

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Break
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2

School Resumes
January 3, 2012

8th Grade Drama Perf.
"Hillbilly Hankerin"
January 12-13

Professional Dev.
NO SCHOOL
January 16

PTP Meeting
January 19

End of First Semester
January 19

Dance Revue - 7:00 p.m.
January 20



A REAL Giving Tree

Mrs. Batchelder's and Miss Hoffman's Y-5 and Kindergarten classes exhibited the spirit of giving this holiday season. Students selected mittens off of a tree that had gift items written on them. They then took them home and purchased the written items to bring back to school and wrap them up as presents for some families who needed some extra help this year.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity. It is people like you that help make this school so special!





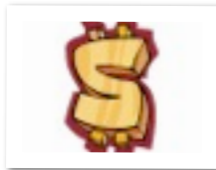
PENNY WAR!

WINNERS!!!

The Service Learning Club held a penny war throughout November and December to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The battle ended Wednesday, December 21 with a total of more than \$425 raised to help the fight against cancer!

Congratulations to the third graders who won a pizza party by raising \$142.32. Way to go!!!

Thank you to all who participated and to Alethia Butler and Hanah Rebec for counting all that change!



Free Math Help!

Schedule Change

Concord Academy Math Lab (Grades 7-12)

Now on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** 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!



**HAVE A MERRY
STOP MOTION
CHRISTMAS!**

FROM THE TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Please check out this original short courtesy of the CAB Technology Class at <http://cabtechnology.weebly.com/projects.html>

Holiday Fun at CAB!

Elementary students were busy making ornaments, eating cookies and drinking hot cocoa (with LOTS of marshmallows!) on December 22. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped spread holiday cheer!



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...



It's that time of year again. Time for kids (and some parents) to start waking up early so they can watch the news and listen to the radio in the hopes that they will hear their school's name among those on the list of School Closings. In the event that we do not have school, we will notify the following TV and Radio Stations:

Radio: 1270 AM 106 FM 92.1 FM
1340 AM 96.3 FM 90.5 FM

TV: 9 & 10 News
7 & 4 News

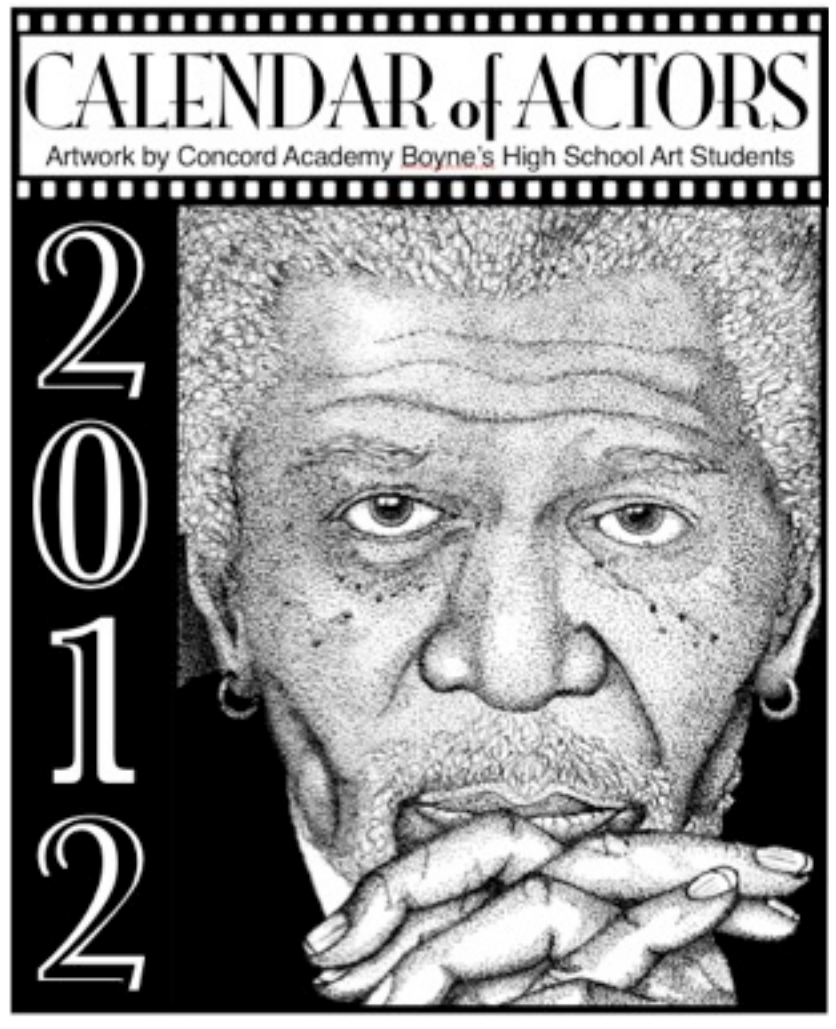
Please leave plenty of time to get to school during the winter months, as slippery roads and inclement weather can make the drive to school take a little longer. Use extra caution in our parking lot when picking up and dropping off students and when using the steps leading to the elementary doors. While we do what we can to keep things free from ice and snow, surfaces can still be slippery.

