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**Christine Tripp**  
– Interim  
High School  
Principal

My name is Christine Tripp, and I am honored to serve the Concrete School District as the acting secondary principal. I appreciate the opportunity to fill in for Mike Holbrook in his absence. I was born in Mount Vernon and grew up in La Conner, graduating from La Conner High School. After high school, I attended college on the east coast graduating from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. My teaching certificate is from the University of West Florida, and my master's degree from Western Washington University. Prior to this opportunity as interim principal, I have served as a registrar, office staff member, attendance supervisor, paraprofessional, kitchen and custodial staff person, substitute teacher, classroom teacher, coach, and administrative intern. Basically, I have spent the last 25 years working with students in a variety of capacities. I have a passion to help all students know and reach their potential. When not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Shawn, and two children, Elizabeth (20) and Spencer (18), hiking, stand-up paddle boarding, and working outdoors.



## CLASS OF 2019!



## Schmidt receives RMEF Youth Volunteer Award

Troy Schmidt was selected by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to receive the 2018 Youth Volunteer Award. The youth volunteer award is a national award given to several youth across the country every year for their outstanding dedication and help to RMEF.

Troy has been a part of the Skagit Valley Chapter Committee since 2013 and an RMEF life member since 2011. When he joined the committee, he started attending committee meetings and helping out at the local banquet every year. His involvement



has significantly grown since then. In the last two years, Troy has built and donated several cutting boards, a step stool, and an end table for the Mt. Baker Chapter and Skagit Valley Chapter's banquets. His items have been responsible for bringing in thousands of dollars to RMEF. He also helps cut, split, and deliver a cord of firewood every year for the banquet. During the banquet, Troy serves as the live auction coordinator as well as running check in and selling hats. Along with his local banquets, he has helped out at the Women for Wildlife event and a volunteer fencing project performed by RMEF. Outside of RMEF, Troy works hard in school, participates in the running start program which allows juniors and seniors in high school to take college classes, and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He remains dedicated to RMEF as well as school and all of his other endeavors. He works hard and loves to help out with RMEF in every way he can.

## Concrete NHS Sponsored Honor Roll Assembly

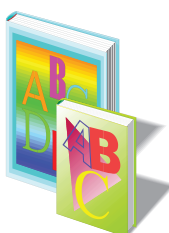


The Concrete High National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored the Honor Roll assembly on Feb. 20. The assembly recognized all high school students who achieved a 3.2 or higher grade point average for the first semester. Dalton Newby, NHS president, conducted the assembly. Grace Clemons gave the speech. Muffins and juice were provided by the National Honor Society.

(See Concrete High School Honor Roll on bottom of page 2)

### KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Concrete Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Students **MUST** be 5 years of age by August 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to attend kindergarten. Parents must provide complete copies of their child's birth certificate and immunization records before the first day of school. **IF YOU HAVE A KINDERGARTEN-AGE STUDENT, PLEASE REGISTER ASAP.** Please come in or call the elementary school at (360) 853-4110 for more information.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 18th!!



Please note: School will be from  
8:00am-10:00am on the last day of school  
(only 2 hours). NO lunch served.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

#### CLASS OF 2019

June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

Senior Trip to Lake Chelan

June 6<sup>th</sup>

12:15 pm - Scholarship and National Honor Society  
Assembly @ Concrete High School Gym  
*Parents and families of seniors are encouraged to attend*  
5:00 pm - Senior Dinner @ Community Bible Church  
6:15 pm - Baccalaureate Service @ Community Bible Church

June 7<sup>th</sup>

8:15 am - Grad Walk @ Elementary  
9:00 am - Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal @ high school  
7:00pm - GRADUATION @ Concrete High School gym

# Concrete School District

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## 2019 PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE



**January 2019 Professional Excellence (from left): Jacquie Nybo, Bus Driver; Darla Feetham, Bus Driver; Desiree Bauer, Cook; Donna Litke, High School Custodian.**

