



CLASSICAL COLUMNS

Classical School – Appleton, Wisconsin

Building a Just and Excellent Educational Foundation

December 21, 2017

Principal's Address~



Hello Classical Families and Friends,

Doesn't it feel as if the students and families were just entering the Classical School doors following a long summer break? Full of either bravado or trepidation, the students had new clothes, new school supplies, and a certain anticipatory readiness to embark on a new academic adventure.

Students had many questions about the upcoming academic year in September...What will my teacher be like? How much homework will there be? Will I have an easier or harder time than last year? Will I still have the same friends? Who will be my friend? Who is in my class?

Being at the midway point of the year, I want to reach out to any student or family who might need a helping hand with any academic or social situation. Unaddressed issues can become or seem even larger and less surmountable when viewed from only one angle.

I have known parents and students who have been reticent to approach me about problematic situations because they either thought something was too large, too unchangeable, or too small for the principal or teacher to address. Let me assure you that I enjoy working with parents to develop novel solutions to individual educational, social and emotional needs.

Rarely have I found any concern that our combined efforts cannot efficiently and effectively address in a positive and productive way. I am also pleased to state unequivocally that our staff at Classical School remains dedicated to helping students develop academic and social strategies that support our rich and rigorous curriculum.

Do not hesitate to bring any specific student concern or overall school concern directly to me. My school phone number is 920-997-1399 ex 3380 and my personal cell phone is 920-585-2782. Feel free to call me at your convenience.

If a concern is related to an interaction with a particular staff member, please follow the AASD policy of initially communicating directly with that person. Email addresses can be found for all the staff members on our website: www.ClassicalCharter.com. After communicating your concern with that person, you are welcome to include me in the conversation.

During Winter Break, enjoy your family celebrations and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Bomann

Principal, Classical School

Up and Coming...

Classical School Rockin' 50s and 60s School Dance!



Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll as Classical School celebrates the groovy music of the 1950s and 1960s with a family dance on **Friday, January 26th from 6:00 - 7:30pm**. Girls, dig out your poodle skirts or capris, bobby socks, and saddle shoes. Boys, get your blue jeans, white t-shirts, and cool sunglasses ready. With the help of our DJ, we are going to dance to the music that defined rock-n-roll. Our "drive-in" will offer popcorn, lemonade, and glow necklaces. You'll also have an opportunity to show off your Hula Hooping skills during our Hula Hoop contest. More information and volunteer sign-ups will be coming in January.

*Thank you, [Dia Thao & Annie Knudson](#), for coordinating this event for Classical School families!

Timber Rattlers Family Night for Classical Families!



Students may choose to participate in Fang's Reading Club starting in February. More information on how to participate will come out after the holidays. Please save the date of **Friday, April 27, 2018**, if your child is interested. Students can earn several Timber Rattlers prizes including a free ticket to the game! Everyone is welcome to participate in enjoying the game, but Fang Reading Club members can earn a free ticket.

All Classical families are invited to enjoy the game together in a reserved seating area on April 27th

New Student Enrollment for the 2018-19 School Year:



Classical School's application period for the 2018-2019 school year is December 1, 2017, through February 16, 2018. A completed application must be returned by February 16th for any siblings, including incoming kindergartners, of current K-8 Classical School students. Only those applications for siblings returned by February 16th will receive priority in the lottery for enrollment placement or waiting list order. Applications received after February 16th will not be included in the lottery, and those students will be added to the end of any waiting list for their grade in the order applications are received.

A Classical School informational night for prospective families wishing to learn more about our program will be held January 10th from 6:30-7:30 in Room 122. Please join us!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 23rd– January 1st

Winter Break

January 2nd

Classes resume



Up and Coming...



4th-8th Grade ~ Winter Orchestra Concert Notice Tuesday, Jan 11th at 7:00 PM, Forum



- Tuning and warming up takes a long time; students must arrive at the assigned time of 6:30 PM or notify the teacher two weeks in advance. We want everyone to play at their best!
- Students should dress nicely to show pride in presenting their music to the community! School and orchestra dress codes (black bottoms, white top) will be enforced.
- Gentlemen: black dress pants, white button-down/polo shirt, dress shoes (if possible), any color tie (required for middle school, optional for elementary).
- Ladies: knee length or longer (esp. cello players) black skirt, dress, or dress pants, nice white shirt/blouse without words, dress shoes (if possible).
- Students should bring their instruments home to practice over Winter Break; please encourage their playing and consider having them practice performing for you or other friends/relatives!

