

Dear Raptor Families,

The week ahead has two very important events happening at Lake Lure Classical Academy that are first time events.

On Tuesday, March 26th at 4:00 PM in our Elementary School Gathering Room we will conduct our first official student lottery which will be for the 2019-2020 school year. There are several grade levels that will be at maximum enrollment next year. Currently the lottery has over 100 new students hoping for seats next year. These prospective students are spread across all grade levels K-12. There are seating/class size caps for all grade levels. We use a company called Lotterease and their computer program guarantees a completely fair and transparent lottery. If you know of anyone who is interested in attending Lake Lure Classical Academy next year and has not entered the lottery they have up until 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26th to enter, here is the Lottery Link to share:

[LLCA Student Lottery 2019-2020](#)

Another first will happen Wednesday and Thursday of this week as we host the AdvancED Accreditation review team. This team is made of five educators from across the state. Their purpose is to review our school's practices, procedures, communications, community/parent engagement, governance, and plans for continued growth and improvement. The review committee will observe all classes, interview parents, teachers, students, Board of Directors and administrators to learn about our school. Our goal is to be a fully accredited school that is recognized for best practices and a plan for continued improvement. This accreditation was initiated by our Board of Directors and leadership team in our quest to provide our students the best education possible. AdvancED is recognized in North Carolina, across the nation and internationally as the top accreditation organization.

Last week I promised to share Lake Lure Classical Academy's reasons for ending our long time affiliation with Challenge Foundation Academies (CFA). First off I want to acknowledge CFA's very important role in the beginning of our school nine years ago. CFA did provide seed money for the first campus as well as help with the initial Charter and the Core Knowledge curriculum. For this we will forever be thankful. However, the mission and goals of organizations and schools change over time. CFA has changed from a non-profit entity to a for profit entity. Our Board believes that LLCA as a non-profit should be separate and not connected with a organization that is for-profit.

In addition we do not receive any substantial benefit for a continued affiliation. LLCA will operate as an independent charter school effective June 28, 2019. Please contact me at tkeever@llca.school if you have questions.

I also want to share with you about an event scheduled for June 22 at 5:30 PM. **The Inaugural Lake Lure Music Festival**. The event is put on by the Lake Lure Classical Education Foundation and Lake Lure Classical Academy. We will have details coming soon, but we will have three World Class musicians scheduled to perform in our Gymnatorium, unofficially

named "*The Raptor Center.*" This will be part of a major fundraiser kickoff. More details will come soon when we have a few more details. There will be opportunities for businesses to sponsor and we are looking for a naming sponsor for the Festival. Contact Mr. Keever if you would like to learn more about being a sponsor. 828-625-9292 or tkeever@llca.school

In Friendship,

Tom Keever