

September 5, 2016

Hello Carbondale New School Families and Students,

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend and no one succumbed to the virus that is going around. I am so looking forward to seeing and getting to know you all better on Thursday of this week.

Thursday, September 8 is our fall corporation meeting. This begins at 5:30 with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share as well as your own utensils and plates to use. The school will be providing disposable plates, but this always makes me uncomfortable as it does not really seem in keeping with the CNS commitment to the environment. We still do not have volunteers to man the playground during the meeting and really do need some help with this.

I would also encourage you to make your voices heard at the corporation meeting. I am so grateful that so many of you have brought concerns to me, but unfortunately when I share them, they are often interpreted as my thoughts and ideas even though I make it clear that you are the ones who are concerned. To ensure that you all have the voice you deserve, please speak up and let the rest of the corporation and the school board know your ideas.

I know some of you may feel uncomfortable voicing your ideas since this is your first time at CNS, but please do. A lot of times you will find that CNS is doing exactly what you would wish, but other times, your thoughts and ideas will improve on what we have been doing. Many of you have come from other areas and schools and have fantastic ideas on how to improve what we are doing. Please share these. As a corporation, you are Carbondale New School.

Please plan on supporting our upcoming events. On September 14, Shannon Green will be teaching a class on mediation for our school. Please let me know if you are coming so we can prepare adequate information for all attendees. The class is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday of that same week, September 17 is our Trivia Night. This is going to be great fun so plan on getting a team together for this and join the festivities at Pagliai's Pizza starting at 6:00 p.m. Check Ms. Melissa's emails for more details.

We also have a fund raiser scheduled at S&B Burger Joint for September 27. This is another great opportunity to represent our school to the public. The more we can promote and let people in the community know about our school the more students we will gain. Word of mouth and personal contact really help others appreciate and understand our school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the corporation meeting on Thursday.

Best wishes,

Carla

P.S. There are volunteer opportunities available. Ask me or your child's teacher and start logging those service hours. We also need a couple of tall trash cans to replace two we have that are needing to be retired. Also our phone system is slowly dying. Any suggestions or ideas? Thank you for all you do for CNS.