

CKCS PRT Newsletter

October 2019 edition

PRT Mission: Supporting a strong CKCS community through fundraising and community events.

PRT UPCOMING EVENTS



- Fundraising events


SEPTEMBER

24 CKCS Adult Bingo Social

OCTOBER

16 PRT Board Meeting

17  Color Run

28-01  Fall Book Fair Week

31 K-5 Fall Classroom Parties

NOVEMBER

1 K-5 Costume Dance & Book Fair

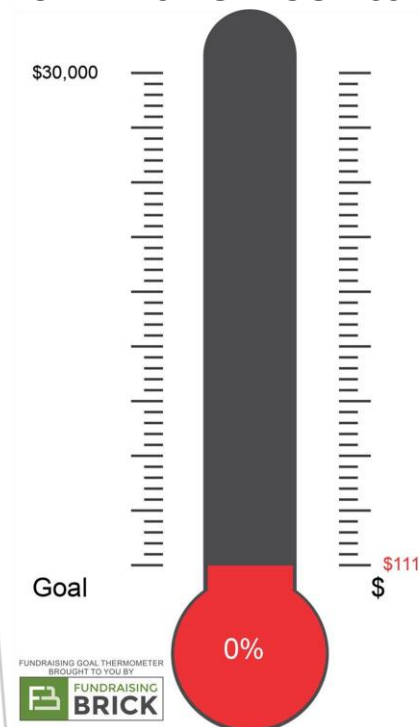
18 Staff Appreciation Breakfast

DECEMBER

2  Giving Tuesday

20 K-5 Classroom Parties

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



See these newsletters, flyers, and past PRT handouts on www.vackcs.com/prt

Color Run fundraising is well under way. Did you know this is a **K-8** event? ALL CKCS students, staff and families are encouraged to participate in the event. Our last run was a ton of fun with almost 150 participants. We'd love to see higher participation numbers this time around! Did you know that the Color Run is planned to be our largest fundraising event of the year and is replacing our fall Great American AND the UW Concessions fundraisers? Last fall, we raised over \$15,000 with these events. **We're hoping that the Color Run can raise a similar amount and be a more fun, active, whole-family alternative.**

 **[Register & Donate Now!](#)** 

*** Let's make the Color Run Fundraiser a huge success ***

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check [SignUpGenius](#) for PRT opportunities.

Current needs:

[Color Run](#)

[Fall Book Fair](#)

[Fall Costume Dance](#)

[Staff Appreciation Breakfast](#)

FUNDRAISING & BUDGET



Fundraising Goal

\$30,000.00

Funds Raised to Date (deposited)

\$ 111.54

This fundraising goal comes to about \$70 per CKCS student. Consider making a direct donation if you are able!

Box Tops: \$65.20 out of \$1,000 goal as of 9/23/2019

Color Run: \$1,952 of \$15,000 goal as of 9/23/2019

Amazon Smile: \$83.59 as of 9/22/2019

Example Funding Needs Listed in the 2019 Aug/Sept newsletter – find it on www.vackcs.com/prt.

ONGOING WAYS TO DONATE to PRT

No need to wait for a fundraising event to help out our school. Here are all the ways you can help donate, any day of the year!


- 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 - Or scan new digital ones with the mobile app (download for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)) to collect instant Box Tops

- Collect  product reward codes on bottle caps and printed inside the cardboard of canned soda packs. We input the codes to go to CKCS. Each code is worth 5-38 cents!

- Shopping on ? Use the URL smile.amazon.com instead 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, ship to your home and send items in with your child OR ship to school with a note saying which teacher it is for..

UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

Sept 24, Tuesday, 6:30-9pm – [Adults Bingo Social](#)



New this year! We are hosting a bingo social at Fisher King Winery in Verona. Free to play, with beverages and snacks available to purchase. See PRT Facebook & flyer for details!

Oct 17, Thursday, 5-7pm – [Color Run](#)



Join us for this fun K-8 family event and fundraiser! Our fundraising goal is \$70 per student for the year and funds raised for this event will earn students a run t-shirt, individual color packets and prize entries! **If you're not able to attend, support a friend or teacher's fundraising effort** and help them earn color packets and prizes while supporting the school! Visit <https://ckscolorrun.myevent.com/> to register and fundraise. Offline donations tracking form can be [printed from here](#).

If you're able to fundraise to help us reach our goal - great! If not, **please still register to participate**. You are welcome to wear your own t-shirt or last year's shirt. **Register and fundraise by 9/30** to guarantee t-shirt and color packets. Prize entries can continue to be earned up to the run date on 10/17.

Oct 28-Nov 1 – Fall Book Fair Week

The Scholastic Book Fair events are both a fun way to get new books in your home library, and it is also a fundraiser for the classrooms. [Volunteer here](#).

