

# Lion's Roar 9-9-20

## 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Writing Projects

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade had a writing project titled: First Day Jitters. Here a few of the stories.

#1 It's my first day of 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This morning I felt super excited, confident and disappointed.

I felt disappointed because everyone had to have masks.

I felt confident because it's the same school as last year.

I felt happy because I get to see my friends.

#2 This is my first day of 4<sup>th</sup> grade! In the morning, I felt nervous, super excited and confused.

I felt nervous because I didn't know how my school would be. I didn't know if I would make some friends.

I felt super excited because my teacher is the best! She is so sweet. I love her.

I also felt confused because I didn't know how things work in this school or even what to do.

## SALT Hour Needs

- We are having a blackberry removal party! If anyone would like to start on their SALT hours we are meeting at 9:00 on Saturday Oct. 3! Bring your pruners, loppers, weed-eaters or anything else you are comfortable with using and let's tackle the blackberries! Because of what we will be using, it would be best to not have small children with you. Don't forget your gloves!
- We have two new cabinets that need to be painted for new sinks in a couple of our classrooms. If you like to paint and would like some SALT hours, please give the office a call!
- We will be needing a few people that would like to cut out some stamps for our Passport program. This is something you can do at home! They should be ready on Friday and we can send them home with your student. Give the office a call if this is something you would like to do.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

Thanks for all your patience with our pick up and drop off procedures. We continue to tweak the process to make it more efficient. Here are a few tips

**Drop Off** - When you line up cars in the morning for drop off on the north side of the building, please drive all the way down to the playground equipment before coming back towards the buses. This will help us keep the roads clear of cars waiting to get onto campus. Be assured that if the line jams up and your student has difficulty getting to their classroom before the tardy bell rings, they will not be charged with a tardy.

**Pick Up** - High school and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will now be dismissed through the front entrance doors unless they have a younger sibling. They can meet their cars outside the fence if that is convenient for you. Please let them know where you will meet them. Hopefully this will shorten our pick-up lines on the north side of the school and expedite pick up.

## **Paperwork and Forms**

If you have any unfinished paperwork ie: Family Information, Wavier of Liability, Emergency Medical or Immunization forms to turn in, we would love to get them all turned in so we can finish out our lists and folders! Thank you!

## **Absences, Tardies & Early Dismissals**

- If a student will be absent, parents are asked to contact the school office by phone or email by 9:00 AM on the day of the absence.
- Students who are absent should expect to receive make-up work upon their return to school. Detailed assignments will not be prepared ahead of the absence.
- If you have **emailed** the school to let us know why the student is going to be absent a note is not necessary upon return. If you have **called**, please send either a **note or email** when your student returns.
- The school office staff will keep the official attendance records. Daily records will be kept for every student in Kindergarten through 10<sup>th</sup> grade and entered on his or her permanent record at the end of the school year.
- The school administration has the authority to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.
- Students who miss 15% or 25 days of the school year will be considered for grade retention.

Students are expected to be at their desk, ready to go, at 8:25 AM. Students who are not ready are considered tardy, *even if they were dropped off before 8:25 AM*. A tardy disrupts the class and students miss valuable time at the beginning of the day.

When a student arrives at the office after the 8:25 AM tardy bell, it is determined if the reason for being late is unavoidable (excused) or avoidable (unexcused). A parent needs to accompany the student into the school and be signed in. The student is then given a tardy slip that they are to give to their teacher.

If a student needs to leave early, please either send a note with the student in the morning or call the office at least a half hour before the student needs to be dismissed.

## **Facebook**

Don't forget to sign up for our "Centralia Christian School Parents" page and you will find pictures posted, our Lions Roar and various other posts.

## **Family Envelopes**

At CCS we use Family Envelopes as a way of getting papers and such to our families and for families to return anything to the office. They are not sent home every week, but occasionally your oldest child will be bringing it home. You will see the grades of your students at the top of the envelope, if you would rather a different child bring it home, please circle that students grade.

## **Individual Pictures**

Lifetouch Photography will be here on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to take individual student photos. These will be used for the yearbook, student records, ASB cards, etc. Parents have the option to order packets of photos and ASB cards, and a variety of options are available as well. We will be sending home picture forms with each student next Wednesday in the family envelope. Each student will need to have their own packet with a separate check, made payable to Lifetouch or exact change cash enclosed.

## **Calendar**

### September

7 Labor Day – No School

23 Individual Picture Day

25 Staff Day – No School

29-30 MAP Testing

### October

1-14 Map Testing

15-16 ACSI Convention – No School

30 Staff Day – No School