

U.S.D. 333 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



“Wind for Schools”

Dustin Bender, Concordia Jr. High Science Instructor, has been selected to attend the 2007 Wind for Schools Summit, at the National Wind Technology Center, in Golden, Colorado. He will participate in a course in wind energy and learn about the “Wind for Schools” program. Expenses for this conferences are being paid by the national sponsoring agencies, listed below.

USD 333 officials are exploring various opportunities to bring wind energy curriculum to the schools. One of these opportunities is the “Wind for Schools” program sponsored by the Kansas Rural Center, in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. The Kansas Rural Center will facilitate a program to install wind turbines at approximately five rural schools each year. Kansas State University will establish a Wind Application Center to provide assistance for the program. USD 333 will apply for a grant to implement this program later this school year.



\$25,625 Grant for Rubber Playground Mulch

A great deal of progress has been made on the Concordia Elementary playgrounds. The PIE (Parents In Education) group has focused efforts on playground improvements over the last several years. Their efforts have raised funds to purchase and install new equipment for both sides of the playground. The staff and parent groups have also discussed the surfacing on these playgrounds. Gravel was placed on the playgrounds when the building was constructed. This allows the playground to be used in any weather. The groups discussed the options of replacing the gravel with a rubber mulch. This discussion led to Superintendent Bev Mortimer, and Assistant Superintendent Karl Stricker submitting a grant to the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management. The specific program uses recycled tires to create a rubber mulch. The district will replace the gravel on the K-2 side of the playground, with 5,000 cubic feet, or 125,000 pounds of red recycled rubber mulch.

Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc. is an approved vendor for the project, and provided information on the grant.

Concordia Jr./Sr. High School

Gregg Errebo, Principal



Concordia Jr./Sr. High News from the Principal

I am thrilled to be here in Concordia, working with the students, faculty, staff, parents and community. We have hit the ground running in the building, and the kids are responding well. We have air conditioning, so it is so much easier to stay focused on the task at hand, which is staying engaged in the learning process. We are grateful to all involved who brought the cool air to us!

With a new principal come new expectations and procedures. The staff and students are working hard to meet my expectations, which are high. My goal is for this school to be the best in the state, second to none. We will work hard each day to hold each other accountable to live up to this mission. I want each of my students engaged in learning, taught by highly trained, effective teachers. Both students and teachers will then build trusting relationships, and work to include the parents and community within that circle of trust. If we do those things, each to the best of our ability, we can be the best school in the state.

We also have two new assistant principals in the building. Doug Elias is also athletic director and sophomore/junior attendance and discipline. Corey Isbell is also activities director and junior high/freshman attendance and discipline. I will handle the senior attendance and discipline, but will cover for Doug and Corey if needed in these areas. Attendance is one of the most important lifelong skills we teach in our schools, and I want my students to attend school each day. The law requires that students be at school while it is in session, unless they are ill, have a medical appointment, a court appointment, are attending a school sponsored activity or have arranged their absence with prior approval from the principal. If the student has not done one of the above, their absence is unexcused. Parents, please call our office if your child is ill, and do so before 10 am if possible. Also, if you are going on a trip, going to a funeral, or will be taking your student from school for any reason, please call and arrange prior approval, so we don't have to mark your student's absence as unexcused. Please let us know at least a week in advance if possible, to arrange this prior approval. We want to work with parents on this, and not be confrontational. Attendance at Concordia Junior/Senior High School is the law for our students, and we will follow the law to the letter. We hope that parents support us on this, and want their children to develop this lifelong habit.



CatScratch Productions will broadcast their show on the community cable channel (Channel 12) Thursday September 13th at 7 and 9 PM and replay it Tuesday September 18th at 7 and 9 PM. Catscratch Productions which is a show put on by TV/MEDIA students at Concordia High School will highlight events and changes that have occurred over the summer at Concordia High School. They will also talk about the heating and A/C project and talk with the fall sports coaches. Immediately following the Catscratch show each evening will be a special highlighting some businesses in the community.