Nov 1, Friday, 5:30 – 8PM – K-5 Costume Dance & Book Fair

Bring your K-5 students and siblings to this fun kids' dance and stop by the book fair while you're here! More info to come in October. [Volunteer here](#).

Nov 18, Monday – Staff Appreciation Breakfast

This is a community building event that PRT hosts for our school's staff. Please [sign up to bring something here](#).

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT

We have several open positions that need to be filled. Please contact ckcsprt@gmail.com if interested! Most urgent needs in bold.

- **** Vice President of Fundraising OR Community Building (Board Member) ****
- **Fall Dance coordinator – *can just shadow for this year***
- **Color Run coordinator – *can just shadow for this year***
- Parent representatives to attend PRT meetings
- New Student coordinator
- Staff Support coordinator
- Field Day coordinator

What's with all the Thermometers?



You may have noticed the big thermometer sign in front of the main school entrance and wondered why it's different than the one in this newsletter. Simple answer: two different school groups and two different objectives! The big sign outside school is for the CKCS Endowment Fund, which was created to fund the schools' long-term financial needs, easing overall fundraising needs in future years. The PRT fundraising is for the immediate, current year funding needs. If you have questions, feel free to [reach out to PRT!](#)



CKCS has 425 students from 282 families

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

Congratulations to our drawing winners for signing up to follow us! You've each won \$20 to spend with Scholastic Books!

Facebook – Isaura Colorado

Remind Texts – Kevin Weidkamp

Twitter – Elly Patton

Instagram – Lauren McQuiston



PRT Meetings this school year are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6-9pm. Location varies. 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.

Sneak Peek at Governing Council

One of the other parent-led groups that make our school run is the Governing Council (GC). They hold their meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. ****All are welcome to attend****

Next Meeting: October 9th, 6pm in the CKCS library.

Website: <https://vackcs.com/gc>

Check out website for agenda, minutes, and more!

Updates on what GC parents are up to right now:

- Working on the **strategic plan and goals** for the school year, which are updated yearly
- **Developing a video** to be used for marketing and outreach, which will be available for viewing soon! This was a goal from last year.
- Reviewing the **CKCS contract** with the Verona Area School District, alongside the PASS group parents
- Discussing a new **curriculum review process**
- **Volunteers** are needed to serve on committees for budget, hiring, outreach, and curriculum. Positions are open to anyone! Email ckcsgoverningcouncil@gmail.com

Flyers of Interest Attached Below



Verona Area Core Knowledge® Charter School

2019-20 Community Events Calendar

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| • 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 TBA | 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 TBA | CKCS 4th Annual Golf Outing | Times TBA |

Join us on September 24th for our inaugural
CKCS Parents Bingo Social



Meet other parents * Enjoy a glass of wine * Play Bingo!

Social Hour begins at 6:30pm
Bingo Games start at 7:30pm

Hosted by: Fisher King Winery, Verona

This is a **FREE** event open to all parents, guardians, and staff of CKCS

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase
\$1 donation to CKCS for every glass of wine sold!

Bring some small bills for fun raffles between rounds of Bingo!

The evening will conclude around 9pm

Presented by the CKCS PRT
Questions? – Please email us at ckcsprt@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!!!

CKCS COLOR RUN

THURS, OCTOBER 17TH

4:30PM – 6:30PM

REGISTER! FUNDRAISE! JOIN US!

Our first Color Run was so fun and successful that we have decided to make it an annual event and our primary fundraiser for the 2019-20 school year!! The 2nd Annual CKCS Color Run will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm on the CKCS playground.

- Register and fundraise on our run webpage
www.ckcscolorrun.myevent.com
- Earn a Color Run T-shirt, individual color packet and prize entry by collecting \$25 (in sponsorships or donations) by 9/30*
- Earn additional individual color packets and prize entries by raising more than \$25**
- This event is open to all CKCS staff, students and families!

*after 9/30, we won't be able to guarantee t-shirt/size or individual color packet availability

**Raise money for
the school!**

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**Have fun with
family, friends
and staff!**

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**Earn a run t-shirt,
individual color
packets and
prize entries!**

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**More money
raised = more
chances to win!**

HOSTED BY

The CKCS
Parent Round
Table (PRT)

ckcsprt@gmail.com

FB: Core Knowledge
Charter School –
Parent Round Table

Web: vackcs.com/prt



THURSDAY, OCT 17th, 2019

4:30pm Check-in/Registration * 5:30pm Color Run

Run starts and ends at the CKCS playground blacktop

We had such a great turnout and had so much fun at our spring Color Run that we decided to make it our primary annual fundraising event! Our 2nd Annual CKCS Color Run will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 4:30pm - 6:30pm at the school. You will find everything you need to know for the run on this information sheet AND on our CKCS Color Run website: <https://ckcscolorrun.myevent.com/>

Si desea una versión traducida de esta información, póngase en contacto con CKCSPRT@gmail.com.

