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Superintendent's Message

By Wayne Barrett

Spring 2022

As we approach the end of the year and have progressed back to in-person learning, I would like to thank our staff for all they have done for our students and community. We began the year with high hopes for a "normal school year" only to see the health risks rise and a need to continue with precautions in our classrooms. The endless hours of COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and countless quarantines of often large numbers of students have challenged us greatly.

The Concrete schools and the community have much to celebrate. Our Farm to School program continues to expand and involve more stakeholders, and our Concrete Youth Sports, under the leadership of Joe and Anna Frank, has really taken off. I would encourage as many students and families as possible to get involved in this great program which currently has seven sports for our youth to participate in. We have received many grants to engage students and expand our learning environments to include outside learning and social-emotional support in a variety of settings. We will begin next year with new math curriculum and are currently piloting two different publisher's materials.

We will have summer school for elementary and high school students beginning June 20th and finishing July 14th. All secondary course work will be credit recovery. The elementary will be on a priority list based on assessment data and available staffing.

We will celebrate our high school seniors on June 3, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Concrete High School football stadium. Please join us in congratulating our seniors as they prepare for their next step in life and education



Registration is Open!!

Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten

2022-2023
School Year

Stop by the elementary office to pick up a registration packet or call to have one sent with a sibling.
(360) 853-4110
lcorn@concrete.k12.wa.us

Kindergarten: Your child must be 5 years old by August 31, 2022.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK): Your child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2022.

Current TK students need to only update immunization records—they are already registered as a CES student.

Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records to complete the registration process. We can make copies of your paperwork for our records. We encourage all families to participate in early registration so that the school district has time to plan for your child's arrival. We look forward to welcoming all Kindergarteners, and TKs, to the Concrete School District in the fall.

CHS CLASS OF 2022



Graduation

Friday, June 3, 6:00 pm

Graduation ceremony at the Concrete High School football stadium.

GRAD WEEK:

- 5/31 Senior Trip
- 6/1 Senior Checkout - Chromebooks, fees, lockers, etc.
- 6/1 Senior Banquet & Baccalaureate - Doors open at 5:30 pm in the Commons
- 6/2 HS Awards Night
- 6/3 Grad practice, grad walk from HS to the elementary school
- 6/3 Graduation Ceremony at 6:00 pm (*Graduates are required to arrive by 4:30 pm)

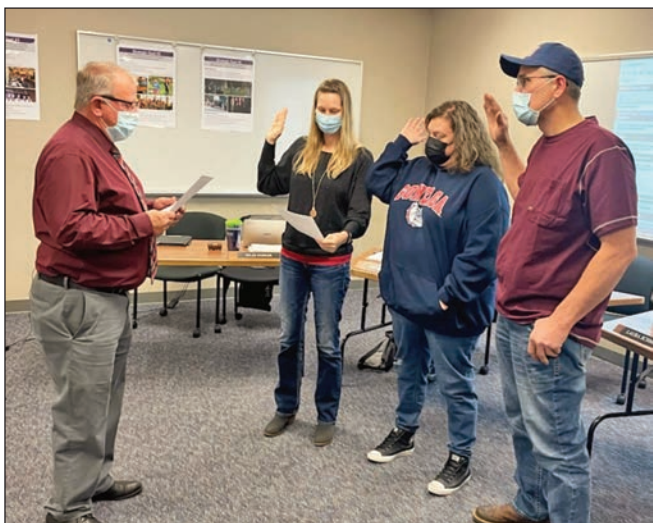
HONOR ROLL 2021-2022



The Concrete High National Honor Society (NHS) hosted the Honor Roll Recognition event on Tuesday morning, March 8, 2022. Colby Whitford, the NHS president, along with Devon Howard and Anthony Culver congratulated the honor roll students on their academic achievement during the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Hayley Daniels gave a speech congratulating students on their hard work and encouraging students to continue to do their best. The NHS provided muffins and juice in celebration of the accomplishments of these fine students. Congratulations Honor Roll Students! Concrete High School is proud of your efforts.

Newly elected school board members take their oath of office at the December 16, 2021 board meeting.



Left to right: Wayne Barrett, Superintendent, administering oath of office; Hildi Parker, District #1; Janet Culver, District #3; Paul Rogge, District #4 (At-Large).

