



Circle of Life Academy

"Our Circle of Life Academy is immersed in Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin for our children and community while providing the highest quality of education."

COLA December 2020 Newsletter



BOOZHOO COLA STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

As we approach the holidays, we have a lot to be thankful for. Over 90% of our students are connecting to their virtual classrooms and this has undoubtedly contributed to the success with keeping the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum. In fact, here at COLA, we have had zero active cases on campus. Those few cases that we have seen have all been attributed to community-based spread, from people getting together at social gatherings with those outside their household.

We know that the success we have seen is a direct result of the precautionary measures we're taking in our school building like regular sanitizing, social distancing of all people, and proper mask wear and care by all who enter.

In Becker county more than 90% of our confirmed cases are coming from community-based spread. We're all in this together and we need your help to keep our students in school. As we approach winter break, we want to remind our families to take some of the same precautions we're implementing in our schools at home:

- **Stay home when you're sick**
- **Limit social gatherings**
- **Wear masks and practice social distancing when you have to go out in public, and**
- **Practice healthy habits like regular hand washing and sanitation of high touch surfaces.**



Wishing your safe celebrations and healthy holidays in 2020!
Superintendent Jenna Leadbetter

**NO SCHOOL Tuesday,
December 23, 2020 through
Sunday January 10, 2021 for our
Winter / Holiday Break!**





SCHOOL RESUMES via remote
Distance Learning on
Monday, January 11, 2021.

The 2nd Enrollment Window for K-12 students to join COLA officially opens Monday, January 11, 2021, but parents/guardians can start to submit complete enrollment packets NOW until the enrollment window closure date of Friday January 15, 2021. **CIBs and Birth Certificates are required with all applications.** Become a COLA Warrior by contacting our school at 218-983-4810 for your enrollment packet paperwork.



Need Internet Access?

COLA is partnering with White Earth Indian Child Welfare to positively target the immediate remote Distance Learning needs of our students, families and staff during this unprecedented time. If you have limited or zero internet connectivity at your home, please let your teacher know as soon as possible or call COLA at 218-983-4180.

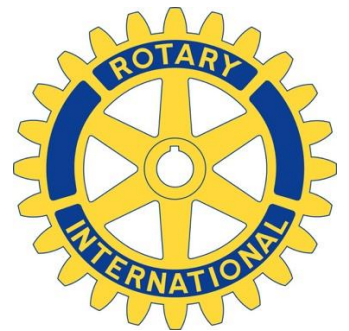
You're Invited!
2020 Breakfast Rotary Book Give Away!



Saturday, December 5, 2020: Audubon Elementary
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020: Circle of Life Academy
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, 2020: Boys'/Girls' Club DL
4:00-5:30p.m.



Breakfast Rotarians are committed to following state guidelines to keep our community safe, while spreading good cheer this holiday season!

Information for Families

- Ⓢ Families receiving books must stay in their vehicle at all times.
- Ⓢ Contactless 'menu' of book choices will be viewed by children, prior to receiving book
- Ⓢ One book per child in car

Information about Rotarian Procedures

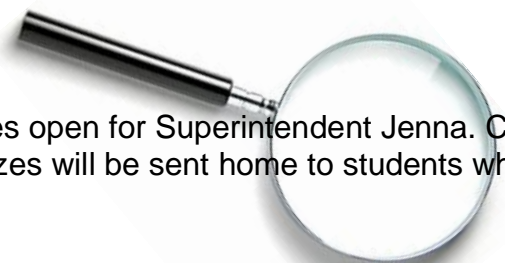
- Ⓢ Rotarians will be of the same household
- Ⓢ Rotarians will be wearing face masks at all times
- Ⓢ Rotarians handling books will wear gloves

Even during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the team at the Circle of Life Academy continues to persevere to keep everything running smoothly and efficiently, providing the best that we can for our students!



Can YOU spot Superintendent Jenna in class?