We are excited to present our progress to you! Please contact with questions/concerns:

Gr. 4-5 orchestra, Melissa Casey, caseymelissa@asd.k12.wi.us

Gr. 6-8 orchestra, Craig Heckner, hecknecraig@asd.k12.wi.us

Classical orchestra students in grades 5-8 will also be performing for the All-City Strings Festival at the Fox Cities PAC on Tuesday, April 17th this year at 7:00!

January CCSA Board Meeting



Please join us for the upcoming CCSA Board meeting on January 4th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the Founders room.

Winter Athletic Teams (7th & 8th Graders)



The **girls basketball** and **boys wrestling** seasons will begin soon!
See important information below regarding dates and requirements to participate.

All potential players **MUST** have an updated physical or alternate year physical form on file in the Classical School office prior to the first practice. You can pick up those forms in the Classical School office.

You will not be able to practice unless you have the proper forms turned in before practice starts.



You can find more information about the Einstein/Classical athletics program on the district website or by calling the Einstein office. Coaches update the sport webpage closer to the start of the season. Please see link below to the sport webpage.

<https://sites.google.com/a/asd.k12.wi.us/gorshe-s-lockerroom/home>

Up and Coming...

Spelling Bee



We are excited about the amount of student interest we have in the Classical School Spelling Bee! We have 27 students preparing for the qualifying bee which will take place on January 11th. The top 12 students will participate in the Classical School Bee held on February 8th.

Good luck to the following students who are preparing to compete on January 11th!

**Names of students included in the parent version of the Classical Columns emailed to families. **

Geography Bee

The Classical School Geography Bee will take place on January 24th. The following students will be competing:



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In preparation for the Geography Bee, some of these students competed in the Wisconsin Geographic Alliance Online Quiz during Geography Awareness Week. Congratulations to 8th grader Zachary and 5th grader Aidan for placing 5th and 31st respectively in the state out of 908 middle school students who participated!

We look forward to watching you all participate in healthy competition!

Up and Coming...

School Wide State Testing: MAP and Forward Exam

We know it's early, but as you plan for spring vacations and appointments, please remember that state and district testing windows are as follows:

WISCONSIN FORWARD EXAM Testing Window: **March 19th-May 4th, grades 3-8**
MAP Testing Spring Testing Window: **April 16th – May 8th, grades K-7**

At Classical we will be scheduling the Forward and MAP testing dates as closely to the following weeks as possible...



Middle School	March 19 th -22 nd , April 9 th -13 th
5th & 6th Grades	April 3 rd -6 th , April 9 th -13 th
3rd & 4th Grades	April 16 th -20 th , April 23 rd -27 th
1st & 2nd Grades	April 23 rd -27 th
Kindergarten	April 30 th -May 4 th



Please avoid taking your students out of class during these testing weeks!! Students miss valuable class time if they need to make up testing. This causes stress on the students and extra work on the teachers to accommodate make-up sessions. Thank you for your consideration!!

2018-2019 4K Enrollment Information



Appleton Community 4K is open to any student who will turn 4 years old on or before September 1st. We look forward to having your child join us! As a community based program, the majority of our 4K classrooms are located in community partner sites such as preschools and childcares.

For a list of sites locations:

http://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_457656/File/17-18%204K%20Site%20List.pdf

Appleton Community 4K Site Visit Week

Monday, January 15th - Friday, January 19th

We welcome you to contact sites you are interested in learning more about and arrange a time to visit during our Site Visit Week. On-line enrollment will begin on Monday, February 5, 2018. As more details become available, they will be posted on the AASD and 4K website http://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_school/registration



NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

Middle School Dance: White Winter!

The 7th and 8th graders enjoyed their dance themed "White Winter" on December 15th. Thank you, Student Council members, for all your hard work in planning and executing this fun night for our middle school and thank you to all people who donated winter themed food for this event!

