

CKCS PRT Newsletter

August/September 2019 edition

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

PRT UPCOMING EVENTS




- Fundraising events

AUGUST

- 12 PRT Board Meeting
- 15 Incoming K Play Date
- 20 K-5 Back to School Night Free Dinner

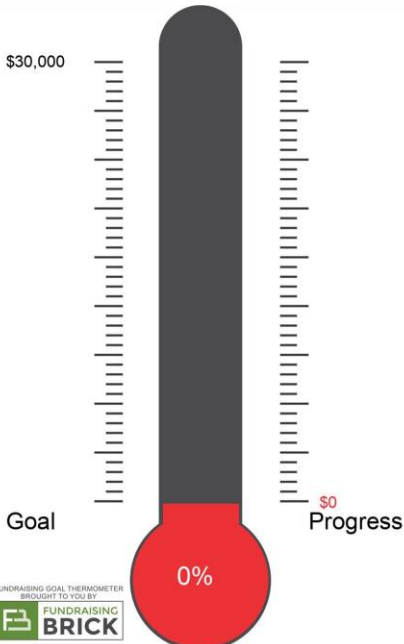
SEPTEMBER

- 8-15  CKCS Merchandise sale
- 18 PRT Board Meeting
- 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

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



Update & News

Hello, my name is Veronika Kurth, and on behalf of the Parent Round Table (PRT) Board I would like to welcome you back for an exciting 2019-2020 school year at CKCS! We are looking forward to hosting a number of fun events during the school year – some new, and some fan favorites returning. If you are new to the school, we are so glad you chose our community!

The biggest changes this year are that we will no longer have a fall catalogue fundraiser and we also are no longer doing the UW Concessions fundraising! These two events combined raised over \$15,000 last year, so we have a big hole to fill. Instead, we hope the new Color Run event will help fill this fundraising gap, as well as some other smaller efforts throughout the year. The success of our fundraising early in the year will determine whether we have to add a spring fundraiser event. Let's kick the year off strong!

We are so lucky to be part of this K-8 charter school community. We are a parent-led school, which is one of the many things that sets us apart from the other community schools. This means that it is essential that **all** families find a meaningful way to connect with and support our community. This can take on many forms, such as attending events, volunteering your time, serving on a board, chaperoning a field trip, assisting financially through fundraising, and so much more! **How will you be involved in the CKCS community this year?**

We heard you! In an effort to reduce communication overload, PRT is introducing this monthly newsletter to share information. For more "just in time" communications, make sure you're following our Facebook feed and sign up for Remind text messages. See our PRT Contact information section further down for how to get connected.

Upcoming PRT Event Details

Aug 12, Monday, 6-9pm – PRT Board Meeting
Verona Public Library in Study Room 3

Aug 15, Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm – Incoming K Play Date
Held on the CKCS playground. Feel free to join if you have an incoming Kindergarten student at CKCS this year.

Aug 20, Tuesday, 4-7pm – K-5 Back to School Night
Come enjoy a ****free**** lunch room picnic dinner in the CKCS commons and socialize with other families before or after you drop off school supplies and meet your child's teacher!

Sept 9-15 – CKCS Merchandise Sale
Get your school spirit wear shopping done in time for the Homecoming parade! Additional details coming on Facebook.

Sept 24, Tuesday, 6:30-9pm – CKCS 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 Facebook for details!

Oct 17, Thursday, 5-7pm – Color Run
Join us for this fun family event! Fundraising information coming via a kickoff at school 9/05, as well as details that will be shared on Facebook. This is slated to be our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Fundraising & Budget

Fundraising Goal	\$30,000
Funds Raised to Date	\$0

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

Example Funding Needs Include

- \$13,000 CKCS Funding (IXL, workbooks, etc.)
- \$3,000 CKCS Community Events
- \$3,500 Cultural Arts, Assemblies, Learner Fair
- \$3,000 Classroom Supplies
- \$1,500 Staff Appreciation

Ongoing Ways to Donate to PRT

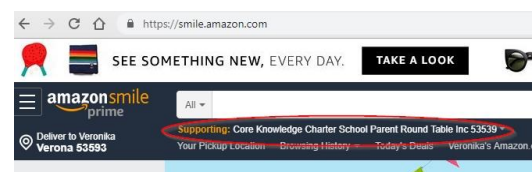
- Use the “Donate” button on the top of our [Facebook](#) page via **Paypal**



- **Directly via PayPal** – send money to ckcsprt@gmail.com
- **Mail a check to**
CKCS PRT
740 N Main St
Verona, WI 53593
- Collect paper **Box Tops** 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
- Shopping on **Amazon**? 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.