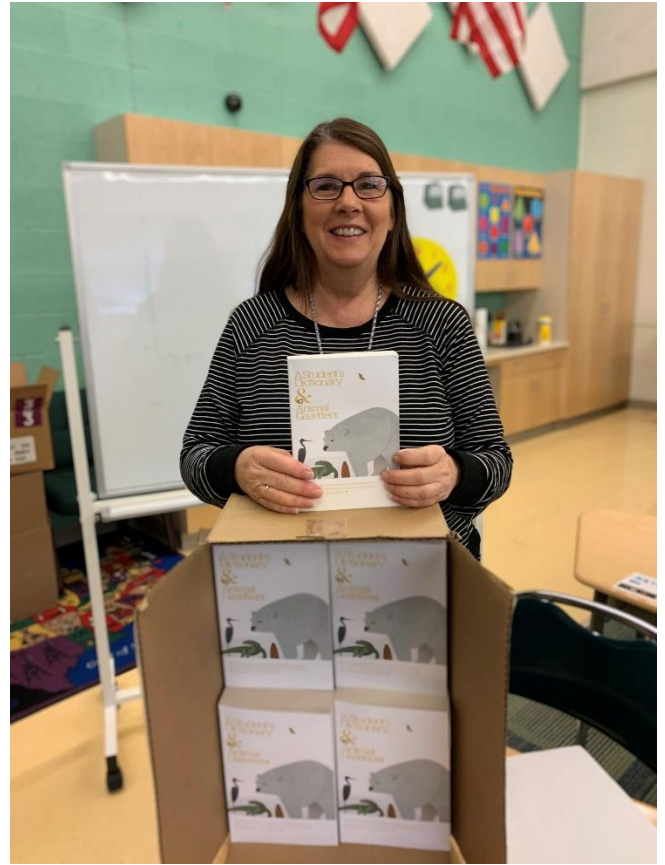
Make sure you are attending all your classes! Keep your eyes open for Superintendent Jenna. Catch her in your class and you will win a special prize! Special prizes will be sent home to students who spot her in class!





The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club donated brand new dictionaries to our 3rd Graders! Third Grade Teacher, Wendy Harstad, is ecstatic about this incredible gift!

Chi-miigwech Rotarians!



A message from our COLA Bus Drivers

Chi-miigwech to the families who consistently set out their heavy-duty red storage bins every day for our deliveries! With winter weather here, we secured extra heavy-duty red storage bins to drop off food or school items. If you need another heavy-duty red storage bin, please call COLA at 218-983-4180. We ask that you ensure these bins are visible for our bus drivers and placed away from snowplows.

Chi-miigwech,
Your Bus Drivers



**A message from Assistant Dean of
Students Loretta Solmon**

Boozhoo,

Thank you to the families for setting out the red totes for meals and supplement work. We appreciate the families that are supporting their students during online learning. I want to wish you all a warm and safe holiday.

Chi-miigwech,
Assistant Dean of Students, Loretta



**A message from K-12 Principal Lynda
Wadena**

Miigwech to the parents and guardians who have worked hard to get their child or children online, in google classroom or ZOOM. It is a team effort, and I thank you for your support. Students continue your work and contact us if you need help or just want to talk.

It is nice to see your name or face and sometimes hear your voice when I have been in ZOOM.

Be safe over the holiday break.

Niibaa-anama'e-giizhigad. Aabita-biboon.

Chi-miigwech,
Principal Lynda



**A message from K-12 Dean of Students
Mike Bunker**

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I am very proud of all of you Students and Families for persevering during these trying times.

The highlight of my day at school is when I am able to see your bright and smiling faces on your zoom meetings with your teacher and able to visit with you for that moment of time hoping that soon we will be able to be back in school in person when this pandemic is finally over and life can be back to normal. I am wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year hoping that everyone will be safe and healthy until we can meet again.

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Chi-miigwech,
Dean of Students, Mike



A message from Assistant Principal David Perry

Dear Parents, Students and Guardians,

Well, 2020 has indeed been a difficult year for everyone and I'm looking forward to 2021. What great news to hear that a vaccine is on the way! I think that I can safely say that we are all looking forward to life going back to normal again. Believe it or not, I haven't seen any of my brothers, sisters or friends since March. My wife and I have a newly adopted three-year-old (our granddaughter) who was born premature and has ongoing respiratory issues, so we have been extremely protective of her and we've been taking the quarantine seriously. I meet with friends and family via Zoom and as thankful as I am for Zoom meetings, it's just not the same as seeing people face to face.

We also look forward to putting our adopted daughter into daycare again so that she has contact with children her own age which she misses a lot. We adults just aren't any fun for a three-year-old!

Here's an interesting fact about me to share: I was a Peace Corp volunteer in Belize, Central America for two years and my wife is from Belize. Belize is a fascinating country in that it is entirely unique. It shares commonalities with Central America and the Caribbean with an entirely unique people, culture, language, food, etc. My wife and I go there to visit family about every two years.

Chi-miigwech,
Assistant Principal David



If you have not signed and returned the following **Student Use of Technology Agreement and Release of Liability Form**, please read through it here, sign the **red "PLEASE RETURN"** page and return to COLA.



Student Use of Technology Agreement and Release of Liability Form

The COLA authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the school as necessary for instructional purposes. The use of school technology is a privilege permitted at the school's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement.

