



JANUARY 2018

Welcome Back To School!

Coming back to school after Christmas break is almost as exciting as the first day of school. Students are excited to see their friends and teachers, and teachers can't wait to get back in the swing of things. Like the beginning of school, our staff will be working with students to get back to normal. Staff will be reviewing all of the important lessons about being Oriole Strong like how to be respectful, responsible, and safe all around the school. Since it has been a while since we were all together, it just makes sense to practice these important aspects of life at CES.



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.

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 and regular committee reports. The current officers will be looking for those who wish to serve in officer positions for the next year. All CES parents and teachers are encouraged to attend.



Reminders

- 1/3/18 Classes Resume
- 1/4/18 Report Cards Home
- 1/9/18 First 5th and 6th grade HOME Game. 5pm vs. Trinity
- 1/11/18 HOME game 5pm vs. Sweet Springs
- 1/11/17 7pm Board Meeting
- 1/12/18 Second Deposit for DC trip due \$150 /person
- 1/15/18 No School MLK Day
- 1/16/18 Away Game @ St. Paul's 5pm
- 1/17/18 Early Release PD day
- 1/18/18 Away Game @ Sweet Springs 5pm boys/6pm Girls
- 1/24/18 100th Day of School
- 1/25/18 HOME game 5pm Boys vs. Santa Fe
- 1/30/18 7pm PTO meeting in CES library
- 2/1/18 Oriole Strong game vs. Trinity @ CES/Their home game in our gym.
- 2/2-2/3 Emma Tourney @Holy Cross
- 2/2/18 PTO Hat Day



Mini-Cheer Camp Info

Each year, the CHS Cheerleaders host a Mini-Cheer Camp for elementary students in Concordia. After an afternoon of practice, they will perform at a CHS basketball game. Practice will be held on _____ 1:00-4:00 pm. The performance will be _____ Watch for a flyer after Christmas break.



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.

Home Portal Available

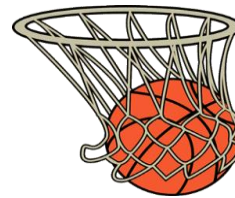
Technology provides us with great tools to help our students. One of those tools is Home Portal. The Home Portal allows parents access to their students' grade, attendance and discipline information via the internet. For those of you that have had access in the past, your username and password have not changed. If you would like access or need other assistance, simply contact Mr. Petet via email.

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.



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. Information will be sent home, if you have questions contact Coach Vandevender:

svandivender@concordia.k12.mo.us

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.



Sixth Grade Trip Folks, Please Read!

6th grade DC trip was very close to taking off, but 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 lower class (current 5th graders). If they don't want their money back now, but decide in the fall they do, this year's 6th graders can get a full refund up until the first DC meeting in the fall.

The plan is that the current 5th graders and any current 6th graders (who did not get a refund) will all get to go together next year. This will mean we will have a very full trip next year, and all parents for both the current 5th and 6th grade classes, will have to be drawn from a lottery, and be willing to chaperone, next year to attend.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school or at cpetet@concordia.k12.mo.us



Counselors Corner:

During the month of December Concordia Elementary School focused on being appreciative. The character word for the month of December was Gratitude. Someone who shows gratitude appreciates the big and small things they have in life. The students made cards in Character Education class sharing their appreciation for staff members at the school. They included reasons why they truly appreciated the person they chose. This month we would like to recognize the following students and staff for being selected as showing gratitude.

CES Character Students for the Month of December:

Kindergarten- Gage Ratliff, Gracie Brackman, Dan Lucas

1st- Easton Oetting, Jace Diamond, Autumn Rippee, Carter Cook

2nd- Rylie Gordillo, Eli Beissenherz, Reagan Sneed, Brody Willis

3rd- Kynleigh Abney, Hower Jiang, Lanikai Ballenger, Clayton Hogan

4th- Jenesis Diamond, Drayson Arnold, Taylor Wallen, Madison Moulton

5th- Celissa McCurdy, Aaron Brown, Emily Wilkens, Dagan Frerking

6th- Phila Garrison, Kailyn Frerking, Hannah Goolsby, Aodhan Visentin

Specials- Brayden Frerking, Chasidy Cheney

Teacher- Nurse Faye Fritsche



Cold Weather Recess

We do not have a specific policy at CES regarding when we do or do not go outside for recess. As a general rule, if there is a wind-chill advisory we will not go outside. If classes go outside, please be sure that your child has what is needed to stay warm at recess, as students without coats or in shorts will not be allowed to go outside with their classmates.

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 end of March.



The Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri was very grateful for the generous donation that we were able to make. They wrote "Thank you very much for gathering and donating the many items to help people in need. You all were the biggest in-kind donors of all the schools." They also said that we collected more than 170 blankets and throws (most were even new!) and many other desperately needed items, such as toothpaste and shampoo. Because of the generosity of the families from CES, "we will be able to help more than 120 families (about 400 people)." Thank you so much for your help in providing for our community. You can read more about our item drive in the Concordian or at

<http://www.theconcordianonline.com/story/2471713.html>.



CES Student Council Fundraiser

The Student Council is excited to offer you the opportunity to purchase an Oriole cup at the discounted price of \$10!

These 22 oz. double wall tumblers will keep your beverage hot or cold. They are contoured to fit most cup holders, and come with a removable straw and a closeable lid.

Simply return the attached order form with your student, and we will send home the cup within one week. Act fast! We have a limited quantity available.