Announcements

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

- 2 Parent representatives to attend PRT meetings
- Color Run coordinator
- New Student coordinator
- Staff Support coordinator
- Field Day coordinator
- Fall Dance coordinator
- Merchandise sales coordinator

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. 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.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Check [SignUpGenius](#) for PRT opportunities. Events without enough volunteers may be cancelled. Current needs:

- [K-5 Back to school night](#)
- [Color Run](#)

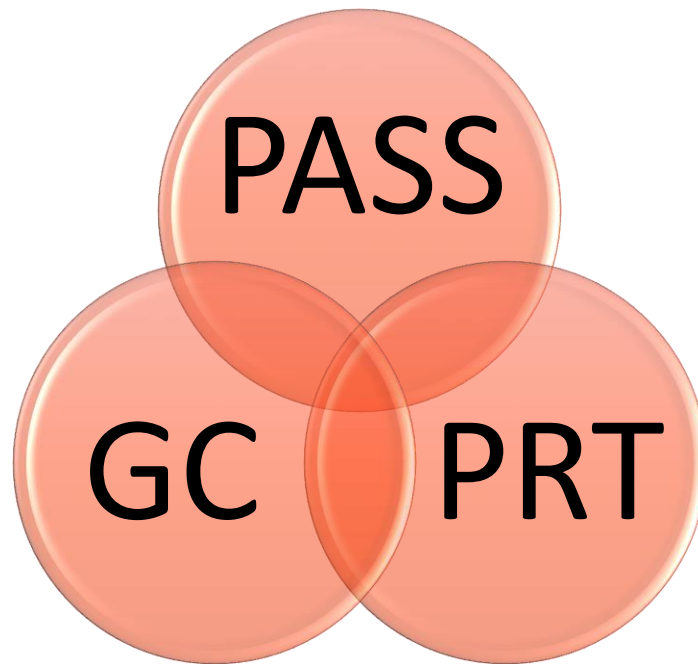
Meet the PRT Board Members

	Chris Kiefert	President <i>Kids</i> Alex 8 th grade Gabi 5 th grade Ms. Schorr
	Liz Slager	Vice President of Fundraising <i>Kids</i> Josh 8 th grade Lydia 6 th grade Annika 3 rd grade Clara Preschool Ms. Thompson
	Sara Hereley	Vice President of Community Building <i>Kids</i> Evelyn 5 th grade Marion 3 rd grade Ms. Hanson Ms. Bie
	Laura Meicher	Treasurer <i>Kids</i> Clay 3 rd grade Bryson 1 st grade Ms. Bie Ms. Richardson
	Veronika Kurth	Secretary <i>Kids</i> Lucas 4 th grade Nicholas 1 st grade Ms. Luna Ms. Richardson



Verona Area Core Knowledge® Charter School

Parent Group Alignment



PASS – Parents Advocating Student Success, Inc. (*unique to charter schools*)

- Holds the charter contract with the school district
- Manages fundraising efforts at the community level
- Manages the Endowment for the school's long-term financial needs
- Oversees the parent leadership website – VACKCS.com

GC – Governing Council (*similar to a Site Council*)

- Decision making body responsible for the day to day school operations
- Oversees the school curriculum, policies, budget, personnel and management in coordination with school administration

PRT – Parent Round Table (*similar to a PTO/PTA*)

- Hosts events aimed at building community among the students, parents and staff
- Manages fundraising efforts at the school/parent level
- Manages funds raised to meet the school's more immediate financial needs



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 5-7pm
- 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 School's 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

Please join us at

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Tuesday, August 20th from 4:00 – 7:00pm

***Meet your child's classroom teacher**

***Drop off school supplies**

***Socialize with other parents/guardians/students**

***Learn about our upcoming Color Run**

***Enjoy a FREE picnic dinner in the cafeteria**

(hot dogs, chips, applesauce, bottled water and popsicles will be available)

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

5-7PM ON THURS, OCT 17

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 5:00 – 7:00 pm on the CKCS playground.

- Registration and fundraising will be available soon! Watch for additional details and information to come at Back to School Night and during the first few weeks of school.
- Earn a Color Run T-shirt, individual color packet and prize entry by collecting \$25 (in sponsorships or donations)
- Earn additional color packets and prize entries for each additional \$25 raised
- This event is open to CKCS staff, students and families!

**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!**

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The CKCS
Parent Round
Table (PRT)

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FB: [coreknowledgeprt](https://www.facebook.com/coreknowledgeprt)

Web: vackcs.com/prt



Parent Round Table

Event Coordinators Needed!

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 we are unable to find volunteers to fill these positions, events may be canceled and revenue typically raised from these activities may be lost resulting in less money for technology purchases and reduced support for other classroom needs.

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 can not 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; Vice President of Fundraising Liz Slager at e.slager@gmail.com; Vice President of Community Building Sara Hereley at sborchar@uwalumni.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

The 2019-20 PRT Board

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 Fall 2019. 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.*

Merchandise Coordinator - The Merchandise Coordinator manages a fall (prior to homecoming) and spring (prior to Charter School Week) sale of CKCS Merchandise. We currently use Branded Image (local, CKCS alumni family business) for our merchandise needs. They create and manage our online store and deliver orders to the school, so the merchandise coordinator duties include: working with Branded Image to get the online store live (determine what merchandise we want to offer and when the store will be available), communicating the sale, delivering individual orders to students. *10+ hours annually.*

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 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 attend and help organize our yearly Field Day held in May. Activity stations have already been selected. Coordinator(s) will work with PRT to recruit volunteers to run stations and to help out with each class and to plan marketing/communication for the event. Volunteer and teacher handouts have already been created, but need to be distributed. Responsible for set-up, clean-up and running the event. *8 hours annually/need to be present at event.*