

Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

September 3, 2009



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Core Virtues meets Carpool! Sounds like the title of an action movie, but actually it's our way to help parents stay connected/involved in our school-wide Core Virtues effort. Today, in the Thursday folders, you will find your family's **Carpool Connection** card ring with several cards already attached. Each month we will send home a new card with discussion questions for your carpool that relate to our core virtue of the month. Our hope is that you will keep this ring handy in the car and use the questions to prompt 'virtuous' discussions and foster teachable moments while driving your carpool kids to and from school. Feel free to add your own follow-up questions and see where the conversation goes. Who says carpools time can't be fun and educational?

Speaking of core virtues, our September assembly is this Friday and our virtue of the month is **Positive Attitude**. Let's challenge ourselves as staff and parents to model this virtue for our students all year long. Once the students understand that **attitude is a choice**, they will be very in tune to the choices we make.

In addition, Core Virtues "Character Under Construction" T-shirts will be available for students to order. Students will be allowed to wear their Core Virtues T-shirt in place of their regular uniform shirt with their regular uniform bottom on assembly days (usually the first Friday of the month). A donation of \$10 is recommended. Orders can be placed at the front desk.

SEPTEMBER

4 th	Core Virtue Assembly	Positive Attitude
7 th	Labor Day	no school
8 th	October Lunch Menus Due	
10 th	O/C Meeting	6:30 P.M.
14 th	Hearing/Vision Testing	
17 th	PTO Meeting	8:00 A.M.
25 th	Teacher In-service	no school

GENERAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

🍏 **President's Speech to School Children** - PCKCS will not be broadcasting President Obama's speech to school children on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. We do not have cable or school wide broadcasting capabilities here at school. We ask that parents who wish their child(ren) to hear/see the president's speech record it and view it later that evening with their child(ren).

🍏 **Book Fair is coming!** We're going international this year with our theme - Around the World. The festivities will take place the week of October 2-9 (with the weekend off, of course). Plan to join us, so you can see all the fun and educational things available for your kids.

🍏 **Hot Topic . . . Hot Lunch** - if you are interested in serving on a parent committee to research hot lunch options for our school, please contact Mrs. Aplin at school. The first meeting will be in mid-Sept. with the goal of researching potential vendors, evaluating food products and deciding which hot lunch provider will best meets our needs. Parent Survey data from Spring 2009 will be used as the starting place for this committee's work.

🍏 **Policy Change Announcement** - The OC voted in August to approve a change to the PCKCS Special Request Absence policy. The old policy allowed students to receive up to 50% credit for completing missing assignments within the two week period following their return. The REVISED policy now gives students up to **70% credit** on completed assignments turned in within the two week make-up period. The OC considered parent input on this issue and increased the allowable percentage earned in hopes that this would serve as an incentive for students when completing make-up assignments.

🍏 **Bullying** - We are pleased to announce the start of our Bullying Prevention Program this year. Our School Counselor, Angela Krautz, along with assistance from our School Psychologist, Dr. Jim Farrell, will begin classroom lessons in grades 1-8 starting after Labor Day. Each lesson will follow the class/grade theme for the year and last approximately 30 minutes. Topics covered include: Stop & Think, Teasing, Apologies, Anger Mgt., Gossip, Cliques, Assertiveness Skills and Friendship Skills.

🍏 **Milk Cards** – \$7.00 = 20 milks, 35¢ = 1 milk, hot lunch includes a milk. Checks can be made out PCKCS.

🍏 **Art Items Needed** - Leftover tile and ceramic plates to use for mosaic project, old or extra/unwanted photos black and white or color, ribbons, puff paint, patterned papers or other collage materials you have hanging around, brown paper bags and an iron.

PTO

BIG Fall Fundraiser – Sell, Sell, Sell - Sales end next Tuesday, September 8th.

Sock Hop Planning Committee now being formed. Please contact Terri Clark at 303-841-0740 or clarkscruisin67@msn.com to get involved. This is a large, community-building event on November 13, 2009. MANY volunteers needed...start logging those volunteer hours early!

THANK YOU



To Nancy Yohn, Melissa Edwards, Amber Hatcher, Sandy Higgins, Michele Kjar for their help with school pictures – combed hair, lined students up and generally kept things moving.



The Parker Fire Department and our Handyman, Mike Quesnoy (retired firefighter) for hooking up our new flagpole rope. They had to bring in their ladder truck in! Thanks!