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Ms. Bromley's and Mrs. Beazizo's kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school on February 10, 2011.

Japanese Flag Fundraiser By Mary Bianchini

The students in Mary Bianchini's 3rd grade class made beaded pins of the Japanese flag as a fundraiser for the Red Cross. The Japan earthquake and tsunami brought about a great deal of discussion with her class. They looked at maps to see where Japan was located, discussed the earth's tectonic plates and how they shift, and finally how a tsunami is created. With the images the students see on the news, and even our weekly TIME for KIDS magazine, the current event could not be ignored. The pins were an item that the students could make on their own. They were so excited to be helping in their own way. This has also been a lesson in supply and demand as the students are finding out that our supply could not keep up with the demand. I am so very proud of what they have accomplished and given to others. They raised over \$400 in one week!



From Left: Nathaniel Cockrum, Mary Bianchini, and Troy Schmidt.

2011-12 KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Concrete Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2011-2012 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. Please call the elementary school at (360) 853-8145 for more information.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 14TH!



Please note, school will be from 8:00am-10:00am on the last day of school (only 2 hours). Lunch will NOT be served on the last day of school.

Graduation 2011 CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL



Graduation 2011 is just around the corner and seniors are busy tying up loose ends completing credits and finishing their Senior Projects! May is a busy month for seniors with graduation pictures, final exams, senior trip, and getting ready for their commencement exercises. Following is a list of dates to remember ending with the 2011 graduation ceremony on Friday June 3rd, 2011.

Graduation Cap and Gown Pictures	May 3rd at 9:00am
Senior Pancake Breakfast with Mrs. Newby	May 7th at 7:15am, CHS
Seniors Make Up Snow Day (CPR Class)	May 7th 8am-11am, CHS
Final Exams	Week of May 23-27, CHS
Senior Trip	Monday, May 30-Tuesday, May 31
All School BBQ and Yearbook Distribution	June 1st - 12 noon - 2:30pm
Locker Cleaning and Check Out	June 1st and 2nd, CHS
Senior Dinner at Community Bible Church	June 2nd at 5:00pm
Baccalaureate	June 2nd at 6:30pm, HS Gym
Scholarships and Awards	June 2nd at 7:30pm, HS Gym
Graduation Practice	June 3rd at 8:00am, HS Gym
Commencement Ceremony	June 3rd at 7:00pm, HS Gym

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities please call the high school office at 360-853-8143. We invite everyone to come and celebrate with our seniors and wish them well on their new journey in life after high school.



COMBAT FLAG PRESENTATION

The Concrete Elementary leadership class along with the SW Community Troop Support group hosted an American Combat Flag Presentation Ceremony on Thursday, February 17, at 1:00pm at the Concrete Elementary gymnasium.

This flag was flown in a nighttime combat operation over Afghanistan on December 9, 2010, in honor of SW Community Troop Support, and is to be shared with our local communities. It is being presented in thanks and appreciation for the support and encouragement sent in the form of generous care packages to overseas troops during the 2010 Christmas season.

Arrangements for this flag to be flown in honor of our communities were made by Sgt. Charlie Ross, who happens to be a 1981 graduate of Concrete High School. Sgt. Ross and the rest of his Chinook

Aircraft Unit signed a certificate that accompanies the combat flag.

In addition to the presentation of the flag, SW Community Troop Support is thrilled to be giving special acknowledgement to the Concrete Leadership Class for their commendable act of creating a special thank you banner that was shown to the Concrete community as they marched with it in the 2010 Veterans' Day Parade that Kris Voigt arranged and then subsequently mailed to Sgt. Ross and his flight unit in Afghanistan.

This banner, along with the great Christmas care packages that were made possible by the care and generosity of our local communities, compelled Sgt. Ross and his unit to respond with much pride by sending the combat flag back to our community.

Recycling at Concrete Elementary

By Sarah Beck, 8th Grade Student

Mrs. Shipley's 7th/8th grade leadership class has been recycling cardboard and mixed paper all year for the elementary school, the district office and the high school library. So far, the grand total is 5,532 pounds. The top 5 recycling rooms are the district office—696 lbs., elementary copy room—661 lbs., Mrs. Janda's class—579 lbs., Mrs. Smith's class—244 lbs., and Mrs. Shipley's class—233 lbs. Mrs. Janda's room is used to collect and store recycling.

Jennie Collins, Ellen Cavanaugh, Schulyer Brown, Sonya Tamsky, Lisa Fenley and Mary Janda have been taking the paper to the Sauk Transfer Station all year. This has saved our district on the garbage bill. As you can see, the little things do make a difference. Mrs. Janda and some students presented some facts at the April 25th school board workshop.