*With Marla Reed, Food Service Director & Transportation Co-Director and Paul Carter, Maintenance Supervisor & Transportation Co-Director.*



**February 2019 Professional Excellence: Cameron Rose, Maintenance Worker.**

*With Paul Carter, Maintenance Supervisor.*

**November 2018 Professional Excellence: Paul Bianchini, PE Teacher – Concrete Elementary.**

*With Superintendent Wayne Barrett.*



## Community Leadership Award

Richard & Mike Frank of Albert's Red Apple Market were presented with a Community Leadership Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) on April 25th, 2019. This award is presented to community members or groups in recognition of outstanding contributions toward education.

Albert's Red Apple is a legacy business which was founded by their father Albert. These two gentlemen have carried on with a business that remains extremely generous to the students, staff and activity groups in the Concrete School District. Whether it is donating space to the levy committee, ordering specialty items for a foods class, concessions supplies or just donating to the students of Concrete, these individuals have given as their father before them.

*"The school is the heartbeat of our community. Without it, our town dies too."*



*Left to right: Mike Frank, and Richard Frank*

"Today, the 4th generation of the Frank family attends Concrete Schools. Our family holds very dearly, the legacy of the grandparents: support the school. It is your school. Uphold it, love it, fight for it, and help to make it better. The school is the heartbeat of our community. Without it, our town dies too. Personally, we all follow that same rule, and our business, Albert's Red Apple, has from the beginning. We always 'step up'!"

– The Franks



*Left to right: Superintendent Wayne Barrett, Mike Frank, and Richard Frank at the award presentation.*

## School Board Appreciation Month – January 2019



*From Left: Sue Watts, Dolores Elliott, Janet Culver, Mike Brondi, and Hildi Parker.*



## Concrete High School 1st Semester Honor Roll

3.20-4.00 G.P.A. \* = 4.0

February 14, 2019

### 7th Grade

Michael Bartel, Hayley Daniels, Jayden Hall, Trevor Howard, Camrin Hurley, Mariah Kelley, Lane Lloyd, Jasmine Lofton, Ashton Martin, Isabella Martinez, Jade McAdam.

### 8th Grade

Owen Aamot, Vanessa Aiken, Ethan Bounds, Anthony Culver, Hannah Hook, Aja Lee, Caleb Lewis, Vincent Preis, Melinda Scheer.

### 9th Grade

Payton Dickinson, Tiffanie Hendry-Conrad, Carlen Herz, Devon Howard, Christian Joens\*, Ashley Parker, Ramie Salipot, Bryon Sipes, Keoni Vierra, Colby Whitford.

### 10th Grade

Collin Martin\*, Leona Martinez, Hunter Olmstead, Eleanor Parent, Sadie Peif, Sierra Rensink, Rebekah Rider, Andrea Rogers, Kai Sahlin, Cassidy Smith, Lily Whitford.

### 11th Grade

William Baird, Christiann Barela, Cody Carlson, Aunya Carpenter, Amanda Gallagos, Izabela Ramos\*, Troy Schmidt\*, Iona Werda, Devin Wilbur-Bankenship.

### 12th Grade

Josabet Acevedo-Lara, Shanon Clemons\*, Faith Daniels\*, Marissa Huizar, Dalton Newby, David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, Charles Parent, Jonas Rensink, Jaidyn Swanson\*, Karlie-Rose Vierra.



## Jim Newby receives William Dahlgren Award

Photo courtesy of Steven Lynn.

High school teacher Jim Newby received the William Dahlgren Teacher of Excellence Award on April 17, 2019. The William Dahlgren Award recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for inspiring students in math, science, and engineering fields, particularly classes directed towards learning the field of plastics and general entrepreneurship activities/efforts with a prize of \$500.

Jim has taught wood shop for the past six years. Students leave his class with the design and manufacturing skills that the industry is looking for. Jim has also forged partnerships with local companies such as Pacific Rim Tonewoods who donate materials for the class to use. He is continually looking for experiences that benefit his students.

