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CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL



Class of 2015

By Sally Straathof, Counselor

Graduation is just around the corner and the Class of 2015 will soon become another history marker at Concrete High School. Graduation celebrations bring many activities to the school and community for seniors and their families.

May 31 – June 2 Senior Trip to Lake Chelan

June 4	Locker cleanout/senior checkout	8:00am – 12:00pm
	Yearbook assembly in the high school gym	1:00pm
	Senior Dinner at Community Bible Church	5:00pm
	Baccalaureate (high school gym)	6:30pm
	Scholarships & Awards (high school gym)	7:30pm

June 5	Graduation practice for seniors (high school gym)	8:00am
	<u>"Graduation"</u> (high school gym)	7:00pm

Seniors ready for graduation have completed their portfolios, job shadows, presentations, and volunteer hours to meet graduation requirements. Scholarship applications are in full swing and students are making sure they meet credit requirements on their high school transcripts. The class of 2015 and the high school faculty and staff invite everyone to join us on June 4th for Baccalaureate and Scholarship Night as well as on June 5th to witness our seniors graduating from Concrete High School. The high school office may be contacted for further questions on any of these events at 360-853-4015.

100th DAY OF SCHOOL — February 17, 2015



Ms. Lawrenson's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Beazizo's Kindergarten Class

Elms & Lahr Received National Board Certification

Concrete Elementary teachers, Hallie Elms and Lacy Lahr, were recognized at the January 29th board meeting for achieving their National Board Certification. This is an extremely rigorous process and we are extremely proud of Hallie and Lacy for going above and beyond to continue their pursuit for excellence in education. Congratulations, Hallie and Lacy!



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Concrete Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. Students MUST be 5 years of age by August 31st 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 call the elementary school at (360) 853-8145 for more information.



PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

The Concrete School District is in the process of upgrading phone systems. Please make a note of the following phone number changes:

District Office:	853-4000
District Fax:	853-4004
High School:	853-4015
High School Fax:	853-4066
Special Services:	853-4008
Special Services Fax:	853-4013
Skagit River School House / Twin Cedars Alternative High School:	853-4049



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 12TH!!

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

CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT ... PRIDE, STYLE, DESIRE!

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Concrete High School Chapter of National Honor Society hosted its annual Induction Ceremony on February 18, 2015. Haley McNealey, the NHS president, conducted the ceremony. The service included the traditional lighting of the candles and the introduction of the new members. NHS alumni Forest Barnedt was the featured speaker. In line with the four characteristics emphasized by the society, Forest encouraged the inductees to give service by helping others at all times, to be leaders that work alongside their peers, to be good students by doing hard things, and to think about the type of person they would like to be.

The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society (first row): Grayson Luttrell, Hannah Rensink, Brook Barnedt, Jaycelyn Kuipers, and Tanner Wilson. (Second Row): Mrs. Van Wagoner, Emily Bridge, Ashlee Gilbert, Riley Pritchard, Chloe Stidman, and Tessa Coffell.



Bus Drivers Recently Honored

Concrete School District bus drivers were recently honored at the April 30th school board meeting. A BIG thank you to all our drivers for all your dedication to your job. You are very much appreciated! Pictured are as follows (from left): Marla Reed, Delaine VanderLinden, Connie Kersteter, and Karl Kersteter.



Not pictured: Darla Feetham, Tammi Holman, Jacque Nybo, and Tony Zachman.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

By Claus Joens, Advisor

This year eight Concrete High School students competed at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Spokane. The following students competed: Haley McNealey (Business Calculations, Personal Finance); Shelby Meacham (Public Speaking); Brook Barnedt (Impromptu

Speaking); Hannah Haskett (FBLA Creed); David Swain (Business Math); Emily Schmidt, Mary Spangler, and Madisyn Renzelman (Business Ethics, Partnership with Business). We are very proud of the accomplishments these students have achieved this year!

CONCRETE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL 1ST SEMESTER HONOR STUDENTS - February 2015

The following students received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. An * before their name denotes them as receiving a perfect 4.0.

