



Reminders

- 12-8** Oriole Strong Christmas
- 12-11** Christmas Concert 7 pm CES
gym: 4-6 Music Classes; 5-6 Band Classes;
Singing Orioles
- 12-12** Christmas Concert 7 pm CES
Gym: PK-3 Music Classes
- 12/14** CHS Christmas Concert
- 12-14** Dec. Character Student Lunch
- 12/21** Christmas Break Begins
- 1/3/18** Classes Resume
- 1/4/18** Report Cards Home
- 1/12/18** Second Deposit for DC trip due.
\$150 /person

Concordia Rocks:

As some of you have seen, there are rocks placed all around the town. These rocks are decorated with different images and inspiring quotes, hopefully to make someone's day brighter if they find one.

If you find a rock, take a picture of it and post it to the Rockin' Concordia Facebook page and tell where you found it. Place it somewhere throughout the town and leave a hint as to where you left on the Facebook page.

Please visit the Rockin' Concordia page on Facebook to learn a little more about the rocks.



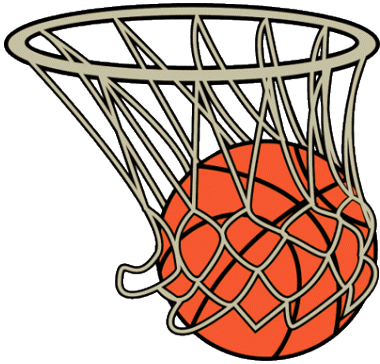
First Friday Hat Day

The CES PTO is again sponsoring First Friday Hat Days. On the first Friday of each month, students and staff may wear their favorite hat at school for a \$1 donation to the PTO.



Basketball Begins Jan. 14

Students in 3rd and 4th grade can participate in the Big Time Basketball program. The program will run on Saturdays in January and February. This year, all practices and games will be held at the Concordia High School gym. The first day of practice will be Saturday, January 13 with the boys from 9:00 am until 10:30 am. Girls will practice from 10:30 am until noon. Watch for information soon.



Basketball Start Date

Practice for the 5th & 6th grade basketball has begun. All parents will need to sign a code of conduct for their child to play in the games. Also required for practice and play is the sports physical. The physical must be completed before any student can practice or play. The form for the physical is available at most doctors' offices and on our website. Parents are also encouraged to sign up for PTO concession stand shifts and contact CES or Bobbie Boye, PTO President to offer assistance.



Christmas Concerts Scheduled

The annual CES Christmas Concerts will be held on the following dates: For grades four through six including music classes, bands and Singing Orioles- **December 11**. For students in Preschool through the third grade-**December 12**. Both programs are free of charge and will be held in the CES gym beginning at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Art to Remember:

If you would like to place an order, you may do so by using the online portal at: Order.ArtToRemember.com until January 12, 2018. You will need to enter your Online Order Code, which is provided for you on your student's packet. If you have any questions contact Aimee Bredehoeft.

End of 2017 Info

The last day of school before Christmas break will be Wednesday, December 20. CES will dismiss at 11:40 am. Breakfast will be served that day but lunch will not. Christmas break will run through Tuesday, January 2, 2018 with classes resuming on Wednesday, January 3. Grade reports for all students will be sent home on Thursday, January 5.

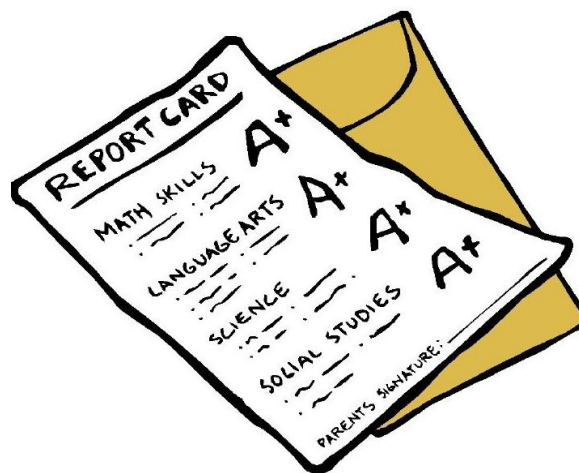


Sixth Grade Trip Reminder

Parents of sixth graders intending to take the sixth grade trip to Washington, D.C. are reminded that the initial payment along with the Commitment and Permission form were due in November. With such a small class of students, it is important to know how many people are planning on taking the trip. Please make checks out to: "CES Sixth Grade DC Trip." The first checks were deposited last week. Friday January 12th, the second deposit of \$150 for each person going will be due.

