

CORE Cougar Corner

April/May 2019



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At C.O.R.E. Academy we believe that every child has the right to a high quality education. Like all Menta

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schools, C.O.R.E. Academy's guiding principle is "we will never give up."

Reminder: We have rescheduled our cancelled school days. We will have school on Friday June 14th.

Memorial Day May 27th - No School

Summer school starts Tuesday, June 18th!

Open House / Parent Academy (Resilience)

Please join us for an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers as well as a self care workshop.

Date: Thursday May 23rd

Open House: 4:00-5:30 PM

Self-Care Workshop: 5:30-6:30 PM



Please join us for an informational session as we discuss: ● What is resilience? ● How resilience helps us cope with stress ● How to model resilience for your kids ● Mindfulness techniques

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CORE Happenings

Kane County Cougars Game

On April 16th CORE Academy took nearly 70 elementary and middle school students to the Kane County Cougars game. There the students were able to participate in an on field parade, get lunch and were able to get a free tote bag! A select few students were able to participate in more on field activities. A CORE student beat Ozzie the Cougar in a round the bases race and our two other CORE students raced in the pony hop race. All enjoyed a great day at the old ballpark!



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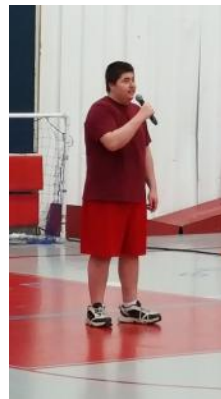


CORE Has Talent

On April 25th CORE students performed their best, comedy, dance, singing, and instrumental routines for a school wide assembly plus parents. MC Mr. B. facilitated the event and helped prove that once again our CORE students are EXTREMELY talented!



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CORE Visits the Statehouse in Springfield

Board member Jason Kudelka, Principal Grenda and Ms. Michelle, with CORE students Julian E. and Kaitlyn K. visited the Illinois State House in Springfield on April 30 - May 1st. Along with other Menta students, we passed out yogurt parfaits, fruit, juice, water, cookies, and muffins to our hardworking legislators. We even had a visit with Barbara Hernandez our Aurora based state representative!



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CORE MS Student “Counsel”

Ms. Niki has created a Middle School “Counsel” to help encourage proper social skills. Being a classroom president is a huge privilege - these students will be learning how to advocate for not only themselves but their entire classroom. The hope is for each student to learn positive leadership skills, how to communicate and be a positive role model. Class presidents will be chosen every 2 weeks. The students who represent their classrooms will come up with new ideas and fun incentives for the Middle School. These students will also have opportunity to bring their concerns to their weekly meetings. The first MS “Counsel” meeting was April 18th and they have already planned a great outdoor activity for all MS students on May 3rd.



Spring Time Activities



PBIS

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PBIS is a fundamental to CORE's Expanded Mental Method (EMM) programming and is implemented by all curriculum teams. The PBIS team (led by Ms. Amy) meets once a week to review the fidelity of the PBIS framework in order to help our TABS (Truancy, Academics, Behavior and Safety) meetings run smoother. This helps us in creating school wide and individual interventions.

To finish the year on a strong and positive note we will have PBIS Bingo (whole class participation) and an ABC Countdown to the year - starting on May 9th with The "Animal Quest" school wide assembly!



April's **Cool Tool of the Month** was "Integrity is CORE." The Cougar Cart purchase for April was Peeps on a Stick. May's Cool Tool is "Get Along and Finish Strong." The Cougar Cart purchase for May will be Large Tater Tots (stuffed with cheese and bacon).

CORE Activities

The CORE Academy Cougars have participated in the following activities in April:

Field trips: Bowling, Shopping for STM and HS Supported, Dairy Queen, Cougars Game, Feed My Starving Children, Universal Technical Institute

School sponsored events: Springfield Visit, CORE Has Talent, School Store, Cougar Cart

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Athletics

Middle School Basketball: (Coach Pruitte, Coach Wells) The Middle School Team finished 4-3, was seeded 3rd in the playoffs, won their first playoff game over Menta Hillside. They played hard in their next game playoff game but ultimately lost.

High School Basketball: (Coach Darius, Coach Khara) The High School Team finished undefeated at 7-0, which earned them the top seed in the playoffs. They won their first game playoff game over CCH and will play for the championship on May 14th.



Upcoming Events

CORE Academy Makeup Day: June 14th (Friday - Last day of school)

Animal Quest Assembly - May 9th

High School basketball - Championship Game May 14th

Art Fair - May 16th

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Literacy Awards - K-8 May 21st, HS May 23rd

Open House / Parent Academy - May 23rd

Memorial Day May 27th - No School

Menta Track and Field - May 28th

Elementary Field Day - May 30th

