

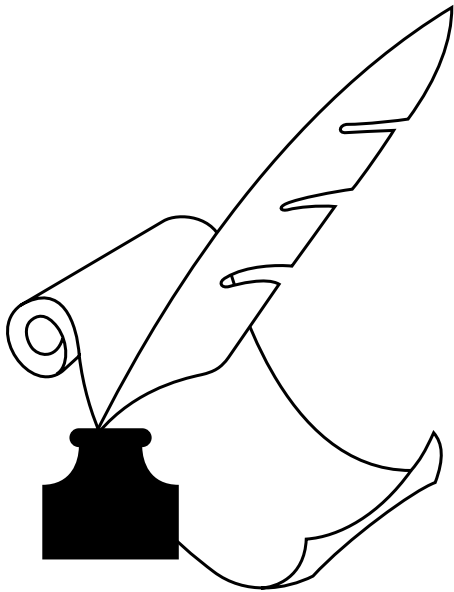


Stallion Times

Carbon Valley Secondary Academy's Online Newsletter

October 2008

CVSA Student Government in Action



The Carbon Valley Secondary Academy student government that was elected in September has actively begun meeting. On September 18, 2008, the student government ratified the tenets of the first CVSA Constitution. They also passed their first two bills.

The first bill allows for hats to be worn on campus. Students are allowed to wear hats as long as the hat does not contain images or language that is found to be objectionable or distracting to other people. Students may wear hats in class if permitted by the teacher.

The student government also passed a bill that permits a student run judicial system. A Supreme Court Bench of five justices was selected. **Joey Rener** (9th grade) will serve as chief justice. Mr. Rener's co-justices are **Tanner Bingham** (8th grade), **Daniel Sher** (8th grade), **Patrice Garrigues** (7th grade), and **Jessica Johnson** (6th grade). Teachers are permitted to ticket students for simple behavior and campus infractions such as dress

code violations, littering, disruptive classroom behavior, and inappropriate campus behavior. Severe violations will continue to be dealt with by Mr. Trautwein.

Students who receive a ticket will appear before the court and will be permitted to plead their case. After presenting their case, students will be assigned campus work detail, community service, or similar punishments as determined by the justices. Students not serving their sentence will be brought before the court a second time or may be referred to Mr. Trautwein for further punishment.

The process will be closely supervised by Mr. Trautwein as the court process is solidified.



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From Principal Trautwein's Desk

September has flown by for me. It seems as if there has been a whirlwind of activity and that I am still waiting to come up for air. As October begins, I hope that the school processes will begin to run smoothly for everyone. Starting a school is no simple feat and I appreciate all the support and help we have gotten from so many people.

My staff and I have been working very hard to do the one thing that we do best — creating a school that meets all students' need through differentiated instruction. You may have been a part of or seen some changes to the classes recently. These changes all have one focus, to meet the needs of our students. It is hard, in this day and age, to pigeon-hole our students into the typical grade levels. If we were so callous as to do this, we would guarantee that a percentage of our students would not be given the opportunity to excel academically. At CVSA, we find it challenging to meet the varied levels of our students.

We ask for your help as parents to work with your child every night on school work and academic skills. It is through this practice that your child will succeed in school and, more importantly, the global market they will compete in as they become adults. We also encourage our students to utilize more individual time with our staff by getting help before or after school. By all of us working together, we will have a successful school year and a stronger school environment.

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences are one way of working together. I was very pleased with the number of parents who came to the Parent-Student-Teacher conferences on September 19th. There will be a survey coming out shortly to obtain some feedback as to how we can do conferences even better and how we can serve more people. I hope you found the early conferences beneficial to change bad habits before grades are set and to support needed changes to the level of education before the year had passed too quickly. We only want to see our students be successful, but not at the expense of hard work. Your support of conferences and the work we do is very beneficial to the success of your student. Thank you again for your continued support of CVSA.

Important Oct. Dates

Sept. 29th – Oct. 3rd – NWEA MAP testing for grades 6–9 (reading, writing, math, and science)

Oct. 2nd – First Student Court convenes at 3:10 pm

Student Government Session in Unit B East at 3:10 pm – The public is welcome

Oct. 3rd – Fundraiser for Ms. Echer's baby shower: \$3 pays for Free Dress Friday and pizza, cake and party on Thursday, October 9th

First Family Friday Lunch (pizza from Black Jack Pizza)

Oct. 9th – All School Luncheon Baby Shower for Ms. Echer – 11:20 until 11:50 pm

Oct. 10th – Picture Day! This is a uniform or **better** day

Oct. 11th – Firestone Honey Festival Come visit our booth with a CVA shirt on and get a treat!

