

The Common Good

The Concordia School

Celebrating 50 years!

January 29, 2024

Parent Teacher Conferences



Conferences are next week, **February 7th, 8th, and 9th**. Sign-ups are on the Parent Hub. We are continuing IN-PERSON meetings as this offers a different, more personal experience than Zoom. Please don't delay in signing up! The approach, time frames, and days vary with every class.

The **Pre-Conference Questionnaire** is also on the Parent Hub, and hard copies are available on the table in the Breezeway. The questionnaire helps facilitate the conversation so teachers know what's on your mind, what's going well, and where we can be more supportive to you and your child. Please return your form by this Thursday, February 1. The teachers appreciate it!



It Takes *Everybody!*

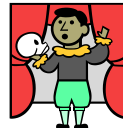
The **School Play** exhibits how the Concordia community - staff, parents and kids - work together to make things happen. It is always impossible to adequately thank all of you. Parents help us create scenery and props, co-ordinate and sew costumes, help children learn their lines, drive, and support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

FYI, NEEDED: a small, lightweight, old-fashioned sofa / love seat. Talk to us or send a picture if you think you can help.



The Announcement!

Last Friday was one of the most anticipated days of the year! Long-awaited by Elementary students and staff, we finally shared the script of our 2024 School Play, *Just the Thing*. We've borrowed from the Mrs. Piggie Wiggle stories (and made a lot of things up 😊) where parents enlist help in dealing with children's behaviors. Mrs. Piggie and Mrs. Wiggle always have "just the thing" to do. But there's a twist at the end!



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! Pictures will be on the Parent Hub.



The Children's House

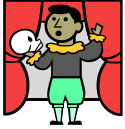
The Children's House is also involved in the fun. The Kindergartners sing a special song onstage, but the *whole class* learns and enjoys the song together. It can often be heard on the playground! We love this! It's all part of the excitement and buzz that will be in the air soon.



Play Facts Worth Keeping

Print out and put on your refrigerator??

The School Play will be at the **Leshner Center for the Arts** in Walnut Creek on **Thursday, February 29, 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 **Monday, February 12th.** During that first week, children may use their scripts. Lines should be memorized by Tuesday, February 20th, 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.

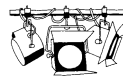
The theater requires everyone in the audience to have a ticket. To save you the trip to the Box Office, **there will be a Ticket Order Form available next week.** Tickets are \$17 each, which includes the theater's \$3 facility fee. Tickets will be available to you during the week of February 20. *Tickets are also available directly through the theater Box Office now.*



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 Friday, February 2nd.**

Kindergarten and Elementary costumes are due at school **Wednesday, February 21,** on a hanger, in a bag with your child's name. We'll keep them here through Dress Rehearsal Tuesday, February 28, and then send them home again. *The night of the Play, children wear their costumes to the theater.*



Dress Rehearsal

Elementary students rehearse the Play all day at the theater **Wednesday, February 28.** 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 an overview of the Play process.* 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. And check the Parent Hub!