

Conway Elementary School Newsletter

September 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 24– Grade 4 to Great Bay

Sept. 25– Open House/BBQ

October 2– School Picture Day

October 4– 12:30-Early Release

October 5– NO SCHOOL
Teacher workshop

October 8– NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day



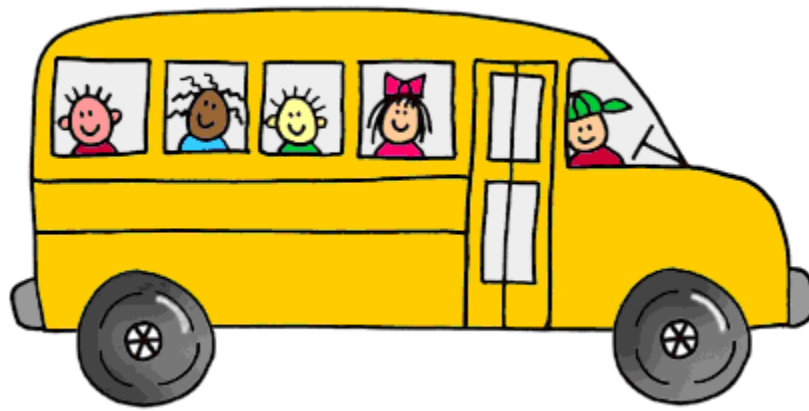
Core Beliefs
for
Conway Elementary School



WE BELIEVE

- 🐾 Every child can learn and that each child is a unique individual who learns at his/her own pace and has unique learning styles and interests that directly influence success in learning.
- 🐾 Children want and need to be heard, feel a sense of belonging and know that their opinions matter.
- 🐾 Children need to have their basic needs met. To reach their full potential they must be completely, physically and mentally present.
- 🐾 Everyone should laugh, smile, have fun, and create every day.
- 🐾 We must help students discover and develop their unique strengths over time.
- 🐾 We must cultivate a Growth Mindset.
- 🐾 Everyone should be treated with kindness, compassion, and respect.
- 🐾 Attitude determines outcome and when we present a positive attitude, we cultivate a positive attitude.
- 🐾 Mindful practices and SEL-social emotional learning are essential life skills.
- 🐾 Effective communication (speaking and listening) is an essential skill.
- 🐾 Keeping up with current instruction/research based practices and having enough resources is necessary for success.
- 🐾 Education and teaching and learning is a collaborative process.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MORNING STUDENT DROP OFF



Please do NOT drop your students off by the bus doors or the portable. All students are to be dropped off at the main entrance.

Thank you

Dear CES Families,

We have a wonderful support service at Conway Elementary School called the Student Support Center (SSC). The Student Support Center will be staffed by Mandy McDonald and Darlene Noyes and supervised by a Behavior Core Team. Students may be sent to the SSC for behavior reasons or simply to re-group. This service is to help students gain social, emotional, and behavioral skills that enable them to better respond to difficult situations. Our goal is to take a proactive approach to student management and discipline.

Determining consequences for a student's inappropriate choices still remains the responsibility of the classroom teacher or staff member, based on the severity of the behavior. The Student Support Center will work to de-escalate, process, and redirect the students whose behavior choices challenge classroom management and/or violate school community standards. The Student Support Center will work with the student to assess the situation, and look at alternate strategies he or she might try.

If you have any questions about the Student Support Center feel free to stop by my office anytime or call me at 447-3369 ext 25.

Thanks for your support,
Mandy McDonald
Family Support Liaison

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UNICORN CLUB

*Recommended ages 6-10
Any age welcome*



**Date: Third
Tuesday
starting
9/18/18**

**Time:
3:30-4:30**

**Place: Ham
Room**

*Please join our new Unicorn Club, where we will
celebrate all things UNICORN!
We will enjoy some unicorn-themed snacks, make
unicorn crafts, talk about unicorns, recommend
unicorn books, find other unicorn clubs, and draw
unicorns.*

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**Tuesday October 2,
2018**

is

**SCHOOL PICTURE
DAY**



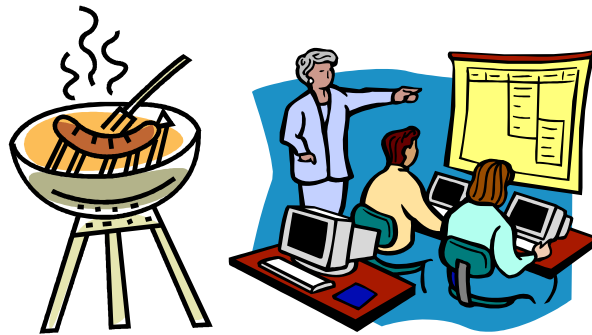
Open House & Family BBQ

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

(Rain date Thursday, September ?)

