



Concordia Preschool
January/February 2012

Dear Parents,

It never seems to slow down here at Concordia. The New Year brings many fun activities with it. Some of them are listed below. You can also find a complete list on our website. As always, please contact me or your child's teacher if you have any questions. Please remember to update the school office if any of your emergency information has changed including cell numbers or insurance information.

As requested, I have gone back to our original newsletter format without lots of color and photos. Many of you noted that it was difficult or took too long to access the document from the website. This version should be smaller and easier for all to enjoy.

We finally got our first real taste of winter. Remember to dress your child appropriately as we will still go outside to play as often as possible. Also, please update your child's extra set of clothes with warmer and bigger ones as needed.

Safety Alert!

Inside the building, I remind the children to use their "walking feet" so they do not trip, slip or fall. I also find myself needing to remind a few parents to use their "slow driving foot" when traveling through the parking lot. Some parents are driving way too fast. Please slow down and watch for children crossing from the playground or walking to their cars. Take your time and be patient so no one gets hurt!!!

Bad Weather Closings

I make the decision to close our school based on weather reports and recommendations from State Officials. For the past few years, we have been using the School Reach System to inform you of weather related closings and important messages. The earliest the system would call you is 6:15 am. If it is an early morning call, we will only send the message to your home phone. If we have an emergency and need to cancel close to or during school hours, we will call all of your emergency numbers. We do also list our closing on the WSTW Snow watch website. On that site, we are listed under childcare centers not schools. If you have any questions or need to make changes to any of your listed emergency numbers, please see me or email Julie Moore at jmoore315@comcast.net.

Soup Sale

Concordia's annual soup sale is coming up! There are still spots to volunteer to make Pumpkin Mushroom Soup at our Social. The social will be held here in the Concordia kitchen on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 6:00. It is lots of fun! We also need a few more volunteers to make Chicken Corn Chowder at home. The sign up sheet and recipe are in the lobby. Any soup questions should be directed to Emily Locke at 561-0931.

Art Fair 2012

Back by popular demand, this year's Art Fair Social will be on Friday, February 3rd from 6 to 7:30 pm. Please come to see beautiful art projects made by the students and socialize with teachers and friends. Admission is free. There will be a bake sale with nut free goodies made by the teachers to benefit our scholarship fund. We will also sell soft pretzels and pizza. You won't want to miss this fun family event!!

Child Find Testing

Child find testing for the 4-5 year olds is currently taking place. Your child's teacher should have notified you as to when your class is scheduled. All children entering kindergarten in Delaware must be tested. A permission slip must be presented to the testers. There is a section for you to list the schools that will need the results both public and/or private. We offer testing here as a service to our families, so the children can be comfortable in their usual surroundings. If you miss the testing date here, you must contact your "feeder" elementary school to schedule a date.

Playground Update

Due to bad weather, we needed to cancel our playground clean up. A new date will be posted in the lobby soon. Please consider helping to clean up the "monkey balls" so our preschoolers don't get hurt slipping or tripping on them. Thanks to Vicki Copeland our playground Chairperson for all her help organizing the effort.

Valentine's

Valentine's Day celebrations will be happening in a few weeks. The children look forward to giving and receiving cards of love and friendship. We are asking that you do not attach any candy to the actual cards to ensure that all children can participate.

Blue Rocks Game

Take me out to the ball game! Concordia day at the Blue Rocks is planned for Sunday, April 29th. While this is not a fundraiser for the school, it is a lot of fun. Save the date....ticket information will come home soon.

Dessert Night Fundraiser

Dessert Night 2012 is quickly approaching. This girl's night out will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 pm. With the summer Olympics happening this year, the theme is "The Sweet Taste of Victory". The students will be making decorations for the room based on different countries and cultures. Please consider helping with this special evening by donating wine, gift cards and other items for baskets, or even joining the committee. Sign up sheets are posted in the lobby area or you can contact Caroline Gioia at caroline715@hotmail.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring conferences will take place on March 22 and 23. We will not have school on either of these 2 dates. Please mark them on your calendars and look for sign up sheets outside of your child's classroom next month.

Spring Show

The Spring Show for the 3 and 4 year old classes will take place on Thurs. May 3rd at 7 pm. It will be held at Springer Middle School located on Shipley Road. More information will come home closer to that date.

School Closed

Concordia Preschool will be closed on Friday, Feb. 17th for Teacher In-Service and Monday, Feb. 20th for President's Day.

Have a wonderful month and stay warm!
Yours in snowflakes and mittens,

Helen Spillan