Mr. Newby was recommended for this award by Superintendent Wayne Barrett.



# FIELD TRIP LEARNING...



## PADILLA BAY ESTUARY!

This spring, Mrs. Dills' kindergarten class and their 3rd grade reading buddies in Ms. Wilson's room received two grants. One was from Shell Refinery and the other from Target to support science-based field trips. So far they have gone to and learned about estuaries, Tulip Town as they learn more about the life cycle of plants, and their last trip will be to the Marblemount Fish Hatchery, as they learn about the salmon life cycle. Students in both classes are learning so much and would like to thank everyone involved in making such generous donations possible.

– Lisa Dills, Kindergarten Teacher



## TIP-TOEING THROUGH TULIP TOWN!



## SKAGIT FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUP

Our Concrete High School 7th and 8th graders brought their A-game to the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group native plant nursery on March 26. This group of 35 students worked hard for two hours, potting nearly 500 Sitka spruce for future stream restoration projects to help with salmon habitat recovery. The Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group staff were very impressed by our students' focus and work ethic. Nursery staff reported that they potted nearly twice as many trees in the same amount of time as other middle school groups. Go Lions!

– Sacha Buller, 7th-8th Grade Science Teacher



# DESTINATION IMAGINATION



This small group of elementary students went to the Destination Imagination Competition on March 9, 2019 held at Explorer Middle School in Mukilteo, WA. They placed 3rd among the other elementary school teams there that competed in the Service Learning Project! We are the first Skagit County elementary team to compete in the 20 years that they have been holding this competition that helps children think outside the box to solve everyday issues!

The students who went are:  
RJ Lamkin,  
Ashlyn Morgareidge,  
Alexis Houser,  
Matilda Meyer,  
Max Preis,  
Sammy Mitchell  
and Kylie Selin.

– Angela Olsen



## ASB OFFICERS



### 2018-19 ASB Officers introduced at November Board Meeting.

From left: Raylee Ward, Secretary; Aunya Carpenter, Publicity Manager; Hunter Olmstead, Vice President; Faith Daniels, President; Unity Reynolds, Treasurer; Josie Acevedo, Concessions Manager; Georgia Gregush, School Board Representative

**Congratulations to Chris Bemke** for bench pressing 300 pounds! Chris has now earned the honor of adding his name to the 300 club.

– Brandon Wright, Powerlifting Teacher



## Thank You!

Thank you to **Joel Gardner Orthodontics** for the monetary donation of \$200.00 to the Concrete PTO! Concrete PTO was nominated many times by community members and won the Orthodontist's December drawing.

– Sheena Daniels



## STEM



## Girls in STEM

Concrete girls, grades 7-11 enjoy an inspiring day at **Skagit Valley College's Women in STEM** conference, exploring different STEM careers and listening to motivational speakers from around the state.