Oct. 13th – Columbus Day – No School

Oct. 17th – End of First Quarter

Free Dress Day – Theme "Cool School"

Oct. 20th – Start of Second Quarter

CVA Board of Directors Meeting – Harvard Room at 7:30 pm

Oct. 25th – Report Cards sent home

Volunteering at CVSA

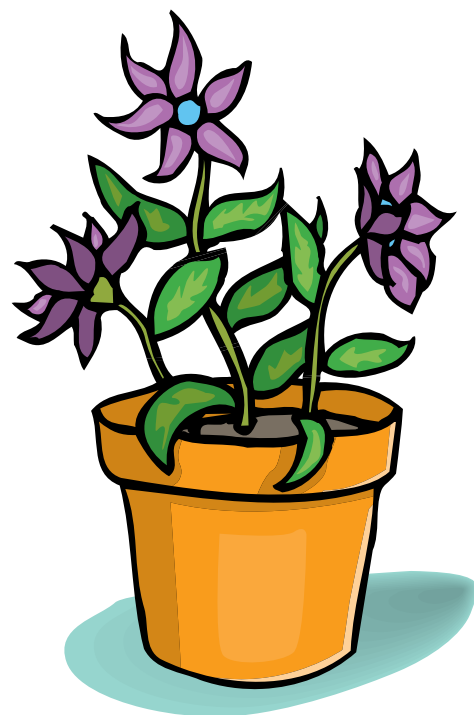
Volunteers are always welcome at CVSA. Please check in at the office in Building D when you arrive on campus to volunteer. We are always looking to use your talents to better our school. If you wish to run a club, a mini-course, volunteer to tutor, help with a student activity, or simply help with keeping our campus clean, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Some school needs:

- Computer Lab Network trouble shooting
- Set-up of computer printers
- Signs to be made for doors and campus
- Math tutoring – especially basics
- Writing tutoring – all levels
- Minor electrical work
- Development of monthly newsletter
- Handyman type work (installing door knobs, painting/finishing picnic tables, setting up cubicles)
- Lunch help/supervision (pick up food, watch students, supervise clean up)

Items that are needed:

- Personal computer printers
- Webcams for PCs
- Portable basketball hoop
- Outdoor benches/chairs
- Paper plates and napkins
- Book Shelves/Storage Units
- Storage shed (waterproof and locking)
- Planters/large pots (with plants would be nice)
- Cement patio pavers
- Security camera system
- Wireless intercom system



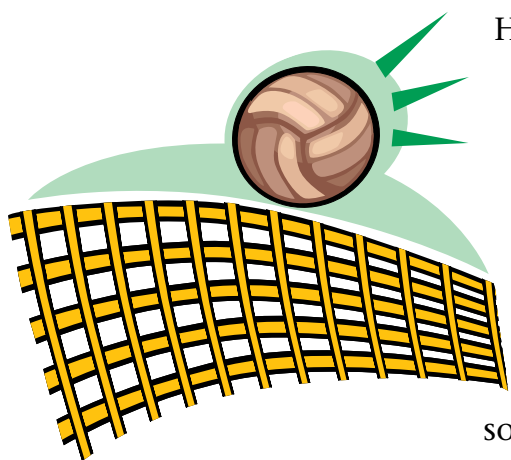
CVA Board of Directors Meetings

The CVA Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (unless the 3rd Monday is a holiday in which case the meeting is moved to the following Monday), at 7:30 pm in the computer lab on the elementary campus. Parents, students, and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Decisions as to the direction of the school are discussed and made at each board meeting. Reports from the principals, managers, and executive director are also given. Your involvement in this process is vital to the success of our schools. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Family Friday Lunches

On Fridays, Carbon Valley Secondary Academy will be doing Family Friday Lunches. Students, parents and teachers will be able to order from a specific restaurant and we will have the food delivered or it will be brought to campus. Cost will depend on what the student orders. I encourage students to combine orders to save money. Family Friday Lunches are **OPTIONAL** for students. Students must see Mr. Trautwein before school or between classes to place their order. Orders must be in by 10:30 am and be paid in full at that time. I encourage parents to come and join us for lunch, but please order early. I am also looking for volunteers to help with delivery of food.

CVSA Seeking Volleyball Coach



Hi,

I am Haley Dennis. I'm a ninth grader at Carbon Valley Secondary Academy. I am making a volleyball team for 7th-9th graders at CVSA. We have providers for uniforms and pretty much all of our equipment but we are still in search for someone to volunteer to coach. We are looking for someone with experience, and someone who would be willing to give up a couple days a week after school for a couple hours to help us. I am looking for a parent from CVA and or CVSA that would volunteer. I am hoping we can find someone soon so we can start as soon as possible, so if you have any questions or comments, or would like to volunteer to coach, please contact me or Mr. Trautwein.

Thank you – Haley

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Check Out CVA's Stallion News

Keep informed about all of the CVA Charter School activities! Be sure to read CVA's Stallion News. The October edition includes the following great information:

- CVA Community Supports Important Fundraiser
- From the Interim Principal's Desk
- Important October Dates
- Did You Know
- New Cozy Reading Corner at CVA
- 3rd Grade Artists Hard at Work Creating Their Masterpieces
- Congratulations Dr. Murphy!