Ryan Howard



1st SEMESTER HONOR STUDENTS February 2011

CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL

12th GRADE

Alex Aiken, Jessica Bauer, Spencer Duffy, August Hanke, Daniel Herrera*, Tyler Howell, Uriah Kast*, Cody Mills, Heather Mitchell, Megan Rogge, Kellen Russell, Seantel Shope, Jose Torres, Shae Van-Wagoner*, Miranda Wallen.

11th GRADE

Kassandra Barnedt, Tyler Clark, Dennis Dorgan, Danielle Dolan, Samantha Miller-Jack, Thea O'Brien, Emily Ogle, Danielle Pringle, Blaze Rautanen, Sarah Spaeth, Ben Troka, Aiden Walsh*.

10th GRADE

Arielle Aiken, Olivia Davis, Maryka Gentry, Hayden Holbrook, Drake Jansen, Alex Joens, Angie McLaughlin, Frankie Rohweder, Claire Saludo, Melia Thompson, Kylee Warner.

9th GRADE

Aimee Adkinson, Forest Barnedt, Alegria Canales, Jacquelyn Frizzell, Morgan Hazel, Sara Jenkins, Simon Marks-Franks, Kate McLaughlin, Dallas Newby*, Jonnie Rohweder, Josh Rogge, Javon Thrasher.

CONCRETE ELEMENTARY

An * before their name denotes them as receiving a perfect 4.0 gpa.

4th GRADE

A Honor Roll – *Jon Akers, Kaden Becker, Tiana Brookshire, Grace Clemons, Tyler Coffell, *Mikayla Johnson, Jasmine Lloyd, *Dalton Newby, *Dakota Ross, Danielle Ross, Nora Towner.

B Honor Roll—Kendall Bass, Michael Booker, Cassie Bridge, Evan Cleland, Dylan Darsch, Michael Denny, Shayne Luttrell, Ryan Magee, Clayton Myers, Savannah Nelson, Tyler Nevin, David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, Bailey Pavao, Jaidyn Swanson, Shawnee Sydnese.

5th GRADE

A Honor Roll – Sabrina Jansen, *Grace Johnson, Erica Knuth, McKenna Kononen, *Emily Schmidt, *Mary Spangler.

B Honor Roll – Emma Claybo, Whitney Claybo, Riley Fichter, Conner French, Caroline Gregush, Tyler Hansen, Hannah Haskett, Hailey Johnson, Cole Meacham, James Nelson, Brandon Pratt, Madisyn Renzelman, Kassiopea Roberts, Alan Smith, Jasara Taylor-Temple, Heather Warner.

6th GRADE

A Honor Roll – *Kayla Anderson, *Treyton Howell, Anna Huppuch, Sean Pratt, *Riley Pritchard, Rebecca Ross.

B Honor Roll – Brook Barnedt, Tessa Coffell, Ashlee Gilbert, Sidney Hockett, Kayla Jarmin, Jaycelyn Kuipers, Grayson Luttrell, Kiya Mann, Tate Mathis, Iris Nevin, Kyra Smith, Chloe Stidman, Amy Storms, Destiny VanBibber, Krista Wahlgren, Tanner Wilson, Kiana Wright.

7th GRADE

A Honor Roll – *Hannah Kononen, Abigail Martinesen, *Cole McLaughlin, Amanda Perry, David Quang, Tye Thompson.

B Honor Roll – Jessica Bridge, Josh Gentry, Haley McNealey, Shelby Meacham, Seth Shaffer, Ashton Tygret, Josiah Werda, Angelica Zapata.

8th GRADE

A Honor Roll – Chris Quang.
B Honor Roll – Madeline Corn, Anjelika Koenig, Taylor Mathis, Renay Miller, Baylee Robinson-O'Leary, Muriel Troka, Cassandra Williams.

RETIREEES



Retiring this year from the Concrete School District are two valued employees. In January, **Carol Ann Emerson**, Food Service Director, retired after working for the district for 3 years. Carol Ann joins her husband in retirement and is enjoying traveling to warmer climates.



Comador Stewart will retire in June. Comador has worked as a teacher in the Concrete School District for the past 21 years. Comador plans to join his wife, Leanne, in retirement. They will finally have time for some of their hobbies which include pottery, singing, gardening, quilting and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

On behalf of the district we thank you for your dedication to the children of the Concrete School District. Enjoy your retirement!

Mr. Slater's 2nd period Science Class



What do changes in motion tell you about the relationship between force and the mass of the object rolling down a ramp, onto a carpet, and then to a stop??

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Concrete National Honor Society held its 2011 Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, March 2nd. Miranda Wallen, president, conducted the ceremony. Kelsey Mitchell, Spencer Duffy, Aiden Walsh, and Megan Rogge presented the four standards—Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character—in the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Congratulations to the following students for achieving the high standards set forth by the National Honor Society: Jessica Bauer, August Hanke, Cody Mills, Jocelyn Hernandez, Arielle Aiken, Olivia Davis, Jessica Filtz, Hayden Holbrook, Drake Jansen, Alex Joens, Frankie Rohweder, Claire Saludo, Melia Thompson, and Kylee Warner.