**Pictures of students included in the parent version of the Classical Columns emailed to families. **

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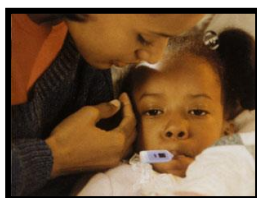
Restocking School Supplies



Are you looking for some good stocking stuffer ideas? Markers, glue, glue sticks, pens, pencils, and any other school supply consumables are just a few suggestions. With the restart of the school year in January, it is a good time to check the status of your child's school supplies. Teachers always appreciate extra boxes of tissues during the end of the cold season as well.

Thank you!

Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School?



It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities.

Guidelines that might help in a parent's decision-making:

Fever: A fever of 100 degrees or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until his or her temperature is less than 100 degrees (without the use of fever reducing medication) for a day and he/she is feeling better.

Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated the night before and the morning of school.

Infectious Diseases: Diseases such as impetigo, pink eye with thick drainage, and strep throat require a health care provider's visits and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if he/she is feeling well.

Rashes: Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a health care provider if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

Injuries: If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until the condition is checked by a health care provider or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need a medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a health care provider's excuse is required.

If your child becomes ill in school, we will need to be able to reach you. Please make sure to notify the office of any work or phone number changes as they occur. If you have further questions, please contact your school nurse through the school office.

Volunteer Appreciation...



Thank you to all the **parents who provided our staff with nutritious and delicious treats** for our staff meeting in the month of December. We appreciate this kind gesture! Mmmm...baklava!



Thank you to all **parents who help out in the classrooms** each week with correcting, copying, etc. The time you volunteer in the classroom is always appreciated but especially during this busy holiday month!



Thank you to all the **room parents** who planned and coordinated holiday parties for our students and to the parents who donated food and supplies!



A huge thank you to **Duyen Bagwell** for once again making copies of the Concordia photo CD for all 40 of the students who went on the trip. What a great gift for them to keep!



Thank you, **Mr. Harry Herres**, volunteer grandparent, for helping students with curricular needs weekly. Your smile and sense of humor is appreciated by all!

Musical Notes...

Classical School would like to thank our music teachers!



Ms. Kottman, Mr. Grover, Ms. Casey & Mr. Heckner for all of your hard work in the classroom and for the entertaining concerts performed here at Classical this fall! The creative use of instruments, voice, and technique was enjoyed by all.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and smiles on the students' faces as they showcased what they have been learning in music at Classical.

Thank you!

Reminder: **4th-8th Grade Orchestra Concert: January 11th, 7:00pm, Forum**

1st-3rd Grade Music Concert: February 6th, 6:00 PM, Forum

Fine Arts Brushstrokes...

I am very excited to announce the wonderful artistic accomplishment of 8th Grader, **Willa!** Her 7th grade impressionistic painting will represent Classical School as one of the pieces that hangs in the conference room of the Appleton Area School District Board of Education. The AASD Board asks the art teachers from each school in the district to choose a well-designed piece to hang in the Board conference room for the remainder of the school year while the Board conducts their monthly meetings. These pieces represent the hard work and talents of students from all grade levels from all schools in the district. We are very proud to have Willa represent Classical School's visual talents this year!

**Pictures included in the parent version of the Classical Columns emailed to families. **

~Mrs. Eastman

Physical Education Moves...

Mr. Gilbert

7th and 8th Grade Physical Education

We will start the New Year with our pickleball unit. The activity is very similar to indoor tennis. The students will be learning to hit the ball using different types of shots like: serving, clears, drop shot, drive, and smashes. Once shots are learned, we will be focusing on strategies to position themselves to score points. We will have some lead up games, regular games, and tournaments within our classes. This unit is 5 weeks long and the quiz will be the beginning of February.



\$\$\$ FUNDRAISING CORNER \$\$\$

The Classical Charter School Association (CCSA)

CCSA is a Wisconsin non-profit 501(c)(03) organization. The CCSA is a contracting entity with AASD to operate Classical School. The funds in the Classical Charter School Association Inc. account have been used for various purposes. Mainly, the CCSA would like to focus funds on staff development--Sending staff members to conferences or to visit other classical schools in the US.

The CCSA Board would like to encourage you to consider a gift to the CCSA Inc in your charitable giving this year. Checks can be made to 'Classical Charter School Association'. We are grateful for your gifts and promise you the best stewardship of your gifts to the Classical Charter School Inc. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

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Knowledge-A-Thon

The planning wheels are starting to turn for 2018 Knowledge-a-Thon!



