



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 2/1 Oriole Strong game vs. Trinity @ CES 5pm
- 2/2 PTO Hat Day
- 2/5 BBall @ Santa Fe 5pm
- 2/7 Sweet Springs @ home (makeup game) 5pm
- 2/8 BBall @ Trinity 5pm
- 2/8 School Board Mtg.
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Parties; **Release at 1:45 p.m.**
- 2/15-17 Lions Club Tourney
- 2/19 NO SCHOOL**
- 2/26-3/2 Book Fair in the CES Library
- 3/1 Title I Reading Night
- 3/2 Dr. Seuss's B-day
- 3/3 Honors Choir @ UCM
- 3/9 PTO Carnival



**Valentine's Day Information** -- CES will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14. Classrooms that are having parties may begin after 1:00 pm that day. Your child's teacher will inform you of class party times etc. Room parents who have signed up to help, may arrive after 12:45 pm. Room parents should enter through the front doors and sign in. Please consider sending healthy snacks to our Valentine's parties. Many parents arrange to send flowers and/or candy to school for their children. We will deliver items to classrooms at the end of the day on Valentine's 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.

**Snow Days** -- In the event that weather causes the cancellation of school or an early dismissal, parents and patrons are notified in various ways. Please make yourself aware in one of the following ways: media outlets: KMMO (102.9 FM & 1300 AM), KMZU (100.7), KOKO/KWKJ (1450 AM and 98.5 FM), KSIS (1050 AM) and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9.

We also utilize the most effective way we have of releasing information 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 tailor it to specific groups and update your information through the link as well. Our second best method is on the district website.

**Book Fair** -- Mark your calendars for the CES Book Fair to be held Feb. 26 through Friday, March 2. This year's theme is "Come stay and read a great tale!" Watch for details on our website, Facebook page, and Textcast.

**Title I Reading Night** -- March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be holding our Spring Title I Night event. The focus will be on reading, just in time for Dr. Seuss day and the book fair, which will also be open that night. We invite all grades k-6 to come and visit us in the gym that night. Stay tuned to Text Me Concordia, the website, and classroom information for the details.



**Hoops for Heart @ CES**

CES students will be participating in Hoops for Heart during the month of February. This is a fundraiser that helps raise money for the American Heart Association. The students will be participating in Hoops for Heart events during their scheduled PE times the week of February 26 to March 2. The fundraising envelopes that the students received are due back to Coach Willis the week of February 26 to March 2. We have a school wide goal of \$2,000, and if we achieve this goal, Coach Willis will dress up in a funny costume. Year before last, we met our goal of \$2,000 and Coach Willis got to wear a wedding dress. So let's make sure we can put Coach Willis in another funny costume again this year.



**PTO Yearbook Orders** --If you order your

2017-18 PTO Yearbook before March 1, you can get your copy for just \$20. After March 9, copies will be \$25 each. The PTO Yearbook is full of photos from this school year and is a priceless keepsake for all students. Flyers will be coming home very soon, along with a text cast for your attention to the sale price opportunity!

**PTO to Meet Next on March 20** --The Parent/Teacher Organization will have a regular meeting on March 20 at 7pm in the CES Library. All CES parents and teachers are encouraged to attend.



**5th and 6th Grade Honor Choir Event**

To begin each fiscal year, the West Central Missouri Music Educators Associations 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 150 students. The students prepare five songs to perform at the afternoon concert.

Many of our CES students have participated in this event over the past few years.

This year we are pleased to have twelve students who will represent CES at honor choir on March 3. The 5th grade performers are: Aaron Brown, Eason Jiang, Abby Jones, Gavin Ohrenberg, Karleigh Wilckens, and Emily Wilkens. The 6th grade performers are: Lyrissa Glasco, Ava Hemme, Wyatt Hilbrenner, Faith Moore, Brandon Roepe, and Lilly Wycoff. Congratulations to these students and to all of the 5th and 6th graders who tried out for honor choir!



**School Transportation:** In the event of a transportation issue regarding your child, please contact the transportation department at 463-2756 or 660-223-1990. The transportation department will contact the proper school official if the incident happens outside of the school office operating hours.



#### Sixth Grade Trip Folks, Please Read!

6<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip was very close to taking off! However, after Tuesday night's meeting, it was confirmed that the unusually low numbers, combined with the increased cost of transportation, were just too burdensome this year from a budgetary standpoint.

As a result, all parents will be given, full refunds. Parents whose children still wanted a spot on next year's trip did not take out their refund. That holds a spot for those students, barring further complications, to attend next year with the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If they don't want their money back now, but decide in the fall they do, this year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders can get a full refund up until the first DC meeting in the fall.

The plan is that the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders and any current 6<sup>th</sup> graders (who did not get a refund) do a combined trip next year. This will mean we will have a very full trip next year, and all parents for both the current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes who plan to travel along, will have to be drawn from a lottery, and be willing to chaperone in order to attend.



The character word of the month is **Courage**. Courage is standing up for what you believe in at all times. It also takes courage to do something you know is going to be very difficult. Being brave and facing your fears is the best way to show courage. In Character Ed class this month, we will discuss people who have shown courage in tough times and people who show courage every day. We will also work on ways the students can build up

courage and try new things. Here are some ways that you can encourage your student to show courage:

1. Do the right thing, even if others are not
2. Bravely deal with your daily challenges
3. Be willing to try new things, even if you might fail
4. Tell the truth regardless of the consequences
5. Face your fears and work to overcome them
6. Admit your mistakes and learn from them
7. Do not give into negative peer pressure

**Results from January** -- During the month of January, Concordia Elementary School focused on exhibiting **TOLERANCE**. Tolerance is having the ability or willingness to tolerate something. It also is the ability to accept, experience, or survive something harmful or unpleasant. We discussed ways to build tolerance within character education class. Students explored ways they are alike and different. We then talked about how to work together in the classroom and be successful.

This month we would like to recognize the following students and staff for being selected by their peers for exhibiting Tolerance.

#### CES Character Students of the Month for January:

Kindergarten: Kenlee Jester, Gabe Gordillo, Miya Haynes, Bentley Morrison; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Ethan Edwards, Landon Baker, Carson Cheney, Bentlee Reed; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Hunter Kearney, Aleyna Michaels, Breana Rolf; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Abigail Raw, Kolby Jester, Lorelai Kuecker; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Carson Droege, Taylor Woods, Konner Akau, Caleb Fuehring; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gavin Ohrenberg, Isabella Johnson, Abigail Jones, Caine Goolsby; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kenzie Lynn, Faith Moore, Megan Heimsoth; Specials-Olivia Hemme, Myles Yancik; Staff: Jackie Paterson



#### BoxTop 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.

Each BoxTop is worth 10¢ to the PTO. Please keep them coming our way.

Each class is competing 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. Willis has already showed his skill in performing "the worm." What will your teacher agree to do? Deadline for all BoxTops is the end of March.