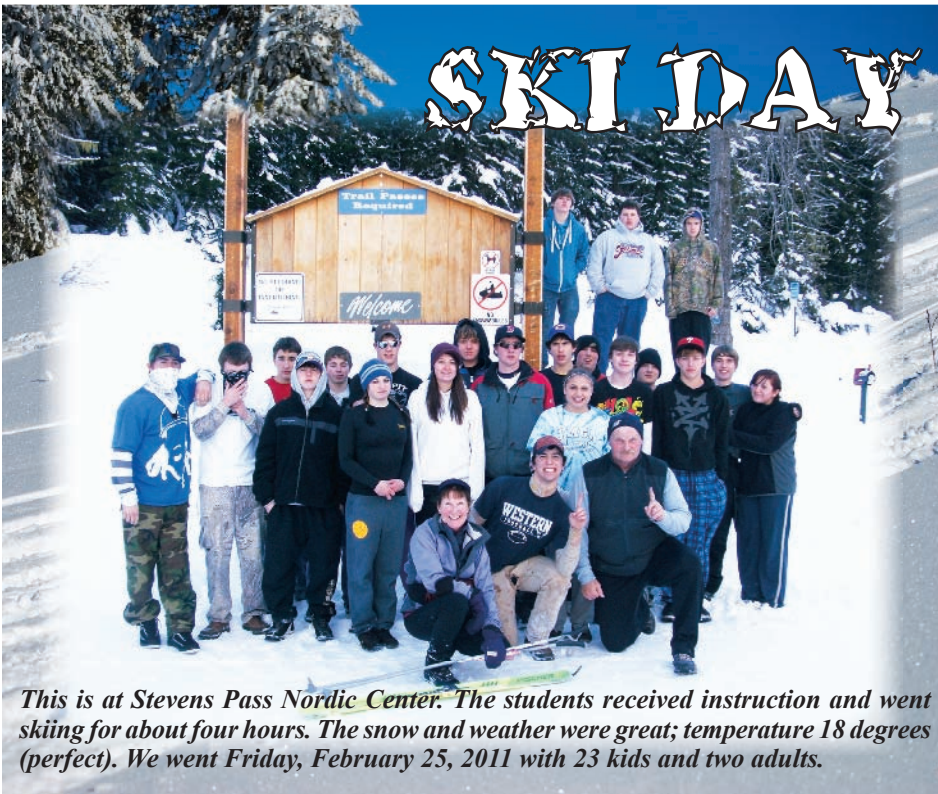




– Photo courtesy of Jill McNealey

CONCRETE HONOR BAND PARTICIPATES IN REGIONAL FESTIVAL

The Concrete Honor Band, which consists of 7th and 8th grade students, traveled to Anacortes High School to perform for the regional band festival for area middle schools. They performed at Brodniak Hall, on the Anacortes High School campus. The honor band performed two pieces, “Barnum and Bailey’s Favorite March” and “Into the Storm” for the three clinicians who gave them feedback on their performance. Mr. Ormsby said, “It was a great day for our kids. They heard other schools perform and got a chance to experience a real stage with lights. I was especially proud to attend because we haven’t had a band large enough to make a showing for many years, and we do now!”



This is at Stevens Pass Nordic Center. The students received instruction and went skiing for about four hours. The snow and weather were great; temperature 18 degrees (perfect). We went Friday, February 25, 2011 with 23 kids and two adults.

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Concrete High School's FIRST Robotics Team

It starts in the spring, just **after** our Regional Challenge, evaluating our performance. What did we do well? What do we need to work on? What should we forget about all together? Who can we recruit from the student body and community? What can we do for fundraisers? What tools and equipment would have helped? Who else can we find to sponsor us? We have a couple of get-togethers for fundraising and cohesion, then we take a break.

When September rolls around, it's time to get serious. We meet up to three times a week, recruit in earnest, organize a timeline, define strengths and weaknesses, assign tasks, try new ideas with the old robot, reorganize the toolboxes, apply for grants, contact businesses for sponsorship, contact other teams for advice, keep up on news blasts, and make sure grades are kept up.

The second weekend of January marks intense concentration and focus. Every FIRST robotics team in the world gets the challenge and their kit of parts at the same time with an internet world-wide broadcast. Teams gather at specific sites around the world for the “kickoff.” While waiting for their kit of parts, teams may go to breakout session for brainstorming and strategizing. Then it's a mad rush home for team planning and strategizing. Every team in the world has exactly six weeks to build a robot that will accomplish some insane challenge.

