

CKCS PRT Newsletter

January 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

JANUARY

- 25  Trivia Night
29 K-5 Book Swap

FEBRUARY

- 14 K-5 Friendship Classroom Parties
25-28  Spring Book Fair
28 K-5 Pajama Party

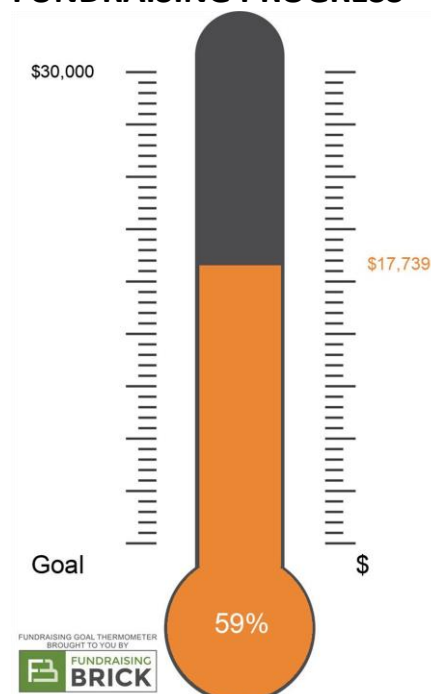
MARCH

- 12 Learner Fair

APRIL

- 2  Spring Fundraiser (if needed)

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



It's the event everyone talks about and looks forward to year after year.

It's time for TRIVIA NIGHT!!!! Registration remains open until January 24th and we are on track to have an even bigger group than last year, so look forward to tons of laughter and fun.

**** SIGN UP TODAY ****

**** See the detailed event flyer attached below ****

Date: Saturday, January 25th, 2020
Start Time: Social Hour 6-7pm, Trivia starts at 7pm
End Time: Approximately 10pm
Location: Boulder Brewpub, Verona
Who: Any Adults...You! Friends! Family! Neighbors...

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I have to be good at Trivia?

A: Not at all! This is a fun event. Expect silly answers, random guesses, and the occasional right one. You might be surprised how much you know! You work as a team of 8!

Q: Is there food? Drinks?

A: Your registration fee **includes food** (taco/nacho bar), catered by Boulder Brewpub. Drinks and any additional food is available to purchase all night long. 5% of these additional sales is donated back to CKCS by Boulder Brewpub!

Q: There will clearly be trivia, but what else is there?

A: We will have gift baskets for raffle, silent auctions, as well as fun non-trivia games in-between rounds of trivia questions. Most important: we always have lots of social time and laughter.



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.



Parents are welcome to attend! Participation in parent group meetings is an easy way to meet other families and be engaged in the school community.

Agendas and meeting minutes are on <https://vackcs.com>

Jan 8, Wednesday – Governing Council meeting

6-8 PM in the CKCS LMC

Jan 15, Wednesday – PRT Board meeting

6-9 PM – El Charro, Verona – in their private room

Feb 11, Tuesday – PRT Board meeting

6-9 PM – Verona Public Library meeting room

****Note the date change for February only due to conflicts****

Feb 12, Wednesday – Governing Council meeting

6-8 PM in the CKCS LMC

Feb 26, Wednesday – PASS meeting

6-8 PM in the CKCS LMC

Typical agenda items at PASS include contract status, the CKCS Endowment Fund, and other fundraising initiatives.



Fundraising Goal	\$30,000.00
Funds Raised to Date	\$17,739.02

Box Tops:	\$299.40	of \$ 1,000 goal
Color Run:	\$15,035.50	of \$15,000 goal
Giving Tuesday:	\$570	of \$ 1,000 goal
Amazon Smile:	\$226.46	
School Supply Kits:	\$476.00	
Merchandise:	\$589.99	
Misc. Donations:	\$488.60	



PASS & CKCS Have a lot to celebrate...



Congratulations to CKCS for renewing its contract with the Verona Area School District!

The Board of Education approved a new 5 year contract for Core Knowledge Charter School that will take CKCS through June 2025. A huge thank you to Linda Hmielewski and Rick Kisting for taking the lead on this project, with assistance from Jill Kisting and Nicole Boedeker.



The Endowment Rapid Growth Campaign is almost at its goal of \$60,000!

