



Concord's May and June 2024 Mustang Minutes

May 2024 Newsletter from Administration

Spring is here and this school year is coming to an end. Parents, we need your support in ensuring your child reports to school daily and arrives on time! Our attendance percentage for April 2024 was 88.49%. In addition, please refrain from taking your child out of school for early dismissal.

Judge Me Now, Inc. will sponsor a STEAM Family Engagement Night on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Families will be able to participate in activities related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The Beyond Your Block Program will be mentoring students in grades 3 – 5 after school in May 2024 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. The Beyond Your Block Program is an innovative program that offers a safe and nurturing environment that fosters skill development and self-esteem, empowering young people to unlock their full potential.

The program will be held on the following days after school:

Monday, May 6th

Wednesday, May 8th

Thursday, May 16th

Monday, May 21st

Wednesday, May 23rd

Parents, please be advised that for students who are participating in the program, bus transportation will not be provided. Parents must pick up their child by 5:30 PM on the scheduled days above.

On Monday, May 20, 2024, Concord Elementary School will be hosting our Parent and Family Preventing Summer Slide/Transition Night from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. This will be an in-person event and we look forward to your presence. This will also be our last parent and family engagement activity for this school year.

School will be closed for students on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, due to the Primary Election. Ensure to get out and vote! Your vote counts and matters! The school will also be closed for students on Monday, May 27, 2024, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Please continue to have your child complete his/her homework every night; this includes Reading and Math logs as well. Our school newsletter will be available monthly on our school's website along with all information. Chromebooks are being collected from all students the week of May 28, 2024 for summer storage per PGcps guidelines. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (301) 817-0488 and/or at Dana.Doggett@pgcps.org and Tracie.Connelly@pgcps.org.



3rd Grade

Intermediate

In Reading, students will practice making inferences, visualizing, making predictions, and point of view as they explore how people use words to express themselves and how people make a meaningful difference in their community. They will also continue cursive handwriting practice, learning their signatures, identifying content area words, and improving writing skills. In Social Studies, third grade students will learn about economics and building an economy. In Math our third graders will continue to find the area of a shape, data and graphs, volume and weight, and solving word problems! In Science, students will learn about the weather's impact on our environment. Students will continue working on expanding on their thoughts, ideas, and writing using reasoning, in both reading and math. Please incorporate the THINK SHEET into your homework routine! We will continue using the think sheet throughout the remainder of the school year and students should know how to use this as a tool to help them and learn how to give "scratch paper" PURPOSE! DIBELS and iReady testing will begin in May! Students should continue bringing a fully charged Chromebook with them to school each day.

4th Grade Reading

In reading, Students will recognize the characteristics of tales in Modules 6 and Module 10. In writing, the teacher will review opinionated, narrative, and expository forms of writing with evidence of students typing a clear beginning, middle, and conclusion independently. In social studies, students will learn about how to create a business as a producer as well as meet the needs of consumers. Students will explore goods and services as well.

4th Grade Math

In Math Students will learn about data and how it can be collected and represented through picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots for the purpose of analyzing information in the world. In Science students will analyze and interpret images to determine if they are fossils. Students will also analyze fossils to get an understanding of what the environment was like when the organism was alive. In Health students will learn about body challenges, their causes and effects, physical impairments, learning disabilities, and special needs in the community.

5th Grade Math

We reach the last complete month for SY 2023-2024!

For the month of May , Math focuses on Patterns ,Coordinate Plane, and 2-D Figures. Our scholars will be interpreting expressions and analyzing patterns. They too will create and label coordinate plane and plot and locate points on the plane.

Science is all about Patterns of Motion in the Sky. Students will learn about Earth rotation and revolution. Health is all about The Right Stuff . It focuses on being a a smart consumer, influences on advertising, identifying resources to help with consumer decisions, and learning how to manage and budget your own money.





Specialist News

Physical Education

Can you smell the flowers? May is here! Can you believe it?! It's time for a P.E. Fun Fact! Did you know that volleyball was originally called "mintonette"? Also, volleyball was meant to be a blend of basketball, baseball, tennis, and handball.

This month, kids will learn how to play volleyball along with other locomotor skills.

As the weather continues to get warmer, we will be outside even more this month. (Including Some Mornings) As a reminder, here are the following items that students should not be wearing during P.E.: Crocs, flip-flops, dress shoes, boots, or cleats. Also, please make sure that the young ladies have shorts underneath their skirts and that everyone stays hydrated at school and home. If you do send your child to school with shoes or clothes that are not suitable for P.E., please ensure that they have a set of spare shoes and a change of clothes.

If you need to reach me at any time for any reason, please send me an email:

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Media

Calming Yoga

As we count down the days left in the school year, have you noticed that some of our students have difficulty holding it together? I like to do Yoga Storytime to help create calm and give students ideas to try at home. It's easy to find a yoga-themed picture book (there are lots on Epic - my favorite is I Am Yoga). Pair the book with Emily Arrow's I Am Yoga song and practice poses with your kids. You'll be amazed at the calm atmosphere you can create!

As we approach the end of the school year, I have observed that certain students struggle with maintaining composure. I enjoy conducting Yoga storytime sessions to cultivate tranquility and inspire students to practice at home. Locating a yoga-themed picture book is a simple task, there are numerous options available on Epic. My preferred choice is the book titled "I Am Yoga". Combine the book with Emily Arrow's I Am Yoga song and engage in a session of yoga poses with your children. You will be astounded by the serene ambiance that you can generate!

Special Education

SUMMERTIME OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

Summertime has lots of learning opportunities for students with disabilities. Parents keep their children engaged throughout summer to beat the "summer slide". "Summer slide" refers to learning loss that occurs during a long period of school closure. "Summer slide" can be prevented. The Salvation Army offers free summer camps for kids of all ages regardless of their family's income levels. It offers a wide range of engaging camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, hiking, archery, and other sports. It also offers educational and non-sports activities including arts and crafts, music, and drama. Moreover, offering opportunities to develop social skills and leadership skills. Prince George's County Public Libraries sponsor reading programs for kids of various ages/grade levels. The programs are very engaging and interesting. The Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Centers have various exciting activities for all kids, including those with disabilities. Parents check out all the available facilities nearby and let your children enjoy and learn new skills to enhance their cognitive and affective development.

Have a great summer!!

