



CHICAGO WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY

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November 15, 2021

Dear CWLA Community,

Happy 2nd quarter!

We hope everyone had a lovely long weekend with their families. We also hope children age five and older were able to get vaccinated during Vaccination Awareness Day last week Friday.

This Wednesday, November 17 is our report card pick-up and parent/teacher/student conferences. Report card conference is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher to discuss celebrations and areas of concentration for the next quarter. CWLA expects 100% participation so please plan to attend with your child.

The safety of our students is always our top priority. To ensure a safe and orderly dismissal process, dismissal colored placards will be sent home with your child's report card. Please help us expedite our dismissal process and ensure safety protocols are in place by adhering to the following:

- Foot traffic must always use the sidewalks and crosswalks at all times.
- Display the colored placard on your dashboard during dismissal pick-up.
- Once busses leave, we will open up the car pick-up line on Congress Street which will be motioned by staff to direct parents to pull up to pick-up spots.
- Follow our car pickup procedures by coming at your designated pickup time. Vehicles that come prior to their pick-up time will be asked to drive around the block following the directions on the map. Throop Street will run north and south for easy access. Do not park on Throop Street.
- Absolutely no middle lane pick-up or U-turns are allowed.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended at all times.
- Do not pick-up or drop-off on Harrison Street as it is a designated emergency route and you could be ticketed.
- Be courteous and patient to other drivers when entering the pick-up line.
- Remember that our children are watching. Let's set good and safe examples for them.

Finally, students go out on a daily basis for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather (jacket, hats, gloves, etc.). Your support is greatly appreciated in keeping our students safe.

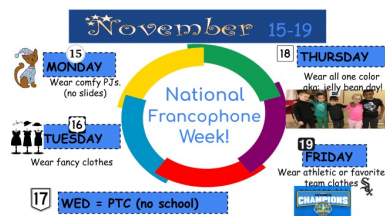
Here are this week's updates and important school information. As always, please

let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you always for your kindness and support.

Best,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Celebrations!



In recognition of National French Week, we will celebrate CWLA Francophones! A francophone is someone who speaks French ~ they could be from anywhere in the world, not just France. We will have dress up days this week to celebrate (see attached flyer). Thank you to Madame Van Twisk for

organizing this event!

Parent Engagement Opportunities

Local School Council Meeting

There will be a Local School Council meeting on **Monday, November 15 at 5:30 PM** via Zoom. We will present our State of the School. Click [here](#) for the Agenda. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86121752669?pwd=S0IFdk1OdIJ6Tm1KdmZZMDJxM1E3dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 2175 2669 **Passcode:** 0sMrGm

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Principal Coffee Day

Join me for Principal Coffee Day on **Friday, November 19 at 8:30 AM** via Zoom. We will present the State of the School for those who are unable to attend Monday's LSC meeting. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88304116998?pwd=d2FoRG4xa2FzSTBNWkJueDFQUTVaQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 0411 6998 **Passcode:** gCpM6K

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Report Card Pick-up and Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Please join us for Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences and 1st quarter report card pick-up on **Wednesday, November 17**. Your child's homeroom



teacher send you a link to sign-up for conferences. Please email your child's homeroom teacher if you did not receive the link to sign-up. Homerooms 302 and 308 can contact the office to verify conference teacher and time. We look forward to 100% participation.

CHICAGO WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
(during report card pick-up and parent-student-teacher conferences)

This is a great opportunity to show our gratitude to our teachers and staff!

Please let us know if you will participate by filling out this form along with a food donation (appetizer, main dish, dessert) or monetary donation for the luncheon. Please return this form to school on or before Friday, November 12. If bringing food donations, please deliver to the cafeteria on Wednesday, November 17 by 1:00 PM the day of report card pick-up.

Please indicate:

I will bring _____

I can assist with set-up at 2:00 pm _____

I can assist with clean-up at 3:30 pm _____

I will make a monetary donation _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Thank you!

Any questions, please contact the school main office
at 773-534-7000.

There will be a **Teacher-Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17 during report card pick-up**. Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer that was sent home with students. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated by our teachers and staff. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office at 773-534-7000. All volunteers must be approved.

Friends of CWLA

FALL PLEDGE DRIVE

Dear CWLA Family and Friends,

As we work together to make the 2021/2022 return to in-person school as successful as possible, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you. We know this has been a difficult time for many in our community, and we are grateful for everyone's continued support of our students and school.

Our Annual Fall Pledge Drive is our school's largest fundraiser. Funds raised provide educational support and activities that would otherwise not be available to students due to budgetary shortfalls. Our goal this year is to have 100% family participation. Your generous donations will cover things like technology, equipment, and resources so vital to enriching our children's education.

We ask you to consider a gift of \$150 per student, but any amount is helpful and appreciated. Every level of contribution will help us reach our goal of \$70,000.

Some things to consider:

- Donations can be set up as monthly installments if that works better with your household's budget.
- All contributions are tax-deductible
- Make use of corporate matching programs.



Ways to donate:

- Online at www.friendsofCWLA.org or scan QR code.
- Via PayPal/Zelle/QuickPay to donations@friendsofcwla.org
- By check payable to AJLA PC - send back to school or by mail attn: Fall Pledge Drive 1340 W. Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60607.

Feel free to forward this letter to friends and family to help us reach our goal. We are very grateful for the support of our community. All of us can all make a lasting and meaningful contribution to the success of our school and our students.

Make your tax-deductible donation today.

