

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of January 15

When we teach children that choices have consequences, the emphasis is usually placed on the consequences of poor choices, while the powerful and positive consequences of wise choices are often overlooked.

~ Matthew Kelly

In the environments in which we spend much of our time currently - home and school - negative consequences are part of life. Sometimes, maybe more often than we want to admit, we rely on negative consequences to steer our children away from bad decisions. "If you do that again..." or "I told you what would happen if..." are common phrases we hear (and say) in hopes of getting the outcomes we want. What if, instead of trying to deter behavior with negative consequences, we encouraged behavior focusing on the positive? Would our children be more motivated to make better choices? Food for thought. Maybe Martin Luther King Jr. pondered similar questions when he chose to rise up against the injustices of the time. His choices were met with swift and severe ramifications, but they also had a lasting impact that forever changed the course of our nation.

Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Enjoy the start of 2nd semester!

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Announcements

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. THIS WEEK! FRIDAY MAKE-UP DAY for MONDAY STUDENTS ONLY - Friday, January 19th. Due to Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on Monday, January 15th, there is no school for Monday students.

These students will have school on Friday of that week instead. **All Monday students are permitted to wear denim bottoms (no holes or tears) and a uniform top on this day, and all students in grades 2, 4, and 6 need to bring a lunch from home as no hot lunch is served on Fridays.** (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.) Carpool will go very quickly on this day since our students will be the only ones out at carpool at both 11:30 (for kindergarten) and at 3:30 (for grades 2, 4, and 6).

2. JANUARY LUNCH MENU can be found [here](#).

3. NOON DISMISSAL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - All Wednesday students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, February 7th, due to a CSP teacher in-service. (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.) ALL CSP students (including kindergarteners) are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on noon dismissal days. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will **not** have lunch on this day. Carpool will go very quickly for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 since they will be the only ones releasing at noon.

4. TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS, FEBRUARY 12 AND 15 - The annual Talent Show is approaching! Students from 2nd through 6th grade are welcome to audition. A student from CSP must be in the act, but CSP students may include Mom, Dad, siblings, or friends in the act with them. Auditions will be held in room 126, Gold Hallway. Parents, please sign your student up for an audition on Signup using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LYkdwsY> Contact Mrs. Socolofsky with any questions (jsocolofsky@asd20.org).

5. Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP. Anyone is welcome to attend.

6. CSP OPTIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 AND 5 - All students in grades 3 and 5 will be sent home with information this week about upcoming standardized testing options. The state of Colorado requires that home school students complete a nationally standardized test in the "odd" numbered grades beginning with third grade. The information being sent home provides details about the testing offered at CSP as well other testing options should you choose not to test through CSP. (An electronic version of this information will also be emailed to all 3rd and 5th grade families by the end of the week.) A practice test packet will be made available to any families who request it (whether a student tests with us or not). These packets may be requested from your child's teacher starting the week of January 22nd.

7. TCA High School's theatre will be performing The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 on February 1st thru February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Tickets are: \$6 for students/children, \$8 for staff/senior citizens and \$12 for adults. You can purchase your tickets online: <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31499>

8. D20 Choice Information - Each year, D20 offers choice enrollment opportunities beginning in January for the upcoming school year. TCA is not a D20 choice option. We are a waitlist school and currently enrolled students automatically move on to the next grade level each year. **If your child is enrolled at TCA, and you want to remain at TCA, do NOT submit a D20 Choice application**

for another school. If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA. Per policy, you will not be able to change your mind about staying at TCA.

If you submit a choice application to D20 and change your mind, you must notify D20 before enrollment notifications are sent out. Questions? Please email TCARegistrar@asd20.org.

9. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open! Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: www.silvergraphics.com/shop

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at mdalrymple@asd20.org if you have any questions.

10. TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring
Requirements--

- TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization
- PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED
- Office/Kiosk/Health Room/: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area
- Proctoring: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

11. Looking for ways to bless our staff? Food is always welcome! We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in the Staff Lounge that we like to keep stocked with snacks and goodies for staff members to enjoy throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.

SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

2-HOUR DELAYS

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

Grades 1-6: 10:15 - 3:30 pm

Kindergarten: AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at shille@asd20.org.



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