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CES: REACH FOR THE STARS!

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CES Students are Respectful, Responsible and Safe!

**1:45 Dismissal & Pizza Hut
Night**



Wednesday

No School Monday, January 21

PTO To Meet Tuesday

The Parent/Teacher Organization will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the CES Library. On the agenda for the meeting will be planning the Readathon fundraiser, Carnival, Teacher Wish List and regular Committee reports. The current officers will be looking for those that wish to serve in officer positions for the next year. All CES parents and teachers are encouraged to attend. Click [here](#) to get more information about PTO at CES.

Moonlight School Thursday

Our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Beissenherz and Mrs. Frerking, will be hosting a Moonlight School on Thursday, January 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm. The theme is "Reading & Writing is "Snow" Much Fun! This one will focus on Beginning Writing Skills and Reading Strategies. Parents and students will practice sound spelling and composing simple sentences. Several Reading Strategies will be explained such as Eagle Eye, Fish Lips, Stretchy Snake, and Chunky Monkey. A drawing will be held and some lucky winner will receive an ORIOLE STRONG shirt! Please enter through the front door as there will be a ball game going on in the gym.

Big Time Basketball Ahead

Students in 3rd and 4th grade can participate in the Big Time Basketball program. The program will run on Saturdays in January and February beginning Saturday, January 19. Forms should be returned at the first practice on January 19. Contact [Holly Droege](#) at (660) 463-2246 for more information.

Reminders

Wednesday, January 16	1:45 Dismissal Pizza Hut Night
Thursday, January 17	5&6 BK vs. Trinity (A only) 5 pm
Monday, January 21	No School, MLK, Jr. Day
Thursday, January 24	Progress Reports Go Home 5&6 BK vs. St. Paul 5 pm
Monday, January 28	100 th Day of School 5&6 BK vs. Sweet Springs 5 pm
Wednesday, January 30	1:45 Dismissal
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 1-2	Emma Civic Club BK Tourney
Saturday, February 2	Mini-Cheer Camp Senior Variety Show
Thursday, February 7	5&6 BK vs. St. Paul-5 pm Board of Education Meeting-8 pm
Saturday, February 9	PTO Carnival

This Week's Star Family

Our Star Family this week is the Tammy Cheney family including Chasidy.

Network Problems

We have been experiencing computer network problems at CES over the past week. This has caused an interruption for email in and out of the building. Our tech staff is working on the problem and we hope to see progress this week. Many parents keep in contact with the staff through email so please be aware that staff cannot currently check email at school. This has also caused a problem for staff posting grades in the Home Portal. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Mini-Cheer Camp is February 2

The Concordia High school Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Mini-Cheer Camp on Saturday, February 2 from 1-4 pm in the CHS gym. The camp is open to any student in Concordia preschool age through sixth grade. The students will practice on Saturday, February 2 and perform their routines on Monday, February 4 at the CHS vs. Wellington JV basketball game. A registration form was sent home last week. Contact [Leslie Basye](#) at (660) 463-2246 for more information.

5th & 6th Grade Honor Choir to Begin

Each year the West Central Missouri Music Educators Association sponsors an event for 5th and 6th grade students called "Honor Choir." Honor choir allows for 5th and 6th grade students all over west central Missouri to meet at the University of Central Missouri campus to sing together for a day and perform in a mass concert in the afternoon. Each of the grade level choirs boasts a membership of approximately 200 students. The students prepare 5 songs to perform at the afternoon concert. Many of our CES students have participated in this event over the past few years.

Our school is allowed to bring six 5th graders and six 6th graders to Honor Choir. For this reason, Mrs. Brown will be holding auditions during 5th and 6th grade music for the next few days. Auditions are not mandatory for every student, but those students who enjoy singing are encouraged to try out for a position in the choir. If your child is absent from school on the day of their audition, please have them contact Mrs. Brown to re-schedule *before* Friday, January 18. Students will audition on songs they prepared for the CES Christmas Concert.

This year Honor Choir will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013. There is no cost to the students who participate and the music will be learned during music class at school. If extra rehearsals are necessary, they will most likely be scheduled before school in the mornings so as not interfere with 5th/6th grade basketball or cheerleading practices.

PTO Carnival Scheduled

The annual PTO Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The PTO is planning a fun afternoon of games and prizes. The carnival is a fund raiser for the Parent Teacher Organization. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending and supporting the PTO and CES.

D.A.R.E Program Begins This Week

Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education classes will begin this week at CES for our fifth grade students. The ten week course will be led by Concordia Police Officer Rucker. For more information browse to www.dare.com.

CES Basketball Schedule Available on Web

The [CES 5th & 6th grade basketball schedule](#) is available on our web page. Browse to www.concordia.k12.mo.us and click on Activities under CES.

Senior Variety Show February 2

The Senior class of 2013 is putting on a Pasta Dinner and Variety Show on Saturday, Feb, 2. The dinner will start at 5:30 and the show at 7:00. Tickets for the dinner and show are available to purchase from a senior class member or Aimee Bredehoeft. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5 and children 6 & under are Free. If you are interested in having an act in the show you can pick up a form from the High School or Elementary office. We hope to see you there!

Home Basketball Season Begins

Thursday night will mark the beginning of the 2013 5th & 6th grade basketball and cheerleading season. We will see our first home basketball game at CES. We will be hosting Trinity Lutheran. We invite all of our students and parents to attend. The admission charge is \$1 students and \$2 for adults.

The doors will open at 4:30 pm and the games begin at 5:00 pm. The PTO will have their concession stand where candy, pop, water and popcorn will be available for purchase.

Everyone on the team gets to play during the regular season games. The game, at this age, is at an introductory level where the skill level of individual players varies greatly. For them, this is a time of excitement and new adventures. They are nervous and unsure of themselves and are bound to make mistakes too numerous to mention. They are probably their own worst critics and can get down on themselves without any help from anyone else.

The same is true about the referees that work the games. They are trying to call a fair game. No one can see all the fouls that occur. We may not agree with all the calls that are made. We must remember that they are trying to do the best they can.

Please come to the games to cheer on your son or daughter and the other members of their team. Remember that not everyone can play at the same level. Cheer their success and forgive their mistakes. It helps make the time more enjoyable for everyone.

Please enter through the West doors (by the 5th & 6th grade rooms) for the basketball game. Moonlight school is being held in the East hall.