



# Cougar Mews

Crossroads Charter Academy

Elementary Newsletter

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## On the Calendar

Tuesday, February 21

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice 3:20-5:00pm

Wednesday, February 22

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice 3:20-5:00pm

Thursday, February 23

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice 3:20-5:00pm

Jump Rope for Heart

6<sup>th</sup>: 8:30-9:10

5<sup>th</sup>: 9:15-9:55

3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:00-10:40

4<sup>th</sup>: 10:45-11:25

2<sup>nd</sup>: 12:45-1:25

K: 1:30-2:00

1<sup>st</sup>: 2:05-2:45



Friday, February 24

PTO Snack Day - Lollipop \$0.50 each

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice 3:20-5:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical 7:00pm

This Old Gingerbread House



Tuesday, February 28

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly 2:30pm

Wednesday, February 29

K - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Awards Assembly 12:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards Assembly 2:15pm

## Munch a Lunch!

Mon .... No School

Tues .... Crazy Bread w/Sauce or Corndog

Wed .... Chicken Smackers or Pizza Pocket

Thur.... Walking Taco or Rib-O-Que

Fri..... Stuffed Crust Pizza or Cheeseburger

**Healthy choice- Turkey wrap**



## Round-Up

See Attached Information!



## Office Hours

The elementary office closes at 4:00pm. All students need to be picked up in a timely manner.



There is no one available to stay with your children after 4:00pm.

Students should be picked up between 3:15pm and 3:30pm. If you are going to be later than 3:30pm you need to contact the office to make arrangements.

## Parent University

Tuesday, March 27

5:00pm - 7:45pm



**DODGEBALL**

Younglife

Dodgeball Tournament

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students interested in registering a dodgeball team get your money and registration forms turned in to Mr. Seaver by March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need registration forms they are available in the elementary office. Don't miss out!



DEAR CCA FAMILIES:

Based on what has been reported lately regarding the activities of a very few of our students, some people in our community might think we are extremely disappointed by their behavior. Technically they would be correct. We are disappointed in that behavior. However there is another side of the story worthy of celebration.

Crossroads Charter Academy was founded in 1998 with the intended mission to have higher standards and expectations for students both academically and behaviorally. What this did from the very beginning was create an environment of accountability at every level for everyone at the school. Because of this, there is a large majority of our students with extraordinary expectations for themselves, their peers, parents, and the staff. When our students become aware of situations that are worthy of intervention, maybe put others in harm's way physically or emotionally, they step up and do the right thing immediately.

In many instances when there is wrongdoing in our society, the current norm is to look the other way. Another strategy is to actively hide the situation from scrutiny. The hope is that someone else will fix the problem or it will go away. Seldom do these strategies work for the betterment of those involved. However, these strategies are not the norm at Crossroads Charter Academy. Our students stand up and speak out courageously in the face of possible adversity. They take pride in making the right decisions and building their own identity based on honesty, integrity, and trust. They do this not out of self-righteousness, self-promotion, or to get others in trouble. They do it because they know it is the right thing to do, and that ultimately they are responsible for setting the culture of our school community. This is exactly what the school was designed to be.

We have experienced much growth in the last two years, with well over 200 new students. Some have struggled in their former school setting academically and behaviorally. If they want a new start, we give them that chance. While they come for many reasons, some do not realize the intensity of our mission and vision when they register. While we communicate to them the words of our mission, "Developing students' lives to positively impact the world through academic excellence and higher moral character," what does that look like in practice? What it looks like is a vast majority of students strongly believing and actively participating in fulfilling that mission. Good for them! Good for the parents, staff, administration, and Board of Directors for their support and doing their part in modeling the mission for the students.

This is not to say other area schools' students and their respective communities are not doing similar work. We certainly have not cornered the market on setting high standards. This is not meant to be an admonishment of others; a statement of we are better or perfect. It is to let the greater community know that there are young people in our schools doing the right things. It is the story between the lines that we can't always communicate in the context of the story in the media. Here you will find the students that are the promise of our future. When you read or hear of the few, remember that there is a larger group that is still doing their best to make the future brighter. When they graduate and move on into "the real world," what they have practiced and experienced will positively impact where ever they are. That is also noteworthy, and gives us all reason to celebrate!

Lynn Gullekson, CCA Superintendent

# **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

## **CROSSROADS CHARTER ACADEMY Announces OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2012 and Kindergarten Round-up**

Parents, Students and Friends of CCA  
Please....

Help us get the word out to others who might  
be looking for an educational change, a fresh start, or  
have a child entering Kindergarten in the Fall.

OPEN ENROLLMENT is:  
March 5 through March 16, 2012  
Kindergarten Round-Up is Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00p.m.  
(Please refer to the enclosed flyer!)

ENROLL NOW !!!  
K – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS  
8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday – Friday  
Central Office located in the CCA Elementary Building

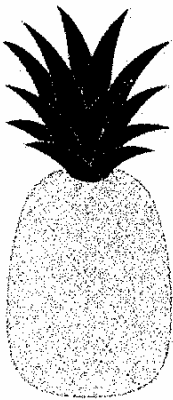
**ALL CURRENT CCA STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERED ENROLLED!**  
(No Re-Enrollment is necessary)  
PLEASE Notify us if you know that your children will not  
be returning for Fall 2012.



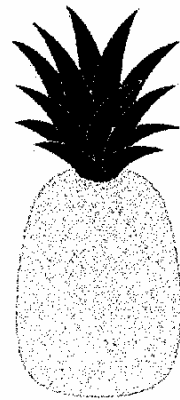
# Welcome to Kindergarten Round-Up



Hawaiian Luau at CCA!



# ALOHA



**Where:** Crossroads Charter Academy

**When:** Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 6-7pm

**Who:** All children who will be 5 years of age  
by December 1<sup>st</sup>.



Crossroads Charter Academy is a tuition-free public school  
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