

The Common Good

The Concordia School

Celebrating 50 years!

February 12, 2024

From the Children's House

By Children's House students

There's a lot of *Play* news and reminders in the *Common Good* these days. We wondered what kind of Fun was happening in the Children's House. So, we asked the kids! Here's their list:



Making special necklaces to celebrate Black History Month.

- Learning about different animals from Asia.



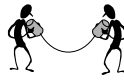
Singing their favorite song in circle, *The Ants Go Marching*

- The doll house, donated by Eamon's and Eve's family.
- Doing the Parachute in circle.



Celebrating Chinese New Year with a parade in the classroom.

- Bead chains!
- Memory-matching work.
- Running and jumping on the playground!



Communication in Action

A few weeks ago, we described why our PreK program (4-year-olds) is full-time. Last week we highlighted the importance of communication. This week a part-time parent checked in to clarify if PreK "full-time" meant just all day on days their child is here, or actually *all day Monday through Friday*? We're so glad that happened! Wording that makes sense to us may not be so clear to you. Our brains can make very different interpretations, too! So, please don't hesitate to ask questions. (BTW, the answer is 8:30-3, Monday – Friday.)

Another good time to communicate is when your child tells you something disturbing happened at school...or you have the impression that something disturbing/confusing happened. There is often (usually) a bigger picture. We want to investigate and get back to you. Otherwise, things sometimes become gossip and rumors.

Here's the truth. We don't know why families sometimes don't check in with us. We don't think we're scary or unapproachable. (ARE we?!) Direct and clear communication with staff that can help may (but not always) work wonders.

REMINDER

This Thursday, February 15 is a Minimum Day.



SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Friday, February 16 and
Monday, February 19

for the Presidents Day weekend.

Did you see this last week?

We will be closing school early, at 6pm, on Thursday, February 29, so that everyone has a chance to get to the School Play on time. Please plan ahead. Thanks so much!

Waiting for a Parking Spot?

We've noticed, and so have some parents, that traffic can get backed up on 5th Avenue when someone is waiting for a spot in our front parking lot. This is frustrating for people in the multi-car backup, who may be our parents, or our neighbors on their way to somewhere other than Concordia.



Going around the line of cars means possibly heading into oncoming traffic. Please drive up the street or around the corner to park or to come back to see if a spot is available. Also, think about your arrival time; 8:15-8:30 is absolutely the busiest. Can you make it earlier?

We know it's a small lot, parking is limited, and your time is precious. Still, we ask you to be safe, be aware, and be courteous. Thank you!



In February

- Contracts for the 2024/2025 school year will be mailed February 13th.
- Children's House childcare forms for Spring Break (April 1-5) will go out February 20th.



School Play Updates

TICKETS: If you'd like us to pick up your tickets @ the Box Office, your order form and payment is due tomorrow, Feb. 13. You can also purchase tickets through the theater Box Office, 925-943-SHOW, and online. The theater requires everyone entering the audience to have a ticket, *even the little ones*.

BLACKTOP REHEARSALS start today. We'll rehearse all the acts every day. Students may still work with scripts, and should have them at school all week. Next week, however, we rehearse script-free!

Children need to have their water bottles, hats, and sunscreen for warm days.

COSTUMES are due Wed., February 21.

PERMISSION SLIPS for Dress Rehearsal go out to Kindergarten and Elementary families today, due February 21. They are also attached to this *Common Good*, and available on the Parent Hub.

PLAY DATE DETAILS: We promised more specific Play details as we go along. Well, here they are! See the attached Kindergarten or Elementary *Play Date Details*, also posted in the Breezeway and on the Parent Hub.



Please ask!

Thank you.