In December, the Endowment Rapid Growth Campaign had a matching campaign in which Inspire Sign sponsorships and donations made to PASS were matched 100% up to \$10,000! As of December 21, the endowment campaign is at \$53,313. Gratitude to all those who have contributed to date. Donations are accepted through <https://vackcs.com/>.

PASS Board Changes

PASS elected Jennifer Mueller (parent to first grader Meagan) as the new president at the November meeting.




PASS appreciates the vision and leadership of Linda Hmielewski. She has been a champion of creating sustainability at CKCS. Linda will continue her role leading the Endowment Rapid Growth Campaign.

Questions or comments for PASS? Please e-mail us at ckcs.alumni@verona.k12.wi.us

Classroom Friendship Parties - Feb 14th

The classroom Friendship Parties are just around the corner. Watch for a communication from your child's teacher with information on the time of the party, class list and the party sign up. The teachers are sending out the communications for the classroom parties only because of changes to the district privacy/information policy. However, **it is not the teachers' responsibility to supply or supervise the parties. Without parent donations of time and supplies, the parties will not be successful for the students.** Please consider volunteering your time or a requested supply if you're able.

**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).

****COMING SOON ****



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

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

Information about specific position openings and responsibilities will be shared in the coming weeks and you can find detailed information about our parent leadership boards on our website, <https://vackcs.com/>. Do you or does someone you know have the time and talent to be a leader in our school? Even if you're just thinking about it, consider attending a meeting or reaching out to a current board member to learn more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check [SignUpGenius](#) for PRT opportunities.

Current needs

Book Swap – Jan 29



Spring Book Fair – Feb 25-28



K-5 Family Night – Feb 28

PRT Contact Information



WEBSITE – <https://vackcs.com/prt>

EMAIL – ckcsprt@gmail.com

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

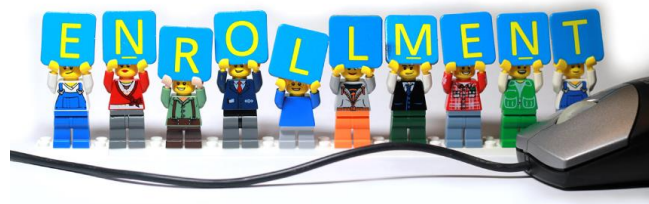
REMIND TEXTS – Text '@ckcsp' to '81010'

TWITTER – @CKCSRound

INSTAGRAM – CKCSPRT

PRT Meetings this school year are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6-9pm. Please check our Facebook page for the current month's location. **Everyone is welcome, including kids, and no need to stay the whole time!! Whether you just want to listen, want to share, or want to get involved, we want you there.**

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE



Enrollment for 2020-21 is coming up soon!

Enrollment kickoff is January 9, and the enrollment deadline is February 14. ***If you know of families interested in our school***, direct them to call the office, (608)-845-4130, or email Roxy, roxy.kerkenbush@verona.k12.wi.us, for a tour or more information.

We are looking for volunteers to give tours to new families that are looking at our school, during weekday mornings in January and February. Current parents are the best advocates for our school! We provide a tour outline and any necessary "training". School staff will be present to answer questions too. Please email CKCSGoverningCouncil@gmail.com if you are available.



Legal Volunteers?

Governing Council is looking for a lawyer that can donate time for review of parent leadership documents on occasion. Please email CKCSGoverningCouncil@gmail.com if you know of anyone.



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

TRIVIA NIGHT

CKCS Ninth Annual Trivia Night – A Fun Night Just for Adults!

Saturday, January 25th, 2020

Boulder Brew Pub - 950 Kimball Lane, Verona

Social Hour 6-7pm, Trivia starts at 7pm

Food and Drink

A Taco/Nacho Bar is included with your registration – available starting at 6pm

Full bar and additional menu items will be available for purchase all evening – **5% back to CKCS for ALL sales!**

Prizes

First Place Team - \$50 per team member

Second Place Team - \$25 per team member

Third Place Team - \$10 per team member

Door Prizes, Basket Raffles, and a Silent Auction will also be available!

****PRE-PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS WHEN YOU REGISTER AND GET A 5 TICKET BONUS FREE****

Ticket Prices

\$250 per team of 8 - when registering as a team

\$35 per player for individuals - email Sara with any special team placement requests

Early Bird Team Bonus!