2021-2022 First Semester Honor Roll Students

7th Grade – Logan Alberts, Nevin Benthimer, Aurora Brossard, Madelynn Norris, Riley O'neil, Maxwell Preis, Aleise Rensink, Kyliannah Selin, Leonard Tolman, Vija Vezis, Willa Witford

8th Grade – Harley Bettys, Robert Borreggine, Amelia Culver, Ethan Derrick, Tysen Gordon, Alexis Houser, Pamela Huntley, Layla Lewis, Ashlyn Morgareidge, Alex Olson, Lisa Sidibeh, John Wagleitner

9th Grade – Kelsey Edwards, Harley Herz, Alex Johnston, Kelsy Martin, Kaylee Nieshe, Josiah Rider, Hunter Throssel

10th Grade – Michael Bartel, Genevieve Cruz, Adam Culver, Hayley Daniels, Indie Goddard, Trevor Howard, Camrin Hurley, Ashton Martin, Delanie O'Neil

11th Grade – Audrey Ottow

12th Grade – Payton Dickinson, Carlen Herz, Devon Howard, Kayla Knuth, Kendra Knuth, Ashley Parker, Victor Silva-Benavides, Brylon Sipes, Colby Whitford

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CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 15TH!!



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EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION



Kristen Fairbank received a professional excellence award at the April 28th, 2022 board meeting for creating the new ALPS program as well as exceptional support in the extra Right Response training of staff.

At the January 27, 2022 board meeting, Elementary Secretary Lori Corn was recognized by Superintendent Wayne Barrett for her outstanding dedication and exceptional support.



Concrete Crushers Running Club has begun. We have about 36 students, 3rd through 6th grade, participating. We are training for a 5k at the end of the session in June. Coaches are: Stephanie Henning, Jennifer Henderson, Anna Frank, Cassa Wing, Rebecca Wilson, Stephanie Morgareidge, Linda Kilpatrick, Bill Crouse, and Mike Brondi.

–Linda Kilpatrick

*Too Kind
Twosday*

The elementary school celebrated ‘Too Kind Twosday’ on 2/22/22! The students wore tie-dye and spent the day focusing spreading kindness around the school – with a special treat of otter-pops served at recess by a Kindness leadership team of awesome 5th and 6th graders!



Left to right: Jewels Ralston, Zoe Davenport, Kendehl Edwards

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Rose Culwell
Teacher



Rhiannin Burton
Nurse



Chloe Crosson
Paraeducator



Elizabeth Diehl
Teacher



Lisa Fenley
High School Secretary



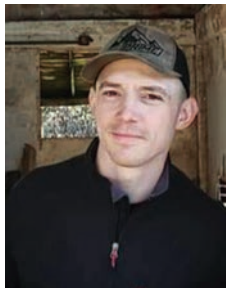
Tobi Heath
Mental Health/
Social Worker



Atosha Rhoads
Paraeducator



Patrick Slimane
Head HS Football Coach



David White
MS Wrestling Coach

NOT PICTURED:

Dianne Aamot
MS Girls Basketball
Assistant Coach
Conner Bridgman
Baseball Coach
Carlee Brigham
Paraeducator
Caleb French
Paraeducator
Charles Johnson
Bus Driver

WELCOME ALL!

FAREWELL TO THESE STAFF MEMBERS



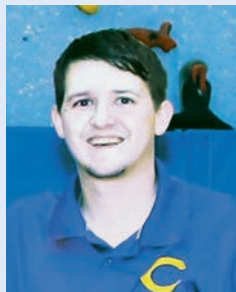
Natasha Aiken
Cook



Marcus Carr
Head HS Track Coach



Amy March
Paraeducator



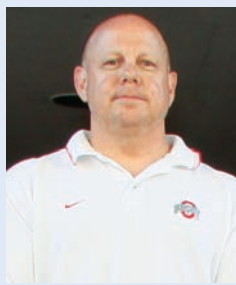
Dallas Newby
Head MS Basketball
Coach



Jami Rogge
Health Aide



Arthur Sanchez
Head HS Football Coach



Rob Thomas
Head MS Volleyball Coach

You Will Be Missed!



FAREWELL TO OUR
RETIRING STAFF
MEMBERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
YEARS OF SERVICE!



Bill Howard
Teacher
30 Years of Service



Mary Janda
Teacher
30 Years of Service



Danna Rogers
Business Manager
30 Years of Service



Vanessa Williams
Teacher
22 Years of Service

FBLA

Five CHS students qualified for the FBLA State Business Leadership Conference in Spokane April 20 - 23:

- Senior Charlie Bartel, 5th Place in Cybersecurity
- Junior Kevin Gonzales-Bautista, 5th Place in Business Communications
- Sophomore Camrin Hurley, 1st Place in Cybersecurity; 1st Place in Introduction to Information Technology; and 2nd Place in Help Desk
- Freshman Harley Herz, 2nd Place in Information Technology
- Freshman Prudence Star, 4th Place in Information Technology

Three of the student’s schedules permitted travel; Charlie Bartel, Camrin Hurley, and Harley Herz attended the conference with FBLA Advisor, Claus Joens and were joined by Carrie Crickmore, Special Services Director as Chaperone. Camrin Hurley placed 3rd at State in Introduction to Information Technology, and 9th at State in Cybersecurity, which qualified him to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois June 29th through July 2nd.