Concordia Middle School

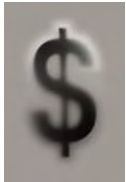
Karl Stricker, Principal



Jr. Panther National Bank

We are trying something different this year at CMS. Each student at Concordia Middle School will receive a Jr. Panther Bank account. This account will be used to accumulate dollars which the student may earn for various accomplishments. The students may then write a check for rewards and middle mania. Students are responsible for maintaining their account and keeping it current.

Students can accumulate the dollars throughout the year; however, a student could also overdraw their account balance as well. As a bonus, we will offer a 10% quarterly interest rate for the students each nine weeks. This account will only apply to Concordia Middle School.



We are hoping that this year long math experience will give students insight into the financial world.

The Concordia Middle School staff and student body would like to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens National Bank for donating the check books and registers.



USD 333 Extreme Classroom Make-over Winner

Mrs. Tarin Hauck's proposal was chosen as the first recipient for the Extreme Classroom Make-over Contest. The classroom received new carpet, wall color, computers, and furniture.

Mrs. Hauck's proposal was chosen the winner, but several other proposals also received some items they requested. Ms. Harvey, CMS music Mrs. McDaniel, CHS Catscratch, Mrs. Peltier, CHS art, and Mrs. Isbell, Pre-school received classroom improvements, also. All USD 333 staff members were eligible to submit an application.



Concordia Elementary School

Chris Fall, Principal



CES NEWS

Concordia Elementary School was randomly selected to participate in the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. The purpose of this readiness assessment is to help provide decision makers with information to better prepare children for kindergarten in Kansas through policy and funding improvements. On the first day of kindergarten the program was explained to the parents and they could decide if they wanted their child to participate. The children with signed releases were then randomly selected to take the 20 -30 minute assessment. Each child who participated received a children's book to thank the families for allowing their child to be a part of this initiative. As a district we will not receive any results from our participation but will have helped stakeholders make informed decisions about pre-schools and kindergarten in our state.

In September we will be doing a practice lock down with CES students. This will be very much the same as a fire or tornado drill. Students will be informed of what to do in an emergency situation and told that it is a drill beforehand just as we do with other drills. Please talk with your child about the importance of all our safety drills. Knowing how to stay calm and follow directions in any emergency is a skill that will benefit them in or outside of the school setting. Thank you for your support in helping us keep your child safe.



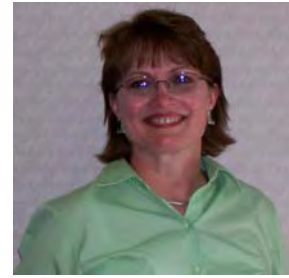
Go to: www.usd333.com, to read this newsletter online, and view photos in color. The district website also includes links to all schools, parent organizations, BOE news, as well as other student, parent, and patron links.



Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas

Audrey Pingel Director

803 Valley; 785-243-3294; Toll Free-877-493-8231



The Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas will be holding monthly early childhood screenings for children birth up to age five. These screenings will be replacing the once a year spring pre-school screening held in your community. Our aim is to be able to personalize screenings and to better serve the children of the area. The screenings will include the areas of vision, hearing, motor skills, self help skills, thinking skills, and speech language skills. The screenings are provided free of charge by the Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas and the Parents As Teachers Program. Screenings are by appointment only, which can be made by calling 785-243-3294. Please contact the LCNCK at any time to schedule your child's screening.