Register as a full team of 8 players by December 10th and receive a **free answer pass** for your team!

Registration

Online: Team Captains or Individuals can register and pay online at www.vackcs.com/prt until Jan 24th

By Mail: Mail the paper form below with your payment (Checks payable to CKCS PRT)

Questions? Contact Sara Hereley at sborchar@uwalumni.com

Paper Registration Form

Mail to CKCS/PRT Trivia Night, 740 N. Main St, Verona, WI 53593

(Please make checks payable to CKCS PRT)

___ Registration for a team of 8 adult players (\$250 per team)

Team Captain Name: _____

___ Registration for individual adult players (\$35 each)

Number of Players: _____

Player Names and Team Placement Notes: _____

___ Pre-purchase of raffle tickets (\$20 for 20 tickets plus 5 bonus tickets!) – MUST BE PRESENT AT EVENT TO USE

Number of Raffle Tickets: _____

Total Fees Included: _____

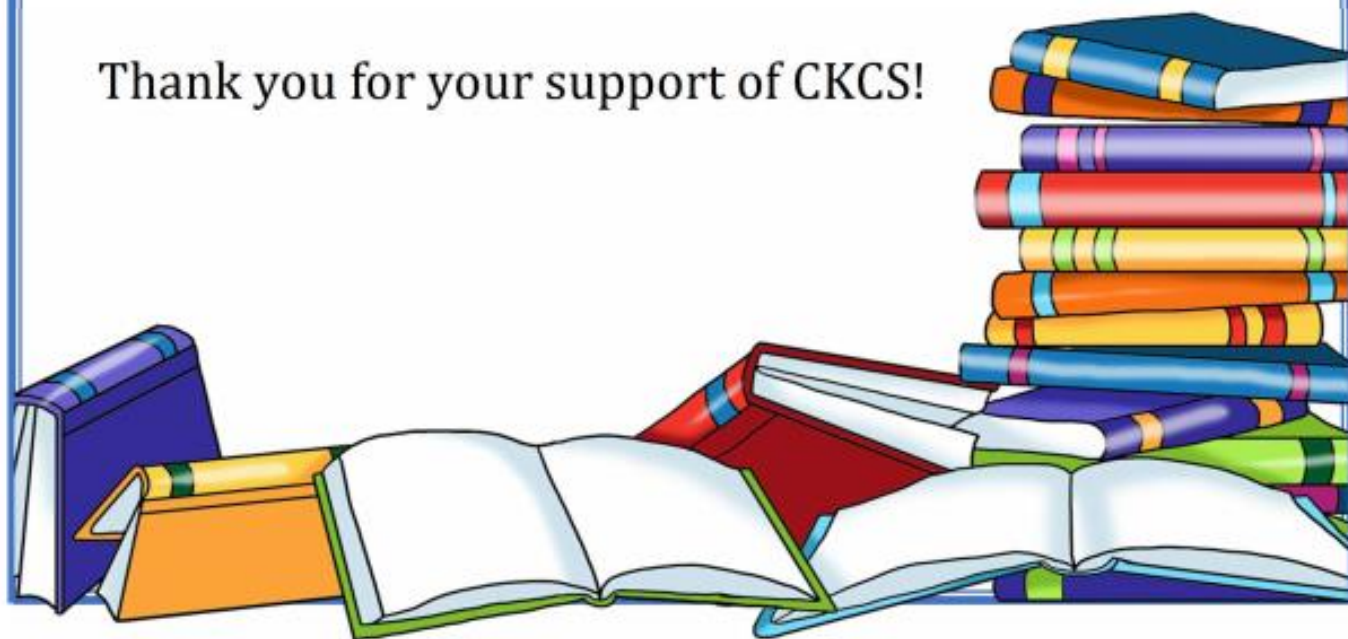
K-5 BOOK SWAP

CKCS K-5 Book Swap is coming up on
Wednesday, January 29th!

The CKCS K-5 Book Swap is a great way to recycle books and it encourages students to share with those who do not have many books of their own. Students are encouraged to donate books they have already read in exchange for a coupon that will allow them to choose from books that other students have donated. Students may donate up to 10 books and choose up to 8 books to take home.

Additional information will be provided in early January.

Thank you for your support of CKCS!



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!





*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](#)