– Abbey Baeslack, Counselor



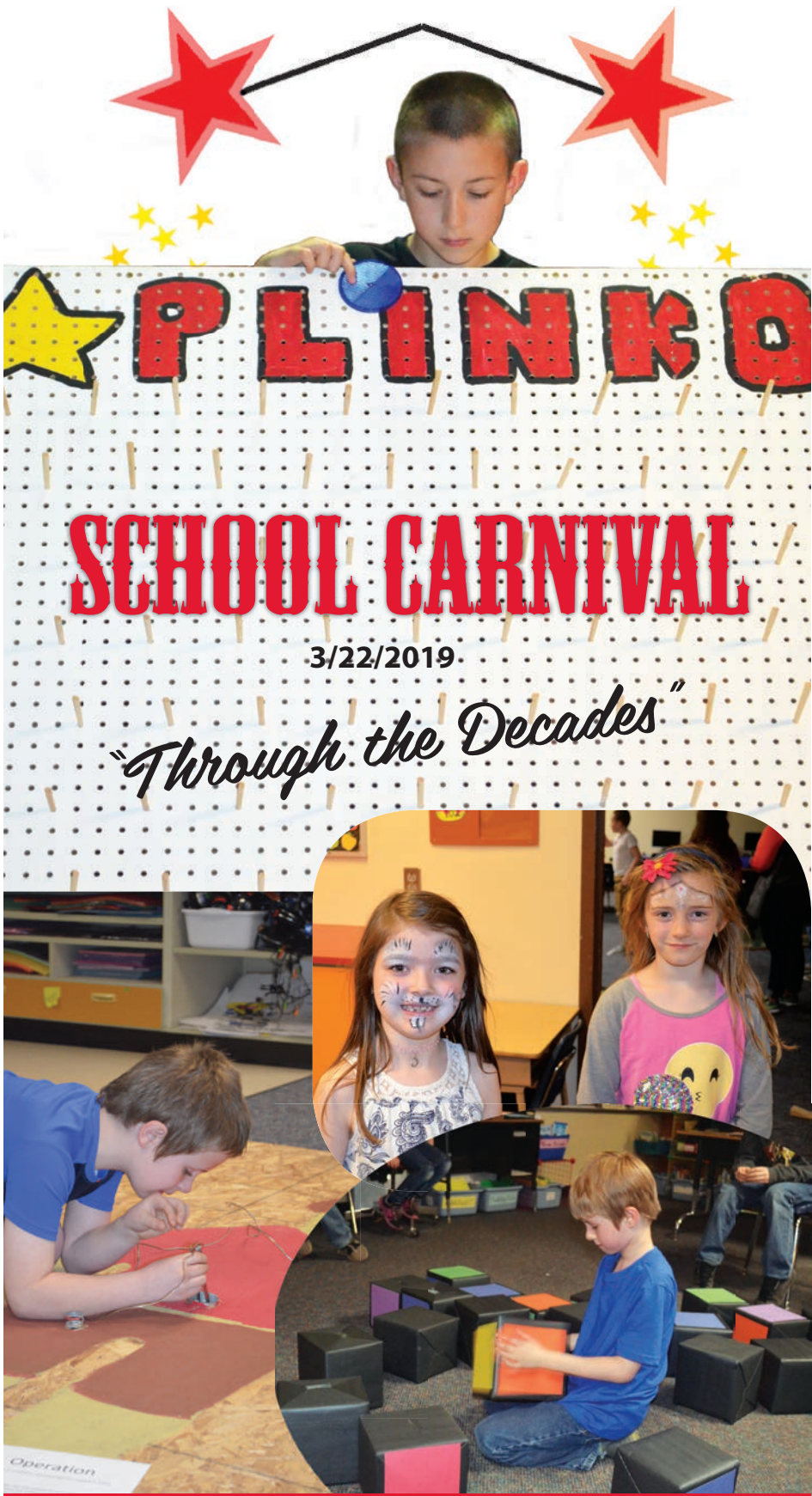


# March Family Field Trip

## Mardi Gras Parade

Concrete Elementary was represented by our kindergarten students and families during our March Family field trip. Everyone who came walked in the Concrete Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, March 2, 2019. (Kindergarten teachers: Lisa Dills and Jennifer Henderson)

– Lisa Dills, Kindergarten Teacher



Thank you to our wonderful PTO for organizing these events!

— Photos courtesy of Sheena Daniels.



# READ ACROSS AMERICA!



## Read Across America Night on 2/28/19 was enjoyed by all!

We had lots of guests reading to and with our students, we had a book swap and we had a few fun crafts! Thank you to all who came and made it a night to remember!!

-Sheena Daniels



## Twin Cedars Alternative School 2018-19

Mariah and Gabe joined Twin Cedars in 2018 and baby joined this year. Their entry into the program came at a stressful time in their lives and the transition to this program was slow. Something happened over the summer of 2018 and the progress began to increase with Mariah completing 11 credits since January 2018. Currently students attending Concrete High School earn about 7 credits per year. Gabe has a fire under him as well! Congratulations to them both. They are awesome students and parents too.