This is a fun event for the whole family! Participation in the run and fundraising are optional. Our primary goals for the run are: to have fun, to get the students moving and to raise enough money to meet our fundraising goal for the 2019-20 school year. We encourage families to participate in the run together and/or cheer each other on. This time, non-student family members who would like to participate in the run can register on our Color Run website!

Everyone who registers online to participate in the run and raises at least \$25 in donations/contributions **by Monday, September 30th*** will receive a Color Run t-shirt in their selected size, an individual color packet and a prize entry.

Participants can earn additional color packets and prize entries by raising additional funds...

- ❖ \$50 = 2 individual color packets and 3 prize entries
- ❖ \$75** = 3 individual color packets and 5 prize entries
- ❖ \$100 = 4 individual color packets and 8 prize entries
- ❖ \$150 = 6 individual color packets and 10 prize entries
- ❖ \$200 = 10 individual color packets and 15 prize entries

The CKCS PRT would like to raise as much as possible from pledges/donations/sponsorships*** for this event. We have an overall fundraising goal for the 2019-20 school year of \$30,000, which is approximately \$70 per student. This amount will allow us to fully fund our commitments to the school and our events **AND** the best part is that if we meet our fundraising goal through this event, we won't have to do any additional fundraisers this school year!

**We will accept registrations/fundraising after the deadline; however, we will not be able to guarantee t-shirt/size or individual color packet availability.*

***\$75 is the goal we would like each student to strive for. That is the approx. per student portion of our total fundraising goal for the 2019-20 school year.*

****Have/know a business that would be interested in sponsoring the run? Contact ckcsprt@gmail.com!*

How Do I Register Online?

- ❖ Go to <https://ckcscolorrun.myevent.com>
- ❖ Click on 'Registration' (includes free, individual or team fundraising web page)
- ❖ Register **everyone** who will be participating in the run, either individually or as a team.
- ❖ Each registered participant/team will have their own web page that can be shared with family and friends to fundraise.

How Do I Collect Donations? (by 9/30 to guarantee t-shirt/size and individual color packets)

- ❖ Share your individual web page link with family/friends **OR**
- ❖ Go to <https://ckcscolorrun.myevent.com>
- ❖ Click on 'Donate Now'
- ❖ Search by Participant/Team Name

How Will the Color Run Work?

- ❖ From 4:30pm until 5:30pm, the Check-in/Registration table will be open on the CKCS playground. Participants who have pre-registered can check in and receive their run packet (which will include their t-shirt, individual color packets and prize entries based upon their personal fundraising). Anyone who wishes to participate that has not yet registered can do so at this time. We may have additional t-shirts/individual color packets available, but we won't be able to guarantee this at the event.
- ❖ After checking in/registering, feel free: to socialize with other staff/students/guardians, play on the playground equipment, listen to the DJ, enjoy dinner or a snack, use individually color packets (in the designated area to prevent damage to the school/DJ equipment).
- ❖ At 5:30pm, there will be a countdown to a "Color Blast" (run kick off).
- ❖ At this point, the run will kick off from the fence line/entrance to the CKCS playground in waves; Wave 1 – middle school students, Wave 2 – 4th/5th grade students, Wave 3 – 2nd/3rd grade students, Wave 4 – K/1st grade students, Wave 5 – any who missed their wave or would like to go around again. We will have middle school students leading each wave. Parents/guardians/staff should feel free to run with their student if they'd like.
- ❖ There will be color stations located throughout the course. If you prefer to avoid the color, participants can easily bypass the color stations. Please note that at the color stations, color will be gently tossed at participant t-shirts, below face level. We encourage participants to take precautions as they see fit to make the color run comfortable for them. Sunglasses or bandanas are great for an extra level of protection if you are worried about blowing color.
- ❖ After participants have completed running the course, they may use any of their remaining individual color packets in the designated area and/or they can hang out on the blacktop/playgrounds until prizes are drawn at 6:00pm.

What is the color powder made of?

- ❖ The powder we are using is made of 100% food grade corn starch and FDA and FD&C approved dyes and colorants.

What happens if there is severe weather the day of the Color Run?

- ❖ The Color Run will happen, rain or shine! However, in the case of severe weather (lightning, heavy rain, hail, etc...) the run will be cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Can I still run, even if I don't fundraise?

- ❖ Yes! While we'd like to raise as much money as we can through the event, we encourage every student to register and participate in the run, regardless of their intention/ability to fundraise.

Can I still fundraise, even if I can't make it to the run?

- ❖ Yes! While we'd love to have every student and their families attend and participate in the run, we understand that this is not possible. Fundraising, even if you're not able to attend the event, will still qualify you to earn a t-shirt, individual color packets and entries into the various prize drawings and it will help the PRT meet its fundraising goals for the year.

