

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

End of First Qtr.  
November 4

Picture Re-takes  
November 9

West Side Story Field Trip  
November 10

NO SCHOOL  
Parent/Teacher Conf.  
November 11

Vision Screenings  
November 15

CAB Board Meeting  
November 21

NHS Blood Drive  
November 21

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## IT TAKES CHARACTER!

The halls were filled with a variety of amazing characters during CAB's annual Character Dress-Up Day. Students participated in a costume parade that ended in the auditorium where Ava Peterson (bottom right) was awarded first prize for recording the most books read in her Summer Reading Log. She read a total of 184 books! Congratulations, Ava! Festivities throughout the day included hayrides, class parties and, to end the day, our All-School Sharing.





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# *Captain's Log...*

*(aka Notes from Mr. K)*

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Each year in November, we as Americans gather together with family and friends to give thanks. It is a national holiday, a time to reflect upon the blessings in our life for which we are truly grateful. When I call to mind the good fortune in my life I think of Concord Academy Boyne. I have been blessed to be a part of this unique work, to get to know so many wonderful families and their children and to work with such a talented, committed group of people.

I would like to call to mind and publicly acknowledge the contributions of the following:

Gregg Mattson - the founder of the school. The man who had the vision, the drive and the passion to make this dream a reality. Oh by the way, he also served as the project manager overseeing the day to day construction of our original building.

Walt Matelski - property owner, friend and neighbor who was willing to sell land at a reasonable price to a group of people with no history, no guarantee of making good on the purchase. Oh, by the way, Walt did our snow plowing for about ten years and has cut our grass every year and has not charged the school one penny for these services. Talk about making a contribution

Limited Liability Corporation - a group of investors who have chosen to remain anonymous who were willing to risk their money to invest in what they considered a worthwhile venture - a charter school. They put their money on the line for us.

Original Staff - these fifteen pioneers took a great leap of faith to accept a position at a brand new school before there was a school, before we had students enrolled nor a signed charter. Isn't that the definition of faith, the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen ?

Parents - who were willing to enroll their children in a brand new type of school before we had anything to show them. We started in another building because our new construction wasn't finished until January. They helped move us on a Friday from our temporary home at Walloon Lake Community Church so we could have school the following Monday and not miss one day.

Walloon Lake Community Church - who allowed a school to occupy their space for four months until our construction was completed. They were extremely gracious to us and, oh, by the way, they didn't charge us any rent during that time.

I'm sure I'm leaving out some other people who were critical in making this school succeed but you get my point. We could not have overcome obstacles, nor achieved success, without the contributions, cooperation and the commitment of so many people. I hope that when you stop to celebrate the blessings in your life, you will include the people, past and present, who make this such a great place. And I hope you realize that we as a staff are grateful to you for the dedication and commitment it takes for you to send your children here. Happy Thanksgiving!



## New Dance Opportunity!

Attention 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents!!!! Our dance instructor, Mr. Thomson, will be offering dance classes to students on Thursdays after school for just \$10 per session! The first class will be on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Classes will be held every Thursday thereafter, unless otherwise noted. Money will be due at the time of the session.....NO CHARGES!!!! Also, please be sure that you pick your child up promptly at 4:30 pm! If they are not picked up they will be sent down to the after school Kids Club and you will be charged \$5 for after school care. A sign-up sheet will be located in the office for anyone interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

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## Helping Hands!

The "Helping Hands" fundraiser deadline has been extended. Please continue to collect pledges until the end of November. If you need additional pledge sheets, they will be located in the office or you may contact Violet Holm. Remember, ALL pledge money will be spent to purchase books for the library. Money/pledge sheets should be turned in by November 28. Thank you ☺.



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## Operation Christmas Child



Just a reminder, if you pledged to participate in "Operation Christmas Child", your shoeboxes need to be turned in to the school by Thursday, November 10th.



# *Pumpkin Carving in Art Club*



# Guess Who?!?!



# Parent/Teacher Conferences

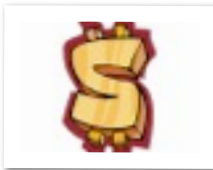
Parent/Teacher Conferences for MS/HS students will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 11th (NO SCHOOL that day) from 11:30-1:30 p.m., in the Auditorium. No appointment is necessary. Elementary conferences will also be held during that week and may be scheduled directly with your child's teacher.



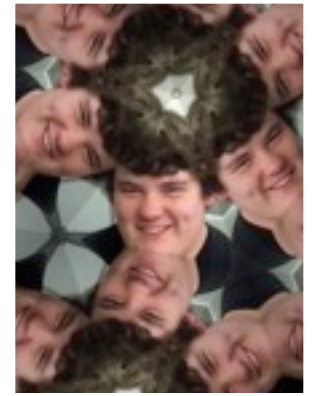
## PENNY WAR!

The Service/Earning Club will be holding a penny war to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from Monday, October 24 - Tuesday, November 22. Elementary students can take their pennies to their classrooms. Middle School and High School students can take their pennies to their class advisors. Remember that silver coins counteract pennies and that you can bomb other classrooms! Have fun and join the fight against cancer.

P.S. There will be a collection jar in the office for the adults!



## Fun with iPads!



The iPads are finally here and students are getting very familiar with the technology.

Teachers are using the iPads in class to assist with research and note taking.

Mrs. Verwys is creating a website and notes from class will be added each day.

Website: [Verwysvoice.weekly.com](http://Verwysvoice.weekly.com)

## Concord Academy Math Lab (Grades 7-12)

## Free Math Help!

Wednesdays and Thursdays in Miss Blamer's Room from 3:30-4:15.

Work on your homework, bring your questions, improve your skills, and become a math Ace!





## Fundraising for Third Grade

These are VERY nice, expensive, and large Petoskey stone wine, olive oil, dish soap (if you put it in a glass bottle) bottle toppers. They'll add a bit of charm and local flair to your countertop!!! They were donated by Mr. Petersen and the cost is \$40/per stopper. We only have 4, so first come first serve. We are using the money to purchase a Kindle for the third grade room! Funds raised will allow us to purchase one right away! THANKS! and THANKS to Mr. Petersen!

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## Box Tops for Education

This year, CAB will once again be collecting Box Top coupons to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops?



Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. All you need to do is cut them off of the box they are on and attach them to the handy collection sheet (available in the office or on our school website) with glue or double stick tape.

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long, but our first submission deadline is **October 28**. Each completed sheet of 25 Box Tops coupons will give your child one entry into the drawing for prizes. The first drawing will be held October 31 for free pizzas, movie passes and many other prizes. Other drawings will be held December 16, February 17, and April 20. Turn your completed sheet into your child's teacher. Be sure to fill in your child's name and their grade for the drawings. Additional sheets will be available in the office, or you may visit the school's website to print one.

**Thank you for choosing to support CAB by collecting Box Tops!**