If you would like to **showcase your business** or your employer's business in our Knowledge-A-Thon question booklet, please see the information below:

What? We will post your business card (half-page size) in the KAT booklet for \$25.

Why? 480 booklets (+/-) will be viewed during March & April by over 300 Classical families! This is wonderful exposure for your business and a great way to support Classical School.



When? ➔ **Submissions are due March 1st** ◀

How? Simply send in your business card and a check in an envelope to school labeled "Linda Kemps (KAT)." Please write the check out to Classical School with KAT on the memo line. We would also be **very grateful** for the following contributions:

- **Matching Contributions** from your employer
- **Donations** of gift certificates, coupons or other useful prize items
- **\$5-\$10 gift cards** for the KAT lottery activity

(Suggestions: Target, Walmart, Cousins, Subway, Paradise Island, Dairy Queen, Culvers, etc.)

***Volunteer Opportunity:**



If you would like to **lead** one of the fun activities leading up to KAT, please contact KAT Coordinator, Sheri Hartzheim, sherisue@att.net.

Poster Contest Feb 21st- March 2nd

Assemble a committee to help you hang posters in the school, take a picture of each poster, and help pick contest winners.

Star Week Week of March 19th-22nd

Assemble and lead a committee to ask students KAT questions during their lunch hour indoors.

Lottery Lollapalooza Week of April 3rd-6th

Assemble and lead a committee to shop for and collect donations for lottery prizes and "man" the prize table after school.

Bonanza Week of April 9th-13th

Assemble and lead a committee to ask students KAT questions on the playground during lunch recess.

Testing Day Host

Manage food & drinks for volunteer testers & help manage logistics of KAT testing day, April 21st.

Important Attachments...

TALKING IT OUT:

HOW TO HAVE GREAT COMMUNICATION
WITH YOUR KIDS WITHOUT LOSING YOUR
HAIR OR YOUR MIND



Talking It Out is a highly entertaining, *practical* presentation that will recharge and refresh you — and help you meet the challenges of building great relationships with your children.

January 4, 2018 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club of Menasha

FREE OF CHARGE



Limited child care slots
available with pre-registration.



Pre-register TODAY at
bgclubfoxvalley.org for for a
chance to win great door prizes!



Michael Brandwein

is an internationally recognized expert on teaching and leading young people. He wrote and presented three Emmy® award-winning television programs about communicating with young people that have been broadcast throughout the U.S. and is the author of three best-selling books on youth development.

Michael is best known for his highly practical, "use-it-immediately" approach and entertaining and engaging teaching methods.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE FOX VALLEY