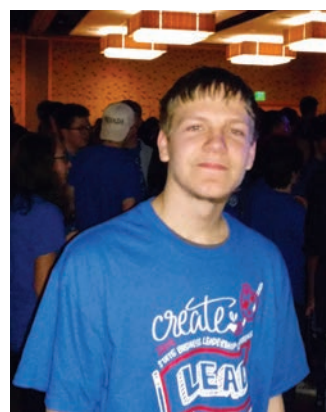
- Mary Janda, Twin Cedars Teacher



From left: Bryan Ribera, Gabe Thompson, Mariah Casteel, baby Arianna



## State Business Leadership Conference



Left to right: Charlie Bartel (Introduction to IT), Collin Martin (Spreadsheet Applications), Brylon Sipes (Word Processing), and Colby Whitford (Introduction to IT) all competed in the FBLA State Business Leadership Conference in Bellevue from April 10-13.

- Claus Joens, FBLA Adviser



# Smiles Dental Visits CSD Kindergarten Classes



On March 20th, Smiles Dental from Sedro Woolley came to Concrete Elementary. Our two kindergarten classes got to learn the differences between healthy and non-healthy snacks and how important it is to eat healthy and brush your teeth to prevent cavities.

– Organized by Beverly Lauder milk, School Nurse.

Submission and photos by Jami Rogge, Health Assistant.



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# 1ST GRADERS MAKE LEPRECHAUN TRAPS

The 1st grade classes had an assignment to make Leprechaun Traps as an at-home assignment. They had to list the supplies that they used and a description of how their trap works.

– Jaci Gallagher, Elementary Principal



# 100 Mile Club



Mrs. Dills' class has logged over 650 miles (2600 laps) this school year at the 100 Mile Club.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



HAVE A SAFE  
AND HAPPY  
SUMMER SEASON!



### ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

To All Parents, Students, Staff & Visitors:

In accordance with federal regulations covering asbestos containing materials (ACM) in schools, the Concrete School District is notifying parents and students that asbestos containing materials are present at Concrete High School. The Board of Directors has authorized a comprehensive inspection of the buildings, by EPA certified inspectors, who confirmed that ACM is present in the school.

Asbestos is a natural material found throughout the world and is used in hundreds of products, mostly building materials and fireproofing. However, exposure to asbestos has been linked to a variety of diseases. This requires that each district develop a management plan for whatever ACM exists in its schools.

Asbestos materials are safe as long as they are contained in a stable, covered condition. It is critical that students or staff do not create activities that will disturb areas that are covered such as pounding, scraping, puncturing, drilling, sawing, etc. If anyone sees evidence of such abuse, we are asking that they notify the district's asbestos coordinator or someone with authority.

ACM is presently in the following locations at Concrete High School: Covered roofing, some old floor tile, pipe insulation, elbows and fittings throughout the facility (except the multipurpose room & tech building), insulation on underground piping to the tech building, and cement asbestos board on the exterior of the gym building. There is no friable asbestos in an exposed area or condition in the Concrete School District at this time.

The district has prepared a management plan that interested persons can review at the high school office or maintenance office. The plan provides for regular inspections, special training and procedures for maintenance and custodial staff, and design of a program that will result in containment and monitoring of the material. Routine surveillance of the ACM will assure that damage has not occurred or that it is immediately and properly treated if it has. Our next three-year inspection is scheduled for the summer of 2021 from an outside inspector. This year we will perform our regular twice-a-year inspection. All questions regarding asbestos containing material should be directed to the facilities supervisor.

Thank you for your attention and your cooperation in helping us to promote the health, safety and general environment for occupants and users of district facilities.

Paul Carter, Facilities Supervisor  
Concrete School District



### SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Concrete School District announces the sponsorship of the Simplified Summer Food Program for all children ages one through 18. Any child may come and eat meals at the specified times listed below.