2012 Calendar of Actors Now Available!

The high school Art students have created another great calendar. This year, the students chose "Actors" as the theme for the calendar. Each high school Art student spent hours drawing an actor of their choice using pen and ink drawing techniques learned in class. When all of the drawings were completed, they were displayed in the hall to be voted on by students, staff, and parents. The top 12 vote-getters are included in the calendar, with the top vote-getter earning the cover of the calendar (Brandon McGeorge's portrait of Morgan Freeman.)

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Calendar's are currently available to order in a variety of colors and sizes. See Mr. Rosteck or a high school Art student to place your order. These calendars make great Christmas gifts, and the money earned through this fundraiser supports the K-12 Art Department. To have an order form emailed to you, or to place an order via email, contact Mr. Rosteck at mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org.



You Gotta Have Art...



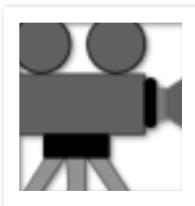
YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Select K-12 CAB student artwork, along with artwork from Boyne Falls and Boyne City students, will be on display at the Boyne Arts Collective's youth art exhibit entitled "ART - It's Elementary." There will be a reception with refreshments on Saturday, December 3 from 10 am - 6 pm. The show will be up through December 31 and may be viewed during gallery hours, which are Friday 1-5, Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 12-4. The Boyne Arts Collective is located at 210 S. Lake St. in Boyne City. Stop in and check out some great artwork by our talented young artists.

ART CLUB - SCHEDULE CHANGE



Students in grades 3-12 once again have the opportunity to express their creativity in Art Club, which will now be meeting on **Wednesdays from 3:20-5:00 p.m.** This open art studio time can be used to catch up on Art projects we are working on in class or to just put that extra time and effort into your artwork! It's also a chance to develop your own art activities, explore different art media, and just have fun making art! No need to commit to attending every week - just sign up on the sheet posted outside the art room on weeks when you want to come or need to in order to get caught up in Art. You don't need to be a current Art student to attend. Make sure you have a reliable ride you can depend on to be at school to pick you up by 5 pm. Contact Mr. Rosteck with questions: mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org. See you in Art Club!



Attention Young Filmmakers!

Are you a movie lover? An aspiring actor or director? An animator? Maybe you are interested in using your new iPad to try your hand at movie making. Well, the Northern Michigan Youth Film Festival is a new film festival that will be held on February 24, 2012 at Concord Academy Petoskey, and anyone ages 8-25 may enter their own film by January 10, 2012. The festival will be juried, and the winner will receive entry into the Chicago Film Festival. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mr. Rosteck. mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org





Nurses Notes...

Happy Holidays!

Finding joy in the holidays with the added stress is sometimes difficult. Easing up on yourself over the holidays is important because the connection between stress and illness is real, both for diseases, depression and anxiety. Here are a few suggestions to help decrease stress:

Eat Healthy—Of course you can indulge in favorite holiday foods but watch your portion size. And limit the sweets as the intake of refined sugar has a significant link to depression.

Exercise—Keep up your regular physical activity and add a long walk with your family and friends. You will all enjoy it and feel invigorated. Nature restores us, too!

Time Together--It doesn't cost money to spend time together! Cook a favorite recipe, read a story out loud, play board games or cards, sing an old favorite song together or learn a new one. You can do a craft or project, even if it is cleaning out a closet.

Be Thankful—Economic times are rough, but keep trying to see the glass 'half full'. Express thanks for each other. Go around the table and each say one nice thing about each other. That hug 'goodnight' might mean more to you than you thought.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas, Chris Warstler RN



AN EASY WAY TO HELP!



Did you know that there is another easy way that you can help our school? In addition to sending in your Box Tops, you can also send in your Campbell's soup labels. Our school will receive money for each label that we turn in! All you need to do is look for the Labels for Education logo, clip it, and send it to your child's teacher. It's that simple! Campbell's is also sponsoring a sweepstakes where they are giving away computers, Smartboards, and more. Please visit their website, www.labelsforeducation.com to enter the contest. You can enter everyday. The contest ends 12/31/11. The money that we raise from the Campbell's soup labels will be added to the monies that are raised from the Helping Hands fundraiser, which will be used to purchase new computer equipment in the library. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops for Education

This year, CAB is once again 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 next submission deadline is **March 23**. Each completed sheet of 25 Box Tops coupons will give your child one entry into the drawing for prizes. The first two drawings were held in October and December for free pizzas, movie passes and many other prizes. Other drawings will be held in March and May. 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 are 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!