HawkTalk

Recharter Update

Would you like to know how you can support the Vanguard charter renewal? Pick 1, 2, or all 3!

1) Write a letter of support for the Vanguard Charter Renewal to the APS School Board. Please return to the front desk by 2/1/18. (For a letter you can sign and submit, please see Page 3 of this newsletter.)

2) Email the APS board and carbon copy your child’s principal a statement of your support. See the Vanguard Website for a sample draft.

3) Sign up to speak in support of the renewal at the APS board meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm. Slots are only 3 minutes in length per speaker. APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E 1st Ave, Aurora, CO 80011. Sign up to speak using the link found on the Vanguard website.

Find us online! “Like” and follow for updates, or leave us a review!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on February 15th from 8 am - 7:00 pm. The sign up for Spring conferences will be the same process as it was in the fall. In order to reserve a spot, please follow the directions listed on page 4. Lower school conferences will be held in 20 minute sessions, and you are welcome to sign up for any slot that works best for your schedule. Please be aware that parent teacher conferences are required as stated in the Handbook (pg. 35.) If you need to make arrangements for conferences on another day, we strongly encourage you to contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

- February 2nd – No School, Teacher Work Day
- February 6th, 3:30-5:00 pm – APS Board Meeting (VCS Charter Renewal Presentation)
- February 15th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 16th – No School, Comp Day
- February 19th – No School, President’s Day
- February 22nd, 4:30-5:30 pm – Board Meeting @ West
- February 22nd – Enrollment Lottery

A continued reminder that students may not be dropped off in the middle of the street surrounding the school property. Drivers must drop their students off in the designated carpool or parking lot areas. Letting students out in the street creates a hazard for both students and drivers and it will not be tolerated. Drivers observed doing so will be reported to our safety and security personnel and cited.
New Student Applications/Intent To Return

It may be February, but we are already making preparations for the 2018-19 school year. Part of that process is making arrangements for anticipated enrollment. A packet will be sent home with students on Friday, January 25th with important information regarding enrollment for next year.

For current students, please fill out the Intent to Return form for the East Campus. This helps us understand how many students expect to return for the next school year. Students can return these forms to the front desk. They are due back by February 9, 2018.

The lottery for the 2018-19 school year will be held at 4:30 pm on 2/22/18. In order to be included in this year’s lottery, all applications must be submitted by 4:00 pm on 2/20/18.

Included in the packet is an Enrollment Application for any new or prospective students. If you would like to enroll any siblings of current students, you will need to fill out and return this form to the front desk.

We encourage our current families to spread the word about Vanguard to their friends and neighbors. As an incentive, we will be waiving school fees for the 2018-19 school year on a referral basis for any family that makes a recommendation that results in an enrollment of a student at Vanguard who stays after the October Count. In order to ensure your new fees are waived, please be sure your friends and family

Chocolate Fundraiser

It’s that time of year again! Students should have brought home a packet regarding this year’s World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser. If you would like your student to participate, here are some things to know.

- The fundraiser begins January 24th and ends February 12th. Students will need to return the $60/case they will have collected and the tally form provided in the packet to the front desk by 2/12.
- Any orders from the order forms will be distributed to students by Friday, March 16th. Students can receive a box of chocolates to start selling as soon as they submit a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to the front desk.
- Please be aware that once a student takes a box of chocolate from the front desk, they will be unable to return any unsold chocolate, and will be responsible for the balance of any unsold chocolate. (Cost is $60/box.)
- Money that is raised during the World’s Finest Chocolate sale will help benefit school programs and activities.
- The top participating class will win a 5 pound chocolate bar!

Lifetouch Spring Photos & Yearbook

Spring pictures will be taken on Thursday, February 8th. In addition to individual photos, students will have their class pictures taken. If you would like to order copies of either, please fill out the order form that students will be bringing home. The order form and money will be given directly to the photographer on the day of pictures. Please note that students will be required to wear their school uniforms for pictures.

We will also be selling yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year. If your student would like to purchase one, please fill out and return to the school.
To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the charter renewal application submitted by Vanguard Classical School. Vanguard has two campuses that serve students in Aurora and Denver. As a resident of Aurora, I believe in continued high quality school options for our children.

Vanguard offers my child a high-quality, diverse, inclusive education. The K-8 curriculum features Singapore Math, RIGGs Phonics, and the Core Knowledge sequence. Upper school has a full selection of courses, including Fine Arts and Latin, and is rich with important works of literature and historical primary source documents. High School students may take concurrent enrollment courses and CU Succeeds courses through the University of Colorado.

Vanguard Classical School has been an important part of our community for more than 10 years. I urge Aurora Public Schools Board of Education to support Vanguard’s application for charter renewal for its two campuses.

Sincerely,

________________________________________ (Signature)

________________________________________ (Printed Name)

________________________________________ (Address Line 1)

________________________________________ (Address Line 2)

________________________________________ (Email address)
Parent-Teacher Conferences

East Campus

Thursday, February 15th

8:00 am-7:00 pm

Here’s how to sign up:

- Follow the steps included in the email sent by classroom teachers. OR
- Click on the link located on the front page of our website at www.vanguardclassical.org. Follow the steps included on the link. OR
- Simply email your child’s teacher with your top three times, and they will do their best to accommodate one of those times (provided the slots are available).

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