The school reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason. The school expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The school may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

Each student who is authorized to use school technology and his/her parent/guardian shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication that they have read and understand the agreement.

Definitions

School technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the school's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (Wi-Fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through school-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Student Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are expected to use school technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. The student in whose name school technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

Students are prohibited from using school technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of school technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive.
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying").
3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person.
4. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights.
5. Intentionally disrupt or harm school technology or other school operations (such as destroying school equipment, placing a virus on school computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from teacher or other school personnel, changing settings on shared computers).
6. Install unauthorized software.
7. "Hack" into the system to manipulate data of the school or other users.
8. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or school practice.

Privacy

Since the use of school technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of school technology.

The school reserves the right to monitor and record all use of school technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from school technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of school technology (such as web searches and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any school technology are the sole property of the school. The creation or use of a password by a student on school technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Personally Owned Devices

If a student uses a personally owned device to access school technology, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

Reporting

If a student becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of school technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other school personnel.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to school technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.



Student Acknowledgment

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and school policies and regulations governing the use of school technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using school technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Name: _____

(please print)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must also read and sign the agreement. As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my child to use school technology and/or to access the school's computer network and the Internet. I understand that, despite the school's best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, school, and school personnel against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my child's use of school technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the school. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use of his/her access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

Parent Name: _____

(please print)

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



Employment Opportunities at COLA

COLA Industrial Technology Teacher (1 Position Available)

COLA K-12 Music Teacher (1 Position Available)

COLA EBD Special Education Teacher (1 Position Available)

COLA Teacher of Anishinaabe / Debwewin (1 Position Available)

COLA Education Technology Coordinator (1 Position Available)

COLA MARSS and Data Coordinator (1 Position Available)

COLA Maintenance / Custodian (2 Positions Available)

COLA Bus Driver (1 Position Available)

COLA Substitute Bus Drivers (Multiple Positions Available)

COLA Substitute Teachers (Multiple Positions Available)

Please call (218) 983 4646 to inquire about open positions!

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please contact one of your building Principals as follows:

K-12 Principal, Lynda Wadena
Office: 218-983-4180
Work Cell: 218-850-8876

Assistant K-12 Principal, David Perry
Office: 218-983-4180
Work Cell: 612-578-6141

If you have specific question or concerns regarding Circle of Life Academy, please contact the School Superintendent as follows:

Superintendent, Jenna Leadbetter
Office: 218-983-4180
Work Cell: 218-850-8677

If you have other questions or concerns:

K-12 Cultural Coordination

- Principal, Lynda Wadena
- Teacher of Anishinaabe, Vince Olson
- Teacher of Anishinaabe, Susie Ballot

K-12 Special Education Coordination

- Assistant Principal, David Perry

K-12 Curriculum/Instruction Coordination

- Principal, Lynda Wadena
- Assistant Principal, David Perry

K-12 Technology Coordination

- Superintendent, Jenna Leadbetter
- High School Teacher, John DeJong
- High School Teacher, Wanda Goodwin

K-12 School Assessment Coordination

- Principal, Lynda Wadena
- Assistant Principal, David Perry

K-12 Transcripts / Graduation Coordination

- Principal, Lynda Wadena
- High School Counselor, Matt Meyer

K-12 Attendance / Truancy Coordination

- Principal, Lynda Wadena
- Assistant Principal, David Perry
- Dean of Students, Mike Bunker
- Assistant Dean of Students, Loretta Solmon

K-12 Student Support/Mental Health / Wellness Coordination

- High School Counselor, Matt Meyer
- K-8 School Counselor, Sheila McLeod
- K-12 Social Worker, WillyAnn Heisler-Hoban

K-12 Food Service Coordination

- Head Cook, Grace Jackson
- Business Manager, Carol Zortman

COVID-19 Coordination

- Dean of Students, Mike Bunker

K-12 Transportation Coordination

- Transportation Coordinator, Matt Jensen

Business / Finance Coordination

- Business Manager, Carol Zortman
- Business Coordinator, Andrea Thompson
- Superintendent, Jenna Leadbetter

Facilities Coordination

- Facilities Manager, Darwin Shaugabay
- Superintendent, Jenna Leadbetter

All Other

- Superintendent, Jenna Leadbetter

New information continues to come out as we progress through this school year. Changes and modifications may need to be made to the plan as situations, experience, and challenges arise. We thank you for your continued trust and support as we navigate these interesting times. Throughout history and into the future, Circle of Life Academy will continue to put children and families first.