Congratulations Camrin, and Best of Luck at FBLA Nationals!



Left to right: Charlie Bartel, Camrin Hurley, Harley Herz, Carrie Crickmore



Left to right:
Harley Herz,
Camrin
Hurley, Charlie
Bartel

Farm to Feed



Stephanie Morgareidge's 1st grade class – students left to right: Linkin Taylor, Emmalin Eldridge

The Concrete Farm to School (CF2S) gardens are growing and so are the students tending the new plants. The CF2S program, a partnership between the Concrete School District and United General District 304, gives students the opportunity to grow, prepare, and eat food while learning science, math and social studies and practicing leadership and teamwork. High school students learn business and customer service skills while providing food for the school cafeteria and selling produce and flowers they grow at the Concrete Saturday Market.

This winter, CF2S brought back elementary cooking classes in the Farm to School classroom kitchen, located near Concrete Elementary School. Easily identified by the small garden in front, this is a favorite place for students and teachers. Becky Moore, a United General District 304 Program Coordinator, has created curriculum that aligns with teachers' learning objectives. Most of Concrete's elementary school students participated in cooking classes, following recipes and working in teams to prepare tasty meals with side dishes of science, math etc. Thanks is due to the Elementary School teachers and Principal Gallagher, CF2S AmeriCorps member Niko Alexander, beloved retired teacher and volunteer Mary Bianchini, and several other volunteers for making this program so special!

Concrete High School and Middle School students taking leadership, culinary and science classes also spent time this winter cooking in the Kitchen Classroom, working in teams to craft meals or projects that use what they are learning in school in real world applications. Mrs. Buller's science classes tapped maple trees, made maple syrup (which they tasted on homemade pancakes), and applied their microbiology knowledge to inoculate different materials with three species of edible mushrooms (to be eaten this summer and fall). They also used the leeks, garlic, onions and hot peppers grown by students last summer to ferment excellent Leek Kim Chi and some killer hot sauces. Mrs. Zeizer's leadership and culinary arts students practiced cooking skills and applied

the teamwork needed to prepare complicated dishes and sit down to eat them "family style" in a 55-minute classroom period. Often chaotic and hilarious, these classes are educational and really fun!

The high school students also did winter gardening chores in the greenhouse and gardens located near the "Tech" building across from the bus garage. The work included gathering and composting garden debris, planting winter crops, working on Mason Bee housing, and preparing new garden beds. Senior students fulfilling a Citizenship Action Project requirement are working on individual projects including designing hanging flower baskets, constructing a new unheated greenhouse, and researching a system that will allow the school to compost garden materials and cafeteria food waste.

Springtime has shifted the focus to gardening! Students graze on overwintered crops including kale and green onions while starting seeds and transplanting flower and vegetable seedlings into newly created garden beds inside the elk fence that they constructed last year.

If you've been watching the CF2S garden grow you certainly noticed the great profusion of beautiful flowers there last summer. Expect more this year! The students grow a large variety of flowers that they sell to help fund the program. Rachel Muia, employed by United General Hospital District 304, has been leading the CF2S program since 2014 and has led the expansion of the program to the high school and beyond. Students are now introduced to the production and marketing of cut flowers, sold as bouquets at the Concrete Saturday Market or through a weekly delivery service.

Another exciting development that you might notice driving by the garden is that Concrete students and CF2S staff are building a "caterpillar" style hoop house. This unheated structure will be used to grow heat loving vegetables this summer including peppers, cukes, eggplant, and basil followed by fall-planted greens and flowers for early spring. The construction effort has been headed up by high school senior Tyler Rogge, with labor provided by students, and has included a lot of learning for all involved.

So many people have contributed to the on-going success of this program. The school administration, teaching, and support staff have been encouraging and helpful with special thanks to the Food Service and Maintenance Divisions! United General provides many resources and guidance for the program, allowing Becky and Rachel the freedom to responsively serve our students and community! And big thanks to all of you community members who have volunteered developing this partnership and constructing the first gardens, renovating what is now the beautiful kitchen-classroom, building the greenhouse and more. Most of all we're thankful for the great students in Concrete who are now doing the work!



