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Carbon Valley Secondary Academy's Online Newsletter

January 2009

Second Annual Family Ski Trip at Eldora

On December 19, 2008, the last day of school before winter break, approximately 130 people, including students, parents, and siblings of CVSA students, participated in the Second Annual CVSA Family Ski Trip. Students in grades 5 – 9 and their families were invited to go skiing at the Eldora Ski Area. CVSA provided 10 scholarships for students who needed some financial assistance in order to participate in the Ski Trip. With this year's economy, there were more requests for funding than ever before; unfortunately CVSA was not able to meet every request.

Students were able to rent downhill skiing or snowboarding equipment or bring their own gear. Students were able take lessons in either sport or free ski for the day.

The day was a great way of coming together and enjoying being a part of the CVSA community. There were no injuries and really the only problem that was encountered was getting a few students off the hill at the end of the day — they just weren't ready to head home quite yet.

CVSA staff have reviewed the trip and have come up with some ideas and procedures that they hope will make the Third Annual CVSA Family Ski Trip even better.

We believe all who participated in the Second Annual Family Ski Trip had a good time!



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From Principal Trautwein's Desk

Welcome to 2009, I'm looking forward to a good year full of many exciting events for Carbon Valley Secondary Academy. We have several new opportunities to get involved with developing the secondary academy. The discipline committee will begin meeting regularly. In addition, we are going to create a new committee for school development. This committee will meet monthly to discuss the overall objectives of the curriculum, the policies, the educational expectations, and the facility. This committee will meet at 6:00 pm the 3rd Monday of every month at CVSA. If you're interested in serving on any of these committees please indicate your desire in an email to my secretary, Michelle Bolitho, bolithom@cvamail.com.

Beyond these formal committees, I will be hosting a 'T' time where parents and community members can have informal discussions about our school over tea. I'm in the process of scheduling these times and I hope you'll join me when you can.

We are now beginning our second semester and this is a good time to remind ourselves why we have chosen CVSA. We come to this school because of the high quality of education that our students receive daily. We come to this school because of the high expectations for our students to learn to be independently successful in their education.

We come to this school for the safe environment that it can provide. We come to this school because of the value that we put on the relationships between teachers, students, and parents. To do this we must come together as educators, students and parents and constantly work together while staying focused on a brighter future.

One of the most important jobs of an educator is to always be working on improving our skills. My staff and I will be examining our classroom management skills by studying Fred Jones' Teaching Tools series this semester. With the cooperation of parents and students, we hope to see greater success in all our classes, both in classroom behavior and in academic success. We invite all parents to take a few minutes of their day to visit our classrooms and see how things are progressing. Members of the CVSA family are always welcome on campus.

I look forward to an exciting year and with a positive support of the CVSA family our school can be as great as we hope it will be. Thank you for your continued support I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Trautwein - Principal
Carbon Valley Secondary Academy

Important Jan. Dates

Jan. 5th – 3rd Quarter Begins

Jan. 7th – Lego Robotics meets on Wednesday this week

Jan. 15th – Student Government – 3:00 – 4:00 pm (Students and parents are encouraged to attend)

Jan. 19th – Martin Luther King Day – No Classes

Jan. 26th – Board of Directors Work Session Meeting at 6:00 pm; Board of Directors Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm in CVA Harvard Room

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Project Citizenship

In December just in time for the holidays, Mr. Cegielski, CVSA's History Teacher, started a unique new program at CVSA called Project Citizenship. The purpose of Project Citizenship was to teach students about the value of civic participation in the community. Students were challenged to create community action plans and schedule volunteer activities for people in need during the holiday season. The class split into the following two groups:

Group #1: Dakota, Emily, April, Nichole, Amanda, Rafa, and Hanna volunteered for the Salvation Army on December 15th. Standing outside a WalMart on Sheridan Boulevard on an extremely cold day with the temperature around zero, the students diligently rang bells for four hours and collected money from many sympathetic citizens!

Group #2: Haley, Joey, Daniel, Joel, and Ladd volunteered at the Broomfield Nursing Home at 120th & Sheridan. This proved to be a moving, life-changing experience for the students. Students helped push people in wheelchairs. During one memorable moment, Haley peeled an orange for woman who was unable to do so herself. Daniel provided a musical performance during which he played guitar music for Alzheimer patients for over an hour! The patients applauded and frequently requested more!

The project was a great success! Special thanks to Ms. Smith and Ms. Silva for providing us with transportation to these sites!

There's a New Face Around CVSA

Michelle Bolitho is the new face at Carbon Valley Secondary Academy. Michelle is the new Secretary to the Principal, Mr. Trautwein. She has a 6th grader who attends CVSA and a 3rd grader who attends CVA. Michelle is very happy to be part of such a great school that she believes in. Feel free to come in and meet Michelle sometime. Her email is bolithom@cvamail.com.



Do You Know Spanish?

If you do, we need YOU! Mrs. Kalina, CVSA's Spanish teacher, needs parents who would like to volunteer some of their time to come in and help with her classes. She needs parents between the times of 9:15 – 10:15 am and 2:00 – 3:00 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Please contact Michelle Bolitho at bolithom@cvamail.com if you are interested in volunteering. What a great way to earn volunteer hours!



'T' Time with Mr. Trautwein

Come enjoy some coffee or tea with Mr. Trautwein. This is a talk session where you can bring forward any questions or concerns you have. We will be meeting at 8:30 am every other Friday. The location is still being discussed. Please email Michelle at bolithom@cvamail.com or call the school office to verify location. We look forward to seeing you all there.