

CONCORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PARENT NEWSLETTER Dr. Laura Anderson, Principal



Principal's News

As the school year quickly comes to an end, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Concord students, staff and parents for making 2008 -2009 another successful school year.

Thank you...

To the Concord students for: commitment to excellence; sharing your multiple talents and intelligences; showing cooperation and responsibility; and all of your hugs and smiles. ☺

To the Concord staff for: tireless efforts in planning challenging and motivational instruction; high expectations for all students; commitment to ongoing communications with parents; team spirit; and maintenance of a nurturing and supportive instructional environment. ☺

To the Concord parents for: encouragement and support at home; volunteerism at school; ongoing communication with the school staff; and allowing us to work with your wonderful children. ☺

I wish all of the 4th grade students

the best of luck and success as they move to Cass Junior High next year. To those relocating and/or going to different districts next year, I wish you a fond farewell. We will miss you.

On behalf of the Concord Elementary School staff, I wish all of our students and their families a wonderful, happy and safe summer.

It's been a great year for me. Thank you. It is my administrative honor to serve as your principal. I really enjoy working with the dedicated families of Cass School District 63 and look forward to many years together filled with love and support as we continue our educational partnerships.

Happy Summer,

Dr. Laura Anderson

LUNCH REMINDER

If your child receives on-line lunches please remember the last day for lunches is May 22nd. Students will need to bring a lunch to school EVERYDAY from May 26-June 3.

We're on the
Web!
www.cassd63.org



A FEW REMINDERS!

As this school year comes to an end, please remember:

- ✓ Thursday, May 21st is the LAST DAY of classes for First Step and Pre School
- ✓ Thursday, May 21st 4th Grade Band/Music Program
- ✓ May 22nd is the LAST DAY for lunches. Students MUST bring their own lunch every day until June 3rd.
- ✓ Friday, May 22nd is Books ALIVE/Clap Out!
- ✓ Monday, May 25th there is NO SCHOOL in observance of Memorial Day
- ✓ Wednesday, June 3rd last day of school for kindergarten students
- ✓ Thursday, June 4th last day of school dismissal at 9:15. There is no AM or PM BASE on Thursday.
- ✓ Monday, June 8th first day of Summer BASE

GET READY FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION!!

Next year Concord students in grades 1-4 will have gym every day and recess once a day after lunch. As part of their school supplies it is important that students have a pair of gym shoes at school every day. Gym shoes will be kept at school in student lockers. The following criteria should be considered when purchasing the gym shoes:

- ✓ No high tops
- ✓ No high heels
- ✓ No elevated soles

WELCOME TO CONCORD!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Concord next year:

- ✓ Mrs. Angel Van Howe - Kindergarten Teacher
- ✓ Ms. Krista Barclay - PreSchool Teacher
- ✓ Mr. Greg Kirchen - Physical Education Teacher
- ✓ Mr. Craig Damrow - Physical Education Teacher

COUNSELORS CORNER

Concord School's Counselor's Corner May 2009 Year in Review, Looking Ahead!

The end of the school year seems to arrive more quickly each year. What fun to look back and remember all that we at Concord have experienced. In the fall, teachers initiated a "Manners Matter" campaign to support the Concord Caring Being and to encourage good character and citizenship. It was well received by students and teachers and carried over in our visits to Carefree Retirement Home. When the Concord students visit Carefree the residents are always so complimentary, saying, "They are so polite, so nice, so thoughtful, so much fun, so smart and so respectful." They always ask us to come back and visit. You recall that the students of Concord School have a service project supporting the residents at Carefree. Each grade level creates lovely surprises for their friends at the retirement home. Kindergarteners make flowered book marks for the senior's summer reading. First graders enjoy sending colorful New Years' greetings and then beautiful May Day cards. Second graders get excited when they make and decorate Easter baskets that are filled with goodies by the Student Council. Designing individual door hangers at Christmas also gives them a sense of pride. The personal place mats that the third graders draw for each senior citizen are grand and so well received. In fourth grade the girls and boys actually visit Carefree twice. In the fall they play Bingo which is tremendously popular with both the residents and students. During the spring visit the children play their instruments and sing their favorite songs. Continuing to review the year, in October we celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a character poster at the entrance, citizen buttons for everyone and a Character assembly full of songs about various attributes of character like respect, responsibility, honesty, and friendship. In November the fine arts team researched bullying and presented the "Bye-Bye Bully" assembly to the students and staff. Students designed anti-bullying posters as reminders. Through the school year we have continued to use the Lions-Quest Skills for Growing and "Don't Laugh at Me" programs encouraging group cooperation and covering such units as self-awareness, decision making, responsibility, respect, and health.

As we look ahead to next year, we are excited about a new opportunity to enhance and enrich our character education program at Concord. It was brought to our attention that through the website donorschoose.org we could request a grant for a special project we had in mind. We just learned that our "Craving Change! Helping Hunger" project has been fully funded by US Cellular . With this grant we will be able to purchase curricular materials on nutrition, health, and hunger to use in teaching our students the importance of nutrition and living a healthy lifestyle. We will also be addressing and exploring hunger in our community and world. There are many exciting adventures ahead with this new service project and we plan to assist the students of Concord in being active and involved citizens. We will keep you posted!

The end of a busy school year is just around the corner. Summer is a time when families can relax and spend time together in fun activities. Schedules can be more lax and free time enjoyed. Read books together. Take snapshots of all of your adventures. Make memories with your family. Take time to enjoy one another. Have a safe, sensational summer.

June Scott Concord Counselor

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

Registration for next school year will be done on-line only this year. We will no longer be taking payments on Orientation Day on August 24. Watch “note totes” for more information and check out the District website.



SCHOOL UPDATES

- ✓ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** - The last day of school for Kindergartners will be June 3rd. The last day for grades 1-4 will be Thursday, June 4th at 9:15. There will be no AM or PM BASE on Thursday, June 4th.
- ✓ Staff and students completed all required emergency drills for the State of Illinois and DuPage County i.e. fire drills, tornado drill, evacuation drills. All students do a great job during these drills and understand the importance that they pay attention to directions and are quiet so that they can hear what is being said.

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We Will Miss You and Wish You The Best!

At the end of this school year Concord staff and students will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. VanHoegarden and Mrs. Voss as they embark on their new adventure - retirement! They will be missed dearly and their contributions to Cass District 63 will live on!



GOOD BYE TO OUR 4TH GRADERS



GOOD LUCK AT CASS