Mr. Wahlgren's 3rd grade class students left to right: Jayden Morgareidge and Kristopher Grant



Mrs. Roozen's 3rd grade class students left to right: Krystalynn Toscano, Alie Ralston, Cayla Woodcock

Concrete High School STEM Happenings

It's been wonderful to get students back in the classroom learning science!

High School Science

This is our 4th year teaching the OpenSciEd curriculum. We are trialing this new curriculum for OSPI with select schools across Washington including Sedro-Woolley and Bellingham Public Schools. We built speakers, dissected power strips, made battery-operated power grids, and built generators to understand energy transfer.

We also learned about thermodynamics. Students applied their math skills to calculate glacier melt and sea level rise. We applied our learning in a Baked Alaska Challenge in the Concrete Farm to School kitchen. Can you bake ice cream in the oven without it melting? Not all were successful, but every bit was delicious.

Middle School Environmental Science

We had so much fun this year. Students created native tree field guides and researched pollinators. We went on mushroom hunts and studied fungi under microscopes. We made honey muffins, mushroom dumplings, and Douglas-fir lip balm in the Concrete Farm to School kitchen. Students wowed judges in the Concrete Farm to School Compost Pile Competition.

We also went to the beach! In the Padilla Bay Reserve *Kids on the Beach* program, students collected beach gravel and studied it under the microscopes to look for forage fish eggs. We learned about forage fish and their vital role in the food chain that supports salmon and Orca whales

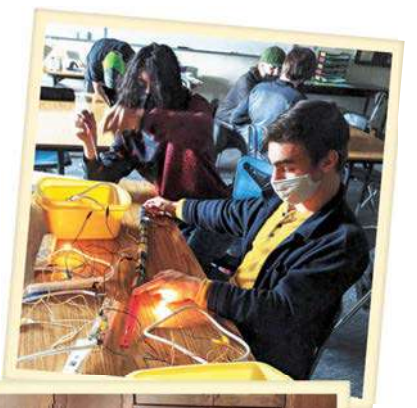
High School Environmental Science

This is the first year that this class has been offered at Concrete. We studied pollinators, fungi, compost, forest ecology, local glaciers, and renewable energy. Students cleaned mason bee cocoons, made hot sauce using lacto-fermentation, tapped bigleaf maples for sap, and inoculated logs with shiitake mushroom spores with Concrete Farm to School. We also collected eDNA from Lorenzen Creek, dissected young trees to understand tree growth, and learned to identify native tree species with Glacier Peak Institute. We will finish our year with a field trip to local farms to learn about soil health.

Exciting News!

Our Environmental Science program was awarded a Pacific Education Institute grant to expand our forest ecology lessons. We are very excited to work with Glacier Peak Institute on this project. The grant will give us the tools and equipment to study the forests around the school.

– Sacha Buller, Science Teacher



WOODFEST 2022

Woodfest 2022 is a wrap! Concrete HS/MS dominated the showcase. Devon Howard brought home the top honors with 1st place, People's Choice Award. Other honors went out to Kelsey Edwards, Logan Watts and Alexa Dalton. All of our student projects looked amazing in the competition at Sedro-Woolley High School. Thank you to everyone who came to support our students.

– Jim Newby, Woodshop Teacher



Above – Left to right: Devon Howard, Alexa Dalton, Kelsey Edwards, and Logan Watts



Devon Howard with her coffee table.



Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Concrete High School Chapter of National Honor Society hosted their annual Induction Ceremony on March 30, 2022. Colby Whitford, the NHS president, conducted the ceremony. The service included the traditional lighting of the candles and the introduction of the new members. NHS alumni Violet League was the featured speaker.

Congratulations to the following students for their induction into the National Honor Society:

Genevieve Clark, Hayley Daniels, Carlen Herz, Ashton Martin, Adam Culver, and Camrin Hurley.



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Paul Carter, Supervisor

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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 the summer of 2022 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

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 Carrie Crickmore, Special Programs Director at ccrickmore@concrete.k12.wa.us or 360-853-4151.

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 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. Carrie Crickmore is the homeless liaison for the Concrete School District. You may contact her at ccrickmore@concrete.k12.wa.us or 360-853-4151.

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 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.

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.

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 Harrison, elementary school counselor, at (360) 853-4115.

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 Thursday:

June 20, 2022 through July 14, 2022:
Concrete Elementary School Cafeteria
7830 South Superior Avenue
Concrete WA 98237
Breakfast – 8:00am-8:30am
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, 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. This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

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