Regardless of your location you may attend any of the screening sites. Below are the screening dates, times and locations:

September 13, 2007 at Cloud County Developmental Center in Concordia from 3:30-7:00
October 4, 2007 at Washington County Developmental Center in Washington from 3:30-7:00
November 1, 2007 at Republic County Developmental Center in Cuba from 3:30-7:00
January 3, 2008 at Pike Valley Elementary School in Courtland from 3:30-7:00
February 7, 2008 at Cloud County Developmental Center in Concordia from 3:30-7:00
March 6, 2008 at Republic County Developmental Center in Cuba from 3:30-7:00
April 3, 2008 at Washington County Developmental Center in Washington from 3:30-7:00
May 1, 2008 at Clifton/Clyde Elementary School in Clifton from 3:30-7:00

Thank you QZAB partners for your financial support to upgrade the electrical work and add air-conditioning and heating to Concordia Jr./Sr. High School!

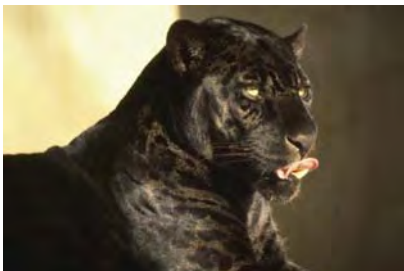
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**THANK YOU Panther-Backer
Parents, for painting the paw
prints on the streets!**

September 2007

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cereal, Fruit & Grain Bar, Peaches, Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Pears, Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Honey, Jelly, Oranges, Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Sausage Link, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick, Syrup, Potato Puffs, Catsup, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Peaches, Toast, Jelly, Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ham and Cheese Breakfast Bar, Potato Puffs, Watermelon, Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Honey, Jelly, Tropical Fruit Salad, Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick, Syrup, Potato Puffs, Catsup, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Cereal, Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Fruit Cocktail, Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Waffles, Syrup, Bacon, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sausage Cheese Biscuit, Potato Puffs, Catsup, Apples, Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Honey, Jelly, Cantaloupe, Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cinnamon Coffee Cake, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Cereal, Cinnamon Topped Roll, Apricots, Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Casserole, Fruit Cocktail, Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Bacon, Ranch Dressing, Strawberries, Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Honey, Jelly, Bananas, Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage Link, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>

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Lunch Menu

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<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Corn Dog, Mustard, French Fries, Catsup, Mixed Vegetables, Pickled Okra, Pears, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Chicken Strips, BBQ Sauce, Whipped Potatoes, Country Style Gravy, Steamed Peas, Oranges, Texas Toast, Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chili Cheese Fritos, Green Beans, Carrots & Celery, Ranch Dressing, Grapes, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BLTTC, Wheat Bun, Potato Wedges, Hot Vegetables, Dill Pickles, Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Steak Sticks, BBQ Sauce, Steamed Rice, Brown Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Burrito, Cheese Sauce, Salsa, Broccoli, Strawberries, Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Country Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Gravy, BBQ Sauce, Green Beans, Rosey Applesauce, Texas Toast, Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BBQ Chicken on Bun, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple Chunks, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Taco's, Salsa, Fresh Lettuce, Grated Cheese, Corn, Frosty Fruit, Blueberry Muffin, Milk</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese, Little Smokies, Peas, Pears, Frozen Juice Bars, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cheeseburger on Bun, Mustard, French Fries, Catsup, Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad, Dill Pickle, Apples, Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken, BBQ Sauce, Rice, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Cantaloupe, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hot Dog, Chips, Baked Beans, Carrots & Celery, Orange Juice, Rosey Applesauce, Ice Cream Cup, Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cheese Pizza, Lettuce, Salad Toppings, Ranch Dressing, Hot Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Cucumber Slices, Raw Cauliflower, Ranch Dressing, Pears, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Philly Cheese Steak on Bun, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Strawberries, Ice Cream Cup, Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pork Chop, BBQ Sauce, Rice, Brown Gravy, Corn, Bananas, Wheat Roll, Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Club Sandwich, Potato Chips, Fresh Lettuce, Tomatoes, Relishes, Oranges, Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lasagna, Hot Vegetables, Fresh Lettuce, Salad Toppings, Fresh Fruit, Angel Food Cake, Bread Stick, Milk</p>

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*so that every member of the school community reaches
their highest level of academic achievement.*

U.S.D. 333 Concordia Public Schools