

The Common Good

The Concordia School "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." 3/27/23

Happy Spring!

We welcome all our families and staff back from Spring Break, and hope that you were able to get some amount of time to refresh.

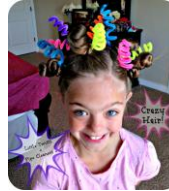
Life at Concordia continues to be full to the end of the school year. Just see the calendar dates noted in the Common Good!

You'll also start getting a lot of School Play information every week. Be on the lookout. The first thing is the *Play Ticket Order form* attached to this Common Good email. The *Play Highlights*, also attached, would be a helpful "at a glance" way to know what's coming up. We suggest posting it at home. Hard copies of both are also available.

FYI

If you need to get a message to your child's teacher quickly, please call the classroom. We may be out of the Office and miss an email or voice mail.

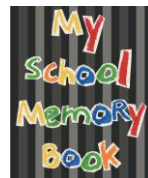
Contact information for Concordia staff children is not listed on their Class Directory. Parents have wondered what to do. **Birthday evites** may be sent to 2learn@theconcordiaschool.com – our school email. We'll be sure to pass them on!



Just for Fun

This Friday, March 31st, children and staff can get creative with hair, hats, socks, and even Covid masks for the annual **CRAZY HAIR/HAT/SOCK DAY!** Children have enjoyed this in the past and participate, if they want to, in simple to extravagant ways. We all look forward to the fun and surprises!

Just a few restrictions: no Halloween-type masks or anything scary.



Yearbook Deadlines

Custom-made pages for your own yearbook are due to TreeRing, the yearbook company, **by April 18th**. Everyone who orders a yearbook gets 2 free custom pages. You can pay for more if you'd like.

Everything you need to know about the Yearbook is on the **Parent Hub**. If you need tech support, please call Brie in the Office.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to **Runcie Maech**, Dad to Nyla, Luke, and Khloe, for graciously offering to clean and re-screen our rain gutters!!!! Did we say thank you?



Is Your Calendar Marked?

March 29: Play *Costume Forms* due.
Children's House Summer School
flier goes out.

March 31: *Crazy Hair Day*

APRIL

WEEKS of April 3, 10, 17 – *Play Rehearsals*
on the blacktop.

April 4: Play *Ticket Order forms* due.

April 10: Pre-ordered Play tickets will be
available in the Office this week.

April 12: Play costumes are due @ school.
Play *Permission Slips* due.

April 18: *Dress Rehearsal* @ the theater.

April 19: *The Play performance*. 7pm @ the
Leshner Center for the Arts

MAY

May 1-6: Grad Trip to Montreal & Quebec.

May 9-10: 3rd Grade *Slide Ranch* Overnight.

May 24-26: *Advanced Camping* trip. Note
the date changes from the school
calendar mailed last July.

May 26: *Grandparents Day* - cancelled.
Each class will honor grandparents
in their own way.

JUNE

June 6: Graduation for 6th Graders, and
promotion of Kindergarten and
Third Grade students.

June 7: Last day of school.

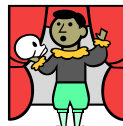


It Takes *Everybody!*

The School Play exhibits how the Concordia community - staff, parents and kids - work together to make things happen. It is always impossible to adequately thank all of you. Parents help us create scenery and props, co-ordinate and sew costumes, help children learn their lines, drive, and support their own child's efforts at home. We depend on family participation and can't do this without all of you. Thank you!

The Announcement!

March 16th was one of the most anticipated days of the year! Long-awaited by Elementary students and staff, we finally shared the script of our 2023 School Play, *Tell Me a Story*. It's about storybook characters that appear in a child's bed, and insist on hearing a story before they leave.



The Cast

After lunch, the excitement continued. Elementary students were given their parts and applauded each other as they received their scripts. They immediately highlighted their own dialogue and began practicing! It was so heart-warming to watch them work together ... and to be so happy! See pictures on the Parent Hub.



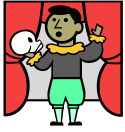
The Children's House

The Children's House is also involved in the fun. The Kindergartners sing a special song onstage, but the *whole class* learns and enjoys the song together. It can often be heard on the playground! We love this! It's all part of the excitement and buzz that will be in the air soon.



Play Facts Worth Keeping

The School Play will be at the **Leshner Center for the Arts** in Walnut Creek on **Wednesday, April 19th, 7pm**.



What's My Line?

Elementary students should begin studying and **memorizing their lines** now. This includes an awareness of the dialogue around their lines.

Make a 2nd copy of their script and work with your child at home. K's have no individual lines but need to memorize the words to their song and the finale song.

We begin rehearsals on the blacktop next **Monday, April 3rd**. During that first week only, children use their scripts. Lines should be memorized by Monday, April 10th, the 2nd week of blacktop rehearsals. This lets them focus on other important aspects of performing, timing and expression of their lines in conjunction with other "actors" and stage movement.

It is important that your child be at school every day before the Play



Play Tickets

We welcome *all Concordia families, friends, neighbors*, etc. to this special event. Even older 3's and 4-year olds have enjoyed it.

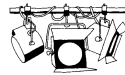
The theater requires everyone in the audience to have a ticket. To save you the trip to the box office, **see the Ticket Order Form attached to this Common Good**. Tickets are \$17 each, which includes the theater's \$3 facility fee. Tickets will be available to you during the week of April 10. *You may also purchase tickets directly through the theater box office.*



The Costumes

After announcing the Play, a notice about costume requirements went home to Kindergarten and Elementary students. Please don't hesitate to talk to us about your ideas. In fact, we want you to! Be sure to **return the form** at the bottom of the Costume description **by this Wednesday, March 29**.

Kindergarten and Elementary costumes are due at school **Wednesday, April 12**, on a hanger, in a bag with your child's name. We'll keep it here through Dress Rehearsal Tuesday, April 18th, and then send it home again. *The night of the Play, children will wear their costumes to the theater.*



Dress Rehearsal

Elementary students rehearse the Play all day at the theater Tuesday, April 18. A permission slip will go home. K's will also participate in this Dress Rehearsal during the morning. *We enter the theater promptly at 9 a.m.* and ask that Elementary children be dropped off at the theater no later than 8:45.



The Celebration

An important part of the Play experience is *the day after!* **Please don't keep your child home** on this special day of celebrating and acknowledging their accomplishments.

NOTE: *This is just an overview of the School Play process.* It's a lot of information! You'll receive reminders about what's happening, what's needed, and what's due...before it's needed and before it's due. 😊 Please feel free to ask questions at any time!