Can I volunteer to help with the event?

- ❖ Yes! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544adad29a0ff2-color1>
- ❖ Volunteers who sign up **by Monday, September 30th** will receive a complimentary Color Run Volunteer t-shirt.

If you have additional questions, please contact the CKCS PRT at: ckcsprt@gmail.com.

See what's **NEW** at the

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dates, Times, and Place

Come visit the CKCS Fall Book Fair!

Tuesday, October 29th - Friday, November 1st
Open daily 8:15am-4pm in the LMC

Also! Open Friday evening from 5:30-8pm
during the Halloween Dance!

Look for information to come home in mid-October!

**All purchases benefit
our school!**



 **SCHOLASTIC**



Costume Dance!

🍊 November 1st, 2019 🍊

5:30 – 8pm * CKCS Lunch Rm

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED - NOT REQUIRED

Pizza and water will be provided (while supplies last) | Book Fair Open



Parent Round Table

We Need You!

The Parent Round Table (PRT) would like to thank everyone who volunteered during the 2018-19 school year to enhance the educational experience of the CKCS students!

The PRT has open positions that **must be filled** for the 2019-20 school year. These events have documented processes and/or current coordinators in place to allow for an easy transition to a new coordinator.

If you are unable to commit to a board or coordinator position, there are many other ways that you can help. You can volunteer in the classroom, help during classroom parties, chaperone on field trips, help during an event, etc... ***Being a parent-led school, we rely on our parents to coordinate and volunteer at our many events and activities throughout the year. We cannot do this without you!!***

For more information about any of these positions, please contact PRT at ckcsprt@gmail.com or President Chris Kiefert at cfuerste1977@gmail.com or Vice President of Community Building Sara Hereley at sborchar@uwalumni.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration!
The 2019-20 PRT Board

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Vice President – Currently, our Vice President of Fundraising position is open. However, interested persons could decide if they would prefer to fill the VP of Fundraising or the VP of Community Building role. The VP attends monthly board meetings and coordinates with their event coordinators to get updates on event planning and provide/find assistance as needed.

Parent Representative – Parent Representatives attend monthly board meetings. They provide input/feedback to the board and help to share information with other parents/guardians.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Color Run Coordinator(s) – The Color Run Coordinator(s) will assist our Vice President of Fundraising to coordinate the all-school run to be held in the Fall. Duties include: assisting with a school-wide kick-off of the event, securing sponsors/prizes, creating promotional materials, recruiting volunteers and helping on race day. *20+ hours annually depending upon number of coordinators/may need to be present at the event.*

Spring Fundraiser Coordinator(s) – The spring fundraiser coordinator(s) will assist our Vice President of Fundraising to select and coordinate a fundraiser to be held in Spring 2020. Duties include: assisting with a school-wide kick-off of the event, possibly securing sponsors/prizes, creating promotional materials, recruiting volunteers and other duties as needed to ensure the fundraiser's success. *20+ hours annually depending upon number of coordinators.*

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

Staff Support Coordinator(s) – The Staff Support Coordinator(s) is a new position for the 2019-20 school year. This position will replace the individual classroom Room Parents and will assist our Vice President of Community Building to establish and facilitate processes that will best support the CKCS staff. Current duties include: helping create online sign-ups for the upcoming school year, recruiting classroom party coordinators, recruiting classroom volunteers as needed, assisting with Teacher Appreciation Week events. *20+ hours annually.*

New Student Coordinator - The New Student Coordinator is a new position for the 2019-20 school year. This position will assist our Vice President of Community Building to establish and facilitate events aimed at welcoming new students/families into the CKCS community. Planned duties include: finding current families that would be willing to serve as a “mentor” family for an incoming family; matching up “mentor” families with incoming students' families; setting up, communicating and facilitating a playdate for incoming Kindergarten/new students prior to the start of the school year. *10 hours annually/would need to attend the playdate event.*

Family Night Coordinator(s) – The Family Night Coordinator(s) will coordinate/facilitate the Family Night event to be held in January, 2020 and/or April, 2020. Duties include: determining the type of event (currently being run as Movie Nights, but we are not limited to that), recruiting volunteers to run the event/serve food, working with PRT to market the event. *8 hours per event/need to be present at the event.*

Field Day Coordinator(s) – The Field Day Coordinator(s) would help the 8th grade teachers/students organize our yearly Field Day held in May. Coordinator(s) will work to recruit volunteers to run stations and to help out with each class and to manage marketing/communication for the event. Activity stations have already been selected. Volunteer and teacher handouts have already been created, but need to be distributed. The 8th Grade will be responsible for set-up, clean-up and running the event. *8 hours annually.*