



CELA PRIDE

CELA FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Christian Education Leadership Academy

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Isn't It Great To Be Back!

I'll bet you didn't think a child could be so happy to be back in school, but they are! The best part of my day is greeting the students as you drop them off. Having them back has been the best shot of vitamins I could get.

I realize the Declaration of Health form is easy to forget. However, if that is part of the small inconvenience we make to have kids back, it's pretty minor.

- Dr. John LaFleur

New School Year Reminders

As we are once again into the "school mode" we have a few reminders for you:

- CELA does not have a uniform policy, but we do have a Dress Code that we need to hold to. Please see the Dress Code form (attached to the newsletter email) if you have any questions.
- Please review the CELA Parent/Family Handbook (also see email attachment).
- Logging in and out of the computer is not the same as logging in and out of Citrix. Please make sure you follow the instructions. Please email if you need another copy.

MAP Benchmark Testing

NWEA MAP Assessment

From September 8th through September 18th students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be taking MAP Growth assessments. This is an assessment that CELA has students take 3 times per year as one way of providing students (and families) information on what students know, regardless of grade level. The MAP Growth assessment also measures growth over time which allows the student (and family) to see progress across a school year or multiple years. All CELA students K-8 take the MAP assessment in Reading and Mathematics. CELA Students in grades 2-8 also take the Language assessment. CELA students in grades 6-8 are assessed in science as well.

Most of the MAP assessments average an hour in length, especially in our upper elementary and middle school classes. While there is a lot we could share, we just wanted to give this brief update at the start of the year. Additionally, we are sharing "A family guide to MAP Growth" which provides a brief, but detailed explanation. If you have any questions regarding the MAP assessment please reach out to your student's teacher or feel free to contact the Director of Instruction at robert.antholine@celaedu.org.

Events Calendar

September

8th -18th
MAP Testing Window

October

23rd
Staff In-Service
No School for Students

IMPORTANT

**There will not be
Afterschool care
offered on
Wednesday, Sep-
tember 16th.**

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For our Parents from our CELA Lion Pride Parent Volunteer Group

Here is a link to a google survey explaining volunteer opportunities and asking parents if they want to be contacted about any specific volunteer opportunities in the future.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScA77FVddL8NMf6dgBEJ1aC33rI3OvEbzRYAsRd8uvvHK7Hxw/viewform?edit_requested=true

We realize many of these events may not happen or we may not get to that point this year were we're able to use volunteers in the school, but we want to be ready if at some point we can.

Meet The Staff: Mrs. Janice Sickels, 4th Grade Teacher

- 1989 – BA in Secondary Education from Concordia University in River Forest, IL
- 12 Years Experience Teaching 4th Grade
- Trained and Experienced in Kagan Cooperative Learning (Kagan is a program that promotes cooperation, leadership and communication in the classroom to achieve engagement and fun while learning.)

My name is Janice Sickels and I am thrilled that God has led me to CELA!

I grew up in Milwaukee and was blessed to attend Ebenezer Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School, and then Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois. I graduated from Concordia in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and a major in math.

I spent the next 13 years as an administrative and executive assistant for various companies including GE Medical Systems and Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin.

When my youngest son started kindergarten, I volunteered in his classroom each day and loved it. I took a third-grade teaching job the next year and have been teaching ever since. I taught third grade for five years and have been teaching fourth grade for the last 12 years. God has called me to and blesses me daily in this career.

I have 23 years of volunteer teaching experience at church including Pre-K and Fourth-Grade Sunday School, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School and Adult Bible Classes.

My husband and I have lived in several different states over the years, but have recently returned to Southeastern Wisconsin to be close to my family.

We are proud parents of our grown children:

- Whitney and her husband, Heath, who own a cat café in Chattanooga;
- John Jr. and his wife, Chelsea, parents of our precious grandson, Calvin;
- Michael, who is a structural engineer and moving soon to an ecovillage in Rutledge, Missouri;
- Maxwell, who is working for Aldi in Valparaiso, Indiana.

When I'm not at work, I love to spend time with family and friends, practice yoga, walk my dogs, ride bikes with my husband, cook and volunteer at church and in the community.

I am honored to be part of this amazing CELA team. With God's guidance and your prayers, I look forward to upholding the mission and pillars that make CELA unique.

Thank you for sharing your children with me. They are among God's greatest gifts.

The CELA Mission

The Christian Education Leadership Academy exists for the purpose of developing leaders for all walks of life with Christian Values.

Our Pillars

Academics—Leadership—
Christian Values

We are an 'inter-denominational organization. Our Christian Values and Leadership Development curriculum is based on the 90% of Christianity that most people who profess to be a Christian can agree upon. The values are derived from the Bible. However, we expect families to discuss the values and impart your doctrinal perspectives and beliefs so your child understands how you as a family wish to view the world.

CELA academics are second to none. Our graduating 8th grade students move on to success in every high school they choose to attend. Because of our strong academic preparation in the core and elective subjects (especially the ACT Test Prep course) CELA grads have a composite average of 28 or better. Several students have achieved perfect scores of 36 on the math portion of the test while still in 8th grade!