Grandparent's Day 2017

Grandparent's Day at Concordia Elementary School was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students' grandparents to see how their grandchildren learn at CES and a great way to start the Thanksgiving vacation. Thank you all so much for an awesome turnout and a fun day.



Grade Reports Go Home January 4

Grade reports for the 2nd Quarter will be sent home on Thursday, January 4, 2018. This report will show grades and progress for the first and second quarters.



Counselors Corner:

The character word for December is Gratitude. Gratitude is a feeling of appreciation. According to the world's leading gratitude researcher Robert Emmons, gratitude is an "affirmation of goodness where we affirm that there are good things in the world." Research shows that developing a stronger sense of gratitude can help encourage more positive emotions, promote a sense of kindness and community, increase quality of sleep, and develop an overall sense of happiness. In many ways, it just makes sense. If you focus on the positive things in life, you are more likely to feel happy.

Congratulations to last month's Students and staff of Character:

Kindergarten- Michael Babler, Dan Lucas, Natalie Langewisch, and Charlie Hottel

1st- Addison Garrison, Liam King, Levi Wycoff, and Lura Kadrijoska

2nd- Rylie Gordillo, Taylor Gard, Anistyn Inman, and Aubrey Roepe

3rd- Layla Wycoff, Brody Roepe, and Carrsen Barton

4th- Tabitha Lynn, Chasidy Cheney, Brooklyn Garrison, and Chadlee Stein

5th- Addison Roepe, Carson Haley, Seth Davis, and Jessica Elling-White

6th- Ava Hemme, Kiya Inman, Lily Wycoff, and Jacey Jolly

Specials- Virginia Dempsey and Dakota Reynolds

Teacher- Ms. Dillon

PTO To Meet Next January 30

The Parent/Teacher Organization will have a regular meeting on January 30 at 7pm in the CES Library. On the agenda for the meeting will be planning the spring fundraiser, Carnival and date of Carnival, an update of the BoxTops promotion, 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.

BoxTops Update

Want to help earn cash for your child's school? Red Cross Pharmacy offers a fundraising program for local schools called "Lids4Kids". Anyone, can collect lids received with any Red Cross Pharmacy prescription and earn \$0.25 for each lid by sending them to school and giving to the classroom teachers. It is BoxTops on steroids, so please ask about it next time you are getting your prescription filled.

After last week's count, our total of donated BoxTops is now 4,747! Each BoxTop is worth 10¢ to the PTO. Please keep them coming our way.

Each class will compete again this year as they did in the past. Many teachers have agreed as a condition of that to do a trick or something fun if a class wins and picks them. Mr. Petet has agreed to shave his beard in March in a monkey tail for one day. What will your teacher agree to do? Deadline TBD.



Snow Days

Here is important information about weather and school. In the event that weather causes the cancellation of school or an early dismissal, parents and patrons are notified in various ways. Each time school is dismissed, we will notify several media outlets: KMMO (102.9 FM and 1300 AM), KMZU (100.7), KOKO/KWKJ (1450 AM and 98.5 FM), KSIS (1050 AM) and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9. The most effective way we have of releasing information is through Text Me Concordia. This is a service of Concordia Bank and the school district. Use the link on our web page to enter your cell phone number and/or email address for emergency notices. You can also edit your information through the link as well. Standard text message fees apply.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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Student Council Needs Your Help!

The Concordia Elementary School Student Council is sponsoring a small item drive for the Health Care Collective of Rural Missouri. This organization provides many valuable services to our school and community, and we want to collect items to help!

Student Council is asking classrooms to bring in as many items as possible to collect points. Each classroom will compete against its grade level counterpart to collect the most points, and the winning classroom will receive a popcorn party! Here are the items we will need, as well as their point values:

Shampoo-20

Body wash-20

Toilet paper-50

Paper towels- 50

Towels-100

Blankets-500

We will be collecting items from December 4th through December 18th. Thank you in advance for your contributions!