7th GRADE

William Baird, Elizaeth Buchta, *Thalen Cambo, Cody Carlson, Lexi Denley, Jacquelyn Jackson, Jade Kidder, Samantha Mitchell, Khyla Phillips, Izabela Ramos, Peyton Sanchez, *Troy Schmidt, and Devin Wilbur-Blankenship.

8th GRADE

Jonathan Akers, Tiana Brookshire, Shanon Clemons, Tyler Coffell, Marissa Huizar, Dalton Newby, Jaidyn Swanson, and Nora Towner.

9th GRADE

Rebecca Azure, Emma Claybo, Riley Fichter, Hannah Haskett, Erica Knuth, *McKenna Kononen, Rebeckah McClure, Cole Meacham, Madisyn Renzelman, *Emily Schmidt, *Mary Spangler, Jasara Taylor-Temple, and Isaac Tiemens.

10th GRADE

Brook Barnedt, Emily Bridge, Tessa Coffell, Ashlee Gilbert, Jaycelyn Kuipers, Brenton Lafayette, Riley Pritchard, Hannah Rensink, Chloe Stidman, and Destiny VanBibber.

11th GRADE

Cassidy Cargile, Joshua Gentry, Emily Greso, Hannah Kononen, *Mary Mauck, *Shelby Meacham, Donald Olmstead III, Hannah Peif, Amanda Perry, and Ashten Tygret.

12th GRADE

Gibson Fichter, Shayane Gilbert, Erin Hendry, *Haley McNealey, and Marissa Wenneker.

CONCRETE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS - January- March 2015

JANUARY

Vanessa Aiken
Kassidy Butler
Ava Kuipers
Natalie Lahr
Isabella Martinez
Ashley Parker
Zach Rogers
Colby Whitford

FEBRUARY

Genevieve Cruz San Juan
Christian Joens
Lane Lloyd
Collin Martin
Ally Mitchell
Hunter Olmstead
Anja Roozen
Anna Spangler
Chris Whorten

MARCH

Michael Bartel
Myah Cyr
Echo Cyr
Georgia Driver
Orion Edge
Mariah Kelly
Caleb Lewis
Collin Martin
Gary Mitchell
Mason Stevenson
DJ Young

CONCRETE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHARACTER TRAIT AWARDS - January-April 2015

JANUARY - Tolerance

Tasha Brink
Alexa Dalton
Abigail Evans
Courtney Hastings
Tiffany Hendry-Conrad
Morgan Markley
Jade McAdam
Kaylee Nieshe
Landon Norris
Nehida Siqueros
Anna Spangler
Leah-Marie Tiemens
Tyler Whorten

FEBRUARY - Integrity

Tomas Buchta
James Frame
Alexis Houser
Devon Howard
Taylor Latta
Zach McCall
Maxwell Preis
Sierra Rensink
Zach Rogers
Kaitlynn Smith
Hunter Throssel
Davian Van Bibber
McKinley Wilson

MARCH - Perseverance

Breanna Coggins
Anthony Culver
Joey Devries
Halee Dickerman
Payton Dickinson
Sean French
Victor Gallegos
Kayleann Kohnke
Mariah LaBounty
James Lockrem
Owen Poolos
Lee Reigel
Oblio Thorn
Raylee Ward
Aiden Young

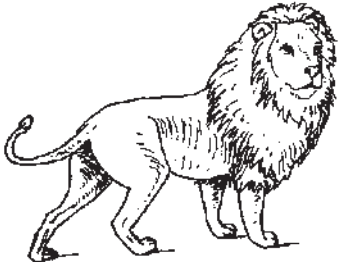
APRIL - Courage

Kay-Lyn Andrews
Sophia Cupples
Jasmine Daub
Leda Decoteau
Tyler Dickinson
Carolyn Dominguez
Harley Herz
J.R. Janda
Jonah Kuipers
Jade Morgan
Vincent Preis
Tylar Rogge
Ashlynd Sells

Pi Challenge Winner



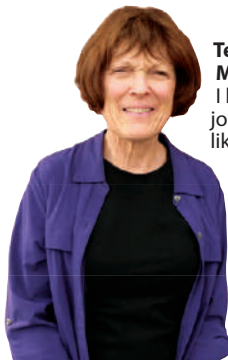
Lexi Denley - 2015 7th-8th Grade Pi Challenge Winner. She memorized the first 58 digits of Pi.



