron los estudiantes de la secundaria que los niños no podrán ver durante el día escolar y a ellos también les encantaría mostrar el trabajo arduo así que venga a la feria si puede!

También tendremos nuestro lugar de **Maker Space** abierto para que los estudiantes lo exploren con sus padres. El lugar se encuentra en la biblioteca y es un espacio interactivo con estaciones configuradas para que los niños hagan electrónica, codificación y otras actividades creativas.

