

Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, with our weekly announcement. I hope this message finds all of our families safe and healthy. It's a busy week at the Hive and we have a few special days and events coming up this week and next. As always, this message will be posted on our website and our Facebook account. Please remember that the school is here to support you. If you have any needs or need any support, please let us know. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM.

Tomorrow is our Independence Day! Starting tomorrow, September 12, parents will no longer be allowed to escort students to class in the mornings. We are doing this to ensure an additional level of safety, as well as provide teachers and students the important morning time to prepare for the upcoming instructional day. Parents can schedule times to speak with teachers before or after school. Please see Ms. Range if you have any questions.

This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our 2nd grade students will be taking the CogAT exam. The CogAT is a multiple-choice assessment that measures reasoning skills with different types of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal questions. The CogAT is a group-administered aptitude test that CMS gives to every 2nd grader to determine eligibility for the Talent Development program. Once scores are analyzed, we will send information home to parents about next steps in the process. There is nothing you need to do to prepare your child for the test. Just make sure they have a good night's rest and a good breakfast in the morning.

Thursday is International Dot Day! Have your students wear dots to celebrate. Also, Friday is a school hat day. Students can wear their favorite hat to school.

Please join our Parker PTA!! Our PTA does incredible work supporting our students and staff. They need your help to make wonderful things happen. Please use the link below to join my.cheddarup.com/c/parker-academic-center-pta-membership.

In Thursday folders this week, we sent home information regarding the Title IX lessons that will be done on September 21. If you would like to have your child opt out of these lessons, please complete the form, and turn it into your child's teacher by September 16.

On September 20 from 6 to 7:30 PM, we will host our school's Curriculum Night. This is an important event that will provide families with information about your

scholar's upcoming school year. Ms. Range and the PTA will begin the event at 6 PM in the gym with a brief schoolwide meeting. Starting at 6:30 PM, families can then go to their students' classrooms for specific class information. At 7:00 PM, parents will be able to rotate to another classroom presentation.

Finally, Wednesday, September 21, is an early release day. Students will dismiss at 1:15. This is necessary so that our teachers can participate in professional development workshops. CMS will provide lunch, and buses will complete the end-of-day routes. We ask that you be in the car rider line no later than 1:30 PM. We also ask that you notify day-care providers or other appropriate parties of the early dismissal. Please do not try and pick up your child between 12:30 and 1 PM. As we get closer to dismissal, it becomes a safety issue to try and provide early dismissals so close to our actual dismissal time.

Please reach out if you have any questions or have any needs. Thank you for all of your support, understanding and dedication to Charles H. Parker! Have a wonderful evening!