Dr. Seuss Read Across America Night - March 2, 2015

TWIN CEDARS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Thoughts from the teacher and the students



Teacher, Mary Janda: I love my job. I feel like I am working with friends – adults and students.



Logan Fisher: Being enrolled in Twin Cedars, I have learned to be in control of my own life and not let anything take away from who I am and what I want to be. Twin Cedars has allowed that to happen.



Amy Storms: I had trouble learning in the normal school setting. It's easier for me to learn by reading at home and then doing the work. (Amy has completed 3 credits this year).



Lee Fleming: I have done more work in less time and I get a better education with more time to work on my own interests.



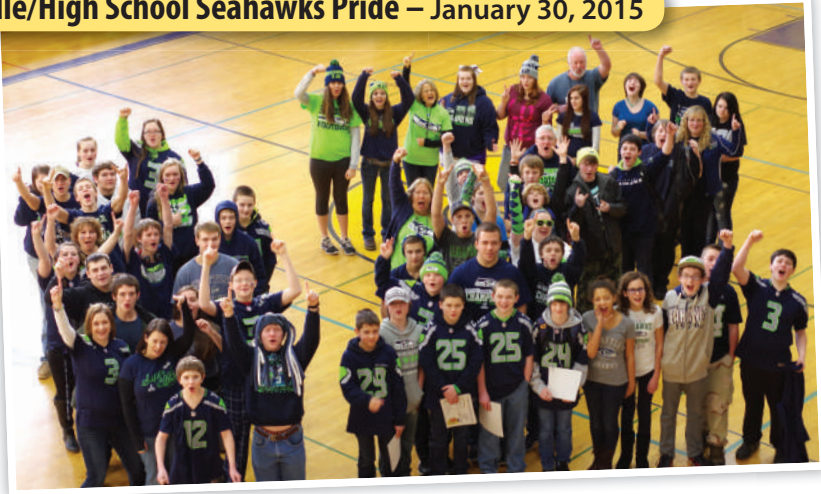
Bowen Beals: Skagit River School House student.

Kaylie Mefford (not pictured): I was falling behind in high school credits, not able to focus, and started to lose faith in graduating. I signed up for the alternative school program four months ago and am now finishing my third credit. People ask me why I'm not in "school" and I tell them I'm in Twin Cedars and they say they have never heard of it. I tell them about it and how this program has given me confidence. I am thankful.

Sidney Adderly (not pictured): Alternative school allows me to be self-motivated and makes it easier for me to learn.

SOME OF THE GOOD TIMES ... SPRING 2014-2015

Middle/High School Seahawks Pride – January 30, 2015



School Board Appreciation Month – January 2015



School Board appreciation month was in January. The staff and students sent them posters and cards to show their appreciation at the January 29, 2015 school board meeting. THANK YOU to our wonderful school board members!!

Science Fair - Pacific Science Center Visit – February 19, 2015



Woodfest Competition - April 11 & 12, 2015

Concrete High School students participated in Sedro-Woolley's Woodfest competition on April 11th and 12th, 2015. We had four individuals enter projects into the competition. Donnie Olmstead took home second place overall with his treasure chest. The other three students also all won outstanding merit award prizes donated by local community businesses. Madeline Corn won for her barn, Donovan Dellinger won for his fish cutting board, and Trevor Lerma won for his night stand. Jim Newby, Concrete High School's wood shop teacher, was very impressed with his students efforts at Woodfest this year and hopes that the school's outstanding performance will continue in the years to come.



Spring Concert - March 27, 2015



Music filled the air at the spring music concert the morning of March 27, 2015.

Career Fair - February 10, 2015



Concrete High School students enjoyed exploring many different careers at the Career Fair on February 10, 2015.

Fun Times at the Carnival - March 7, 2015



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 this summer (2015) 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.

Schuyler Brown, Facilities Supervisor
Concrete School District

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 Leilani Thomas at 360-853-4008.

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) 853-8145, 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 then click on school board, 4000 series, then click 4130 policy and 4130PR for the procedure. We appreciate your interest in volunteering!