Children DO NOT need to be enrolled in the summer program in order to receive FREE meals. Children must consume all food in the cafeteria. Please call the Concrete School District office at (360) 853-4000 if you have any questions.

Meals will be made available at **no charge** at the following location and time(s) Monday through Friday, June 24, 2019 through August 16, 2019:

**Concrete Elementary  
School Cafeteria  
7830 South Superior Avenue  
Concrete WA 98237  
Breakfast – 9:00am-9:30am  
Lunch – 12:00pm-12:30pm**

"In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: 202-690-7442; or email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

### CHILD FIND

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities and/or children who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless. If you know of a child who lives within the Concrete School District who is newly born to five years old and who might need special education services, or children who might be homeless, please contact Leilani Thomas, Special Services Director at 360-853-4008.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

The Concrete School District is an identified evacuation site in an emergency. If you have access to a computer, you can go online to [www.mystateusa.com](http://www.mystateusa.com) and select the notification you would like to receive. If we can be of any help please give us a call 360-853-4000.

### HOMELESS –MCKINNEY-VENTO

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. Leilani Thomas is the homeless liaison for the Concrete School District. You may contact her at (360) 853-4008 or [lthomas@concrete.k12.wa.us](mailto:lthomas@concrete.k12.wa.us) if you have any questions.

### NON DISCRIMINATION

The Concrete School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Wayne Barrett is the Affirmative Action Officer, Compliance Coordinator, and the Title IX Officer, 360-853-4000; Abbey Baeslack is the Elementary School 504 Coordinator, 360-853-4115; Linda Joens is the High School 504 Coordinator, 360-853-4025; and Leilani Thomas is the Homeless Liaison, Title 1A and Special Education Director, 360-853-4008. Concrete School District's address is 45389 Airport Way, Concrete WA 98237.

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone who would like to volunteer in our schools (classroom, field trips, library, sporting events, etc.) may contact the elementary school, the high school, or the district office for a volunteer application and/or information. You may contact the district office at 360-853-4000, the elementary school at 360-853-4110, or the high school at 360-853-4015. If you would like more information on the parent involvement policy #4130 you may access our website at [www.concrete.k12.wa.us](http://www.concrete.k12.wa.us) then click on school board, 4000 series, then click 4130 policy and 4130PR for the procedure. We appreciate your interest in volunteering!



### OUR DISTRICT'S TIP REPORTING SERVICE

Safety is one of our district's top priorities, that's why we're using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting system that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

1. **Phone:** 360-419-6971
2. **Text:** Text your tip to 360.419.6971
3. **Email:** 1502@alert1.us
4. **Web:** <http://1502.alert1.us>

Easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you're concerned about. You can submit a tip anonymously online or by telephone. Thanks in advance for helping to make our school community a safer place to work and learn! We appreciate your support.

### SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE

The Concrete School District makes every effort to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which protects the rights of individuals with disabilities. A child is a qualified disabled person if he or she is between the age of 3 to 21 and has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and/or working. If you feel that your child is a qualified disabled person as outlined above and needs special help in school, please contact Linda Joens, high school counselor, at 360-853-4025 or Abbey Baeslack, elementary school counselor, at 360-853-4115.



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Marla Reed, Co-Director

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Paul Carter, Supervisor

All emails are first initial and full last name followed by @concrete.k12.wa.us without spaces and all lower case.

### SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Concrete School District has an automated system in place (SchoolMessenger) to automatically call families of our students in the event of emergency school closures, late start, and student absences. If you receive calls and you do not have any children in our district please contact the school district office at 360-853-4000.

## YOUR CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT #11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Hildi Parker,  
District #1



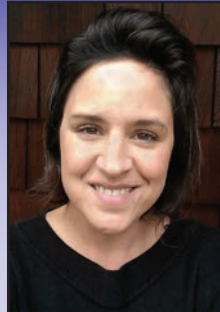
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