Sincerely,
Friends of CWLA

Friends of CWLA (FoCWLA) launched the Fall Pledge Drive last week. The Fall Pledge Drive is our school's largest fundraiser and runs through Giving Tuesday, November 30. Kindly review the [Fall Pledge Drive flyer](#) for details. Please support this fundraiser that helps fund resources and enrichment activities for students that would otherwise not be available due to budgetary shortfall. Ways to donate:

- Online at www.friendsofCWLA.org or scan QR code.
- Via Paypal/Zelle/QuickPay to donations@friendsofcwla.org
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Come join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 1st at 8:30 AM via Zoom**. The link can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89061682650?pwd=QXE5T1ZWMnRSaVZ6aGtxZC9EVVJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 6168 2650

Passcode: uAJ4hL

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Fundraising Committee

Sign up to join our fundraising committee, cultural committee or community committee:

<https://forms.gle/PLqST5eapsvhaRNL7>

FoCwLA Newsletter

Sign up to receive our newsletter and updates. If you've previously subscribed to our AJLA PC website updates you will need to subscribe to this as well.

<http://eepurl.com/hLcvOz>

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Online Scholastic Book Fair

The online Book Fair runs November 8-21. Visit our Book Fair homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cwla> for details. All orders will be shipped at home. Our school earns 25% in rewards during the Fair and 2% year-round. Thank you for your support.



Don't forget about Box Tops, Scrip, and our clothes donation drop off.

COVID-19 and Vaccination Updates

COVID testing will be available tomorrow, Tuesday, November 16. We will have COVID testing every Tuesday from 9:00 am -2:45 PM CST. Please use the link below to register. You do not have to register again if you have already registered. Weekly testing is scheduled on Tuesdays.

Student Registration:

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=tf-jac-610060-students>

Testing is optional for students, except for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated student athletes. Testing will take place during regular school hours and results will be available in 24 to 48 hours. Color Health will follow up with you directly if your child receives a positive result.

For more information on testing with Thermo Fisher and Color, including self-swab testing and receiving results, head to their Support FAQs or call 888-603-1028. You may also email the CPS COVID-19 Testing Team at covidtestingcps@cps.edu or you can [watch this video](#) for an overview of the participant experience with registration and results.

Thank you for your participation to keep our school community safe and healthy.

We hope that parents and guardians had an opportunity to take their children five years of age and older to get vaccinated on Vaccine Awareness Day. Additional communication will be shared regarding voluntarily submitting a copy of your child's full vaccination status so that they do not have to quarantine at home if they have contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, as long as they are well. Please see important vaccine information below.

- The COVID-19 vaccine is free for all, and no proof of insurance or citizenship is required. To schedule a vaccination appointment at a convenient location, please visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccine near you or call 1-800-232-0233 to find an appointment near you. You can also visit cps.edu/vaccinations to make an appointment at a CPS-run site.
- Vaccines are safe for children five years and older. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is the safest and most effective way to protect children and adults from the virus. The CDC has approved the vaccine for children five years of age and older based on clinical-trial data showing that the Pfizer shot is safe and effective at preventing symptomatic infection.
- Children ages five to 11 years old will receive child-sized doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which is just a third of the amount of the adult vaccine. This will reduce the likelihood of side effects—such as sore arms, fever, or aches. The needle used to administer the vaccine to children is also much smaller.
- **Once fully vaccinated, students will not be asked to quarantine at home when they come into contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, as long as they are well.** This means students can remain in school where they get the best instruction, and parents and guardians won't have to scramble to find child care for a quarantine period.

Dress Code Reminder

Chicago World Language Academy Student Dress Code

Goals of CWLA's Dress Code:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or face protection), dance (bare feet, leggings/shorts), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equally regardless of gender/sex identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/build, religion, and personal style.

Get in the "Zone"

Dress Code Enforcement

- School staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below. School administrators and staff shall not have discretion to waive the requirements or make that staff to discriminate enforcement.
- Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms as a result of the dress code violations as outlined in sections 1 and 2 below.
- Students in violation of Section 1 and/or 2 will be provided three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:
 - (1) Student will be asked to put on their own alternate clothing, if already available at the school, to the dress more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - (2) Student will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - (3) If necessary, student's parents may be called during the school day to bring alternate clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, disability, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body ability.
- School staff shall not enforce the school's dress code more strictly against transgender and gender-nonconforming students than other students.

*This Student Dress Code was adapted from Oregon NOW (National Organization for Women) Middle Student Dress Code.

The Student Voice Committee in collaboration with our teachers and staff have been working on revising our dress code. Please review the dress code with your child. Note the following:

- *Clothing should be comfortable and cover the child's "Zone"*
- *Clothing free from offensive images or language*
- *Opaque clothing material for tops & bottoms*
- *Headcoverings (hats, hoodies, visors, etc.) worn outside only, unless for Religious, Cultural purposes.*
- *Tops and bottoms cover all private areas*
- *Close-toed shoes including gym shoes, boots, dress shoes & indoor shoes with rubber soles*

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our Dress Code policy. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping a safe school environment.

Important Dates



Please note the following important dates and events:

November 15 - LSC Meeting at 5:30 PM

November 16 - Room Parents Meeting 8:30 AM

November 17 - Non student attendance-1st quarter report card conferences

November 19 - Principal Coffee Day at 8:30 AM

November 24-26 - No school - Thanksgiving break

December 1 - Friends of CWLA meeting at 8:30 AM

December 20-31 - Winter Break

January 3 - School resumes

****Click [here](#) for the CPS 2021-22 Elementary School Calendar**

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