For questions please contact Katie Hickey at (920) 750-5834

School Calendar: January & February

JANUARY

- 1 - Happy New Year!
- 2 - Classes resume
- 2 - World Language EPC, Founders Room, L08, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 2 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 3 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 3 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 3 - West High School Counselor Visit with 8th graders attending West – Band Room, 2:15 – 3:00 pm
- 4 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 4 - Monthly staff meeting Rm. 124, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 4 - Marketing/Alumni Relations meeting 5:15-6:15pm Room L08, Founders Room
- 4 - CCSA Board meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Rm L08, Founders room**
- 5 - Admin. Team meeting, 8:30-10:30 am, principal's office
- 5 - Ski Club, Nordic Mountain, 3:00-11:00pm
- 8 - Math/Science EPC, Founders Room, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 9 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 9 - Dress Rehearsal for Gr. 4-6 Winter Orchestra concert in Forum from 1:30-2:45pm
- 9 - Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 10 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 10 - Dress Rehearsal for Gr. 7-8 Winter Orchestra concert in Forum from 2:15-3:00pm
- 10 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 10 - AASD Late Start (Classical School does not participate)
- 10 - Informational Session for prospective new families, 6:30 pm, Rm. 122**
- 11 - Pegasus Flyers go home today (K-8)
- 11 - Preliminary qualifying Spelling Bee for Bee contestants, 10:15-11:15am
- 11 - 4th- 8th Grade Winter Orchestra Concert, in the Forum @ 7:00 pm**
- 12 - Admin. Team meeting, principal's office, 8:30-9:00 am
- 12 - Ski Club, Nordic Mountain, 3:00-11:00pm
- 13 - AASD School Fair, City Center Plaza, 10 am – Noon
- 15 - Writing EPC, Founders Room, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 15 - Student Support Team (SST) meeting - Library @ 8:30 - 11:00 am
- 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Special observance day – Wisconsin state statute)
- 16 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 16 - Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 17 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 17 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 18 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 19 - Admin. Team meeting, 8:30-10:30 am, principal's office
- 19 - FIRE DRILL TODAY 9:00 (weather permitting/coats=teacher discretion)
- 19 - FIELDTRIP: 2nd grade to Grand Opera House *Martin Luther King Jr*, 11:30 - 2:00 pm**
- 19 - FIELD TRIP: 6th grade to Point Beach Energy Education Center, 8:10am-2:45pm**
- 19 - End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
- 22 - No school for students—Teacher Records Day**
- 22 - *Classical Columns* articles due to Kathy Diedrich
- 23 - Start of 3rd Quarter
- 23 - Gimmes renew for grades 2 – 8
- 23 - Elementary School Arbitrary Monday
- 23 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 23 - Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 24 - Geography Bee, grades 4-8, 8:10-9:30am, Forum**
- 24 - Yearbook Pictures, 12:30-2:30pm, Forum**
- 24 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 24 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 25 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 25 - *Classical Columns* emailed home today and posted on website

- 25 - Honor roll posted for grades 7-8
- 26 - Admin. Team meeting with CSS, 8:30-10:30 am, principal's office
- 26 - Sundae party for honor roll students (7-8) during lunch recess
- 26 - Report cards go home for grades K-8 [including K-6 Art/Music/PE report cards and K-6 Personal Skills]
- 26 - Rockin' 50s & 60s School Dance 6:00 – 7:30 pm**
- 27 - Forensics practice meet at Classical, 8:00-10:00
- 29 - History EPC, Founders Room, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 30 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 30 – Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 31 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 31 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room

 **FEBRUARY**

- 1 - Monthly staff meeting Rm. 124, 3:10-4:10
- 1 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 2 - Admin. Team meeting, principal's office, 8:30-9:00 am
- 3 - Forensics Level 1 Meet at Little Chute, 8:00-12:00
- 5-9 - National School Counselor's Week
- 5 - World Language EPC, Founders Room, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 6 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 6 - 1st-3rd Grade Winter General Music Concert, in the Forum @ 6:00PM**
- 6 - Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 7 - 100th Day of School!
- 7 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 7 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 8 - Spelling Bee, 8:10-9:30AM, Forum**
- 8 - Governance Committee, principal's office from 12:00-1:30 pm
- 8 - CCSA Board meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Founders room in L08**
- 8 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 9 - Admin. Team meeting, 8:30-10:30 am, principal's office
- 9 - Ski Club, Nordic Mountain, 3:00-11:00pm
- 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (Special observance day – Wisconsin state statute)
- 12 - Writing EPC, Founders Room, 3:10-4:10 pm
- 13 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 13 - Battle of the Books from 3:00-4:00pm
- 14 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 14 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 14 - AASD Late Start (Classical School does not participate)
- 15 - Susan B. Anthony's birthday (Special observance day – Wisconsin state statute)
- 15 - Six Flags Reading Club deadline: reading logs returned to teachers by this date**
- 15 - Pegasus Flyers go home today
- 16 - NO SCHOOL**
- 16 - Classical lottery application period for 2018-19 ends
- 19 - NO SCHOOL**
- 19 - 1:00-2:00 Writing EPC, Founders Room
- 19 - *Classical Columns* articles due to Kathy Diedrich
- 20 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room
- 20 - FINAL Elementary Battle of the Books State Competition from 3:00-4:00
- 21 - FIRE DRILL TODAY 10:00 am (weather permitting/coats=teacher discretion)
- 21 - Art Club, 12:00 p.m., Mrs. Eastman's lower level art room
- 21 - Homework Help (6-8), 3:00-4:00 pm, Rm. 122, Mrs. VanRyzin's room

**Have a wonderful winter break, everyone.
We wish you safe travels and we'll see you again in 2018!**