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. Sally Straathof is the homeless liaison for the Concrete School District. You may contact her at Concrete High School at (360) 853-4015 or sstraathof@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: Barbara Hawkings is the Affirmative Action Officer, Compliance Coordinator, and the Title IX Officer, (360) 853-4000; Sally Straathof is the 504 Coordinator and the Homeless Coordinator, (360) 853-4015; and Leilani Thomas is the Title 1A and Special Education Director, (360) 853-4008. Concrete School District's address is 45389 Airport Way, Concrete WA 98237.

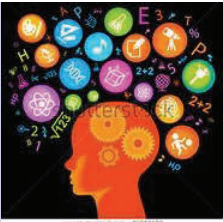
SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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.

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.

“Committed to developing the full academic and civic potential of every student”



HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM PROGRAM INFORMATION

Concrete School District

45389 Airport Way Concrete, WA 98237

What is a Highly Capable Learner?

A Highly Capable (HC) learner is defined as “a student who has been assessed to have superior intellectual ability as exhibited by cognitive ability, specific academic achievement, and exceptional creativity” (OSPI, 2009).

The Highly Capable Program Consists of What Grade Levels?

The Highly Capable program offers enrollment to students K-12.

Identifying Highly Capable Learners:

Students can be referred to the Highly Capable program by education staff, teachers, and parents. A referral to the Highly Capable program does not guarantee enrollment.

Is Parent Approval Required?

YES. Parents are required to give written permission before testing, identifying and placement.

What Type Of Testing will be Done?

Students will be required to participate in several different types of tests. Testing will include but is not limited to the Woodcock Johnson IV, Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test 2 (KBIT2), Cognitive Aptitude Test (CoGat), and SIGS. Tests will be administered by the school psychologist. Additional data will be collected for review: grades, state assessments and district assessments.

What Does the Program Offer?

Students identified as Highly Capable will be taught by Highly Capable teachers, who will individualize their instruction to accommodate the educational needs of the identified students. Students enrolled in the Highly Capable program may be provided opportunities for accelerated learning, grouping arrangements that provide intellectual and interest peer group interactions, K-12 cooperative agreements between schools and institutions of higher education, and/or mentorships and career exploration opportunities.

What if I Want My Child to be Tested?

If you feel that your child is Highly Capable and would like an application or would like to gain additional information about the program, please contact:

Concrete Elementary School, K-6	Classroom Teacher (360) 853-8145
Concrete High School, 7-12	Classroom Teacher (360) 853-4015
Special Programs, District Office	Executive Director (360) 853-4008



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 any summer program in order to receive FREE meals. Children must consume all food in the cafeteria. Meals will be made available at the following location and time(s) Mondays through Wednesdays July 6th through August 5th:

Concrete High School Cafeteria
7830 South Superior Avenue
Concrete WA 98237
Breakfast – 9:00am-9:30am
Lunch – 12:30pm-1:00pm

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Hope to see you there!

Safe Schools Life Line

1-866-548-3847 ext. 166

Safe Schools Life Line is a toll-free number that gives students, staff, and parents the power to help keep our district safe. The Safe Schools Life Line is an anonymous, toll-free tip line that can be accessed 24 hours/7 days a week. Call this number any time you need to tip off school administration about a potential crisis.

Whom To Contact In The District



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Karl Kersteter, Supervisor

Maintenance Department

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Schuyler Brown, Supervisor

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

Spring & Summer High School Football Activities

By Ron Rood, High School Football Coach

The Concrete High School football team will be conducting spring and summer activities starting with an after school practice Monday June 1st. There will be a sign-up meeting prior to this practice when a calendar of activities and athletic packets will be handed out. The Concrete powerhouse will be open from 6pm to 7pm for all Concrete student athletes all summer.

The Lions football team will attend Camp Rilea again this year in Astoria, Oregon from July 25th to July 28th where they will compete against top small schools from Washington and Oregon. There will be evening practices that players need to attend prior to the camp. Concrete coaches Josh Fichter,



Don Olmstead, Chad Clark, and Ron Rood can be contacted for details and forms. Fall practice starts on Wednesday, August 19th. Current physicals, signed athletic packets, and student insurance are required to turn out. Go Lions!

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