

Communication is a Priority at CDS

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Picture the Verizon Wireless commercial with the infamous tech man asking the familiar question, "Can you here me now?" Since the ads began a few years ago, actor Paul Marcarelli has helped Verizon gain significant market share and reduce customer turnover. What was the key to their success? According to Marvin Davis, Vice President of Advertising, the "Can you hear me now?" guy, is the personification of a crew of 50 Verizon employees who each drive 100,000 miles annually in specially outfitted vehicles to test the reliability of Verizon's network. That kind of commitment obviously makes a difference in the success of an organization.

This past summer, our faculty and staff have not driven thousands of miles, but we have most certainly clocked thousands of hours in preparation for this school year. At the same time, we have prayerfully committed ourselves to the ministry of Christian education, and are expecting great things from God in the lives of all our students.

As you are know, one key component towards a successful school year is the partnership between teacher and parent, and the ongoing communication that is necessary to keep that partnership alive. From the teacher's corner, Teacher Ease and Teacher Web are two online communication tools that will keep you well informed over the course of the grading period. In addition, the office staff has been very busy this summer working to streamline some of the written forms of communication that are necessary in the day to day administration of our school. Health and other student information forms are now available online through the school web site. If you haven't completed filling those out, we ask that do so without delay. Finally, our weekly newsletter, the Tuesday Informer will be emailed to every parent rather than sent home with the child. This relieves the office staff from having to collate and distribute handouts every Tuesday afternoon, and should relieve parents from having to retrieve it from that black hole called, "The Backpack."

In our desire to provide ongoing lines of communication, we are also aware of your need for privacy, rest, and quality family time. Therefore, will be diligent to communicate only those things that are pertinent to the success of your student. Lastly, no written form of communication can ever be a substitute for personal contact. If there is a question or problem that cannot be resolved via email, please call your teacher and schedule an appointment as needed. Thanks again for your support from the home front. We look forward to a great year ahead!

"Meet the Teacher" nights are designed to share with parents the goals for the new school year as well as classroom routines, rules, and schedules. "Meet the Teacher" Night for GRADES 1-5 is TONIGHT, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. "Meet the Teacher" Night for GRADES 6-8 is Thursday night, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. CHILDCARE: Deadline for childcare reservations for children 5th grade and under is Wednesday at Noon. Please call 255-8134. Both evenings will begin with a meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be dismissed to the classrooms following the group meeting. These meetings are for parents only. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

Tylenol and other Medication: In accordance with the guidelines from the Tennessee Department of Education and Tennessee Department of Health, the school is no longer providing acetaminophen (Tylenol) or any other medication for students. Parents may provide medication including acetaminophen (Tylenol) for students to self-administer following the guidelines in the CDS Student Medication Policy and by completing the Student Self-Administration Medication Permission Form. Please see the entire policy and permission form in your child's Tuesday Informer envelope today or [click here to view on line](#).

Lunch Program: We are again offering the lunch program for the 2009/2010 school year. However, we have expanded to include Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are delighted to have the same great vendors join us again. On Mondays, lunch will be offered from McDonald's, Sonic, and Subway on a rotating basis. Chick-Fil-A will be offered on Wednesdays. The first and third Thursdays of the month hot dogs will be offered and the second and fourth Thursdays will be corn dogs from Sonic. Pizza from CiCi's will be offered on Fridays, alternating cheese and pepperoni. New this year, the order form for the lunches is online. This online function will be available beginning at noon Wednesday, August 19. It will be on the CDS website under the Tuesday Informer tab. If you need assistance, please call Stacey Fleming at 255-8212. **For more information regarding the lunch program, please [click here](#).**

Register now for Cross Country or Volleyball: Registration is now underway for cross country and volleyball. Early registration deadline is FRIDAY. All forms with payment must be submitted by Friday, August 28. [Click here to register](#). Printed copies are available in the school office.

Student Council Informational Meeting: There will be a meeting for all students in grades 4-8 who are interested in being a part of the CDS Student Council this Thursday, August 20th. Please meet in Mrs. Tasic's room at 7:30 a.m. to hear about the various activities and responsibilities involved with being a part of the Student Council.

Thank you! Thank you to our PTF Coordinator, Jennifer Sisson, and several parents - Tricia Davis, Annie Davis (student), Sirena Wardlow, Dana Whitworth, Teri Ford, and Treena Thomas - for painting our parking lot. Last week, they painted a hopscotch game, four square courts, an alphabet catpillar, and other playground games for our CDS students to enjoy at recess.

Important Rules for P.E. Please review with your child the following rules for P.E.

- Share, care, play fair
- Stop and listen when signaled
- Listen when the teacher is talking
- When asked to form a group or more, do so immediately
- Take care of equipment
- Work and play safely
- Cheer for others

- Do not mock or make fun of others
- Try to win, but not to “beat” others
- Try your best
- Try to learn

All students need to wear tennis shoes on P.E. days and shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts. Fifth-eighth grade students are to wear deodorant on P.E. days. Middle School students must wear their complete P.E. uniform (shorts and t-shirt) P.E. days are as follows:

- Mondays: 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B
- Tuesdays: KA, KB, 1A, 1B, 6 (girls), 7 (boys)
- Wednesdays: 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, (6 boys), 7 (girls), 8 (boys)
- Thursdays: 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 8 (girls)
- Fridays: KA, KB, 1A, 1B

Don't Be Late: But if you are, a parent must accompany him/her to check in the office. If a child is dropped off at the front door of the building, the school office and your child's teacher have no way of knowing your child is even in the building. If the child's class is not in the classroom, the child may not know what to do. For security and safety, do not drop off children at the front door, please escort them to the office. Students may not arrive before 7:45 a.m. There is no staff on duty to supervise them until 7:45. Please make arrangements for before care with Central Learning Center (255-8133) if you must arrive before then.

2009-2010 Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Committee: *Please contact your CDS-PTF Coordinator with any questions or to volunteer to help with any area.*

- ***Jennifer Sisson, PTF Coordinator - 861-4827 or 489-7225***
- ***Tricia Davis, Treasurer/Auction Coordinator - 465-2859***
- ***Dana Whitworth, Thunder Run/Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator - 734-3771***
- ***Barbara Evans, Parent Pal/Room Parent Coordinator - 753-1883***
- ***Lisa Rodriguez, Barnes and Nobel Fundraiser/AR Coordinator - 854-4411***
- ***Geneva Moore, Campbell Soup Label/Box Top Coordinator - 854-5848***
- ***Sirena Wardlow, Fundraising Coordinator - 289-1260***
- ***Treena Thomas, Eighth Grade Fundraising Coordinator - 221-8219***
- ***Harry Harwell, Field Day Coordinator - 634-4865***
- ***Heather Riley, Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator 850-8935***
- ***Twana Russell, Teacher Luncheon Coordinator - 624-4596***