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Friends and Families of Addenbrooke Classical Academy K-8,

First let me apologize for getting this letter to you a day late. I was having so much fun in the classroom yesterday that I lost track of time and didn't get this edition written. This week has been packed and clearly we are on our way to success.

This week we took our MAPS testing, and from the first peek at the data it looks like our students have retained and learned a lot despite the madness of the last school year. Teachers have had lots of worries about this and we were happy to see that there was still growth in our students. We are also sending home reports to students in grades 4-8 who took CMAS last year. Middle school students received their reports yesterday and grammar school students will have theirs shared during parent teacher conferences. This data did dip just a bit, however, for the first time we also had the participation rate of these tests below 90% of students. This has never been the case at Addenbrooke and can account for some of the dip. Your student's report is just one of the pieces we use to set goals and plan strategic lessons to help increase learning.

Again, I want to remind parents that our school day starts at 7:45 am and that means we start class at that time. We start the car-line at 7:15 so that students can be in class ready to learn at 7:45. Both car-lines are running smoothly and we have noticed a trend of very few cars between 7:15 and 7:30 and everyone wanting to come at the same time. We are still getting done and through the line on time, but many of you are coming into the line at 7:40 or after which is causing students to be tardy for class. Please help us preserve our class instruction time and have your children here on time.

The end of the day the car-line is going very smoothly as a whole. I have still noticed that many parents of middle school students are coming very early and lining up. I encourage middle school parents to come at 3:20 to join the line. While we have a system in place to allow parents that have only third through fifth graders to pass through the middle school line, we would love for most of the 3rd-5th grade students to be picked up prior to the middle school students even being released. This would be much faster for everyone in the line. If you have a 3rd-5th grader and MS student continue to stay in the MS line or come just a bit later.

Next Wednesday (9/22) is our first Moms' Math Meeting. Mrs. Auferio and Ms. Moskel have planned a great activity using numbers in nature and we love seeing K-5 moms join us for this hour at school. Dads' Book Club is also just around the corner and we hope you are reading

nightly with your children and will come to join us. The books are in the table below by grade level for the October 13th event.

Date of Dad and Child Book Club (book clubs start at 8:00 am)	K/1	2/3	4/5	6-8
October 13	<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> by Maurice Sendak	<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i> by William Steig	<i>Islands of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell	<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> by Jules Verne

From the Clinic: We are completely out and in desperate need of disposable masks. We have tried to order and get them in but have not had success, so if any parents would be willing to donate a few boxes to the school Health Room that would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of both kid and adult sizes. Also, a reminder to please send your kids to school in a mask with an extra in their backpacks in case one breaks or gets dirty.

****** Important Immunization Updates for K-8 Parents******

Parents, please click on the Immunization Letter and read the details pertaining to your student(s) immunizations for this school year. If you have any questions please contact Jordan Garner, Health Aide, at 303-989-1336 ext. 116.

Class shirts are a tradition in our K-5 and most of you have ordered them and paid for them during registration this year. If you still would like to order please pay the fee on Jeffco Connect or by calling Jennifer Swenson at ext 138. The order will be made next Friday and we do not order additional shirts. <https://forms.gle/it7KcWqeMiFGMxMQ6>

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS:

There is a TikTok Challenge trending that has started to show up at school and we need your help. Students are taking items from school (placards off walls, soap dispensers and other items) and vandalizing our facility. The children take these items and then make a TikTok to show what they have taken. We are asking you to help us by reminding your children that this could be considered a felony and that there will be consequences for their actions.

Conferences for Middle School students are just around the corner and will be from 4:00 - 8:00 on October 5th and 6th. Please plan accordingly and we hope you will join us. K-5 conferences sign-up geniuses will be sent out soon and these conferences will be October 11th - October 22nd by sign-up.

I hope you have a joyful weekend,

Julie Spencer
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