Open House 4:45-5:30 p.m.

BBQ 5:00-6:15 p.m.



We will be holding our annual Open House and Family BBQ on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

Please bring your own drinks and chairs. No alcoholic beverages or dogs at the BBQ please.

We look forward to seeing you!

Greetings from the music room!

We are off to a fantastic start to our musical year!

The 6th grade band members jumped right in and played entrance and exit music for our opening assembly on the 2nd day of school, and totally rocked the house!

(One would think they had been practicing all summer long! 🎵)

Our **General Music classes** have begun, and along with our new students who are being welcomed and introduced, all the returning students have settled right in, without missing a beat! They already know the routine and expectations, which makes our first week such a nice reunion so we can start right in focusing on the music.

You can ask your child about “**SQUILT**”, which is an acronym for “**Super Quiet Un-Interrupted Listening Time**”. Each week, we’ll have a new listening example of music that the students may not have heard before, across historical time periods and styles and from cultures all around the world. Older students in grades 4 – 6 will be writing reflective responses to the music in their weekly music journals, while younger students are encouraged to share their reflections in discussion after listening.

This week, we listened to Yo Yo Ma, a world-famous cellist, and Kathryn Stott, a classical pianist, as they performed Camille Saint-Saens’ “The Swan” from his “Carnival of the Animals”. You may enjoy pulling it up on Youtube and listening to this beautiful performance with your children.

3rd graders will be bringing a notice home with information on purchasing a **Recorder**, a small woodwind instrument that will be the focus of our music classes as they learn to read and perform music with this ancient instrument. Did you know the recorder has been played for hundreds of years, and not just by 3rd grade music students? Look up some recorder ensembles on Youtube and see what you can find!

In this newsletter, we’ll learn of the **Performance Opportunities** available for your child at CES. In subsequent newsletters through the year, we’ll share updates of our general music classes, and what your children are learning in music there.

Chorus will begin on Friday, September 21 for all interested students who enjoy singing in a group, learning vocal technique, breathing and singing in harmony. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students who are interested in joining the chorus will bring home a permission notice next week to be signed and returned. Chorus meets before school from 8:30 until 9:15 in the music room. Families are encouraged to transport their children to school on Friday mornings if they participate in chorus, but of course, if you are unable, they may come to our rehearsals late; as soon as they get off the bus in the morning.

Instrumental lessons are starting!

4th, 5th and 6th graders who have not previously studied a band instrument and are interested in beginning, will also bring home a permission notice to be signed. Please read this notice

carefully when they bring it home, as there is much pertinent information for families of instrumental students.

We have a full **Music Concert Schedule** planned for the school year so mark your calendars!

1st and 2nd grade classes will perform “Music From Many Lands” on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. with a snow cancellation date of Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6:00.

The 3-6th Chorus, and 5/6 Band members (with select 4th graders who are ready) will perform our Winter concert program: “Music Through the Ages, from Medieval to Classical”, on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m., with a snow cancellation date of Thursday, December 13 at 6:30.

The 5th and 6th grade Chorus and Band members will perform in our SAU 9 and SAU13 District music festival, the annual Louis Fuchs/Otto Ninow Concert, which is on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 in the Kennett Middle School gymnasium, with a snow date of Tuesday, April 2nd. Students from all 8 elementary and middle schools come together for this extravaganza performance!

On Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30, our **3rd – 6th Chorus and 4th – 6th Band** will perform in our final concert, our **Spring** concert program. At that concert, we’ll continue our musical journey through the ages where we left off in December, with music from the 20th century: **“Jazz, Blues, Pop and Classic Rock!”**

Our **Kindergarten** students will perform a few musical numbers at their graduation ceremony, date to be announced.

Then, we’ll close out the school year with our **4th and 5th grade Band** members providing our processional and recessional music as we say goodbye to our amazing 6th graders at the 6th grade **Promotion Ceremony**, date to be announced.

The **Band and Chorus** will also have other opportunities throughout the school year to perform at assemblies, evening activities, and other events that have yet to be determined.

We are excited to begin yet another rich and wonderful year!

Keep watching for **updates from the Music Room** throughout the year, and as always, do not hesitate to email me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I check my school email daily, in the evenings and on weekends/vacations, and will quickly respond to you. My door is always open to help your child have a rich and rewarding musical experience at CES.

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Until next time! Keep singing, playing and tappin’ those toes!

Laurie Turley

K – 6 General, Choral and Instrumental Music