But the challenge is not limited to robots. FIRST Robotics offers 23 awards at the challenges. Of those 23 awards, only 8 are related to robot design. FIRST also celebrates such concept as Team Spirit, Communication and Documentation, “Gracious Professionalism,” Safety, Web Design, Video Production and “Coopertition.” “Coopertition,” as defined by FIRST co-founder, Woodie Flowers, is “displaying unqualified kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition.”

Back to the robot. We meet three to five days after school, Saturdays and Sundays. The first week is spent planning, strategizing, and designing. By the time we start building the sense of urgency is well established. Everything runs smoothly... until the first mechanical or design failure. It feels like weeks have been wasted. Some “I told you so's” creep out, but not too many. Tension builds. Nerves fray. Time to focus and intensify. Deadlines loom.

And then it happens! **IT WORKS!!!** Maybe “it” was just a small thing, but the fact that it works renews faith. Energy abounds. The pieces start coming together. And just like that, the build season is over! Every team in the world must pack up their robots. Some will ship their robots to their first FIRST Regional challenge. Some robots will be carried to the regionals by their teams. But work must stop on all robots. This helps keep the playing field even. Teams that have a regional at the beginning of March have the same build time as those who compete at the end of March. During the loooooong wait for the regional challenge there are buttons to make, T-shirts to design & make, strategies to go over, and plans for the competition.

Now to be honest, memories of the actual competitions are a bit of a blur. From the moment we get there Thursday morning, it is a mad rush. Set up the pit area. Unpack the robot. Tweak the robot. Test the robot. Scout other teams. Be scouted by other teams. Tweak the robot. Meet with judges. Test the robot. Registration. Submissions. Tweak the robot. Test the robot. Then the pits close at 8:00pm. Drag back to a motel. Swallow something that passes for food, then try to sleep.

Friday is competition day and equally as harried. Each competition consists of two alliances--a red and a blue. Each alliance consists of three randomly chosen teams. The stage is set. Tweak the robot. Test the robot. Meet with alliance teammates. Compete. Get the score. Tweak the robot. Test the robot. Meet with new alliance teammates. Tweak the robot. Test the robot. Compete. And so it goes until noon Saturday. Then the top 8 teams are announced. **FIFTH PLACE, TEAM 2922, CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL!!!** We placed 5th out of 50 teams!

Unfortunately, we were eliminated in the quarterfinals. But, in an event where the teams average over 20 members with 5 to 15 engineers as mentors, Concrete High School was well represented. **Go Team 2922!** Team members include advisors Cheri VanWagoner and Mike Criner; Mentors Bob Dileo, Chris Jansen, and Jeremy Sidzyik; Shae VanWagoner, Robert Dileo, Alen Moser, Alex (Ajax) Joens, Drake Jansen, Ricky Powell, Melia Thompson, Olivia Davis, Tavish Beals, Josiah Werda, Alyssa Wahlgren, Taylor Sterne, and special volunteer, Connie Johnson.



– Photos courtesy of Concrete Herald

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May	9-13	High School Spring Fling Week	
	12	Family Music Night (Ele. Gym)	6:00pm- 8:00pm
	13	7th/8th Grade Dance (HS Commons)	5:00pm- 8:00pm
	14	Senior Prom (HS Gym)	8:00pm-11:00pm
	20	District-Wide Early Release	11:30am
	20	Family Bingo Night-PTO (Ele. Gym/Caf)	6:00pm- 8:00pm
	23-27	Seniors Final Exams	
	23	School Board Work Session (HS Commons)	6:00pm
	25	School Board Meeting (HS Commons)	7:00pm
	26	National Honor Society Blood Drive (please give blood)	
	26	Family Fitness Night (Ele. Gym)	6:00pm
	30	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day	
	30-31	Senior Field Trip	
June	1	High School BBQ	12:00pm
	1	Annual Presentation & Senior Awards (HS Gym)	12:45pm
	1	Music Concert (HS Gym)	7:00pm
	1	Skills Center Recognition Ceremony (Mt Vernon)	7:00pm
	1-2	Seniors locker cleaning and check-out	
	2	Elementary Science Fair Participants Roller Rink Field Trip	
	2	Senior Dinner at Community Bible Church	5:00pm
	2	Baccalaureate (HS Gym)	6:30pm
	2	Scholarships & Awards Ceremony (HS Gym)	7:30pm
	3	Seniors Graduation Practice (HS Gym)	8:00am
	3	Graduation (HS Gym)	7:00pm
	10	8th Grade Recognition Ceremony (Ele. Gym)	1:00pm
	13	Elementary BBQ	11:00am-12:30pm
	13	Elementary Playday	12:30pm- 2:15pm
	13	Underclassmen Awards Ceremony (HS Gym)	1:00pm
	13	End-of-Year K-8 Dance (PTO)	6:00pm- 8:00pm
	14	District-Wide Early Release (no lunch served)	10:00am
	14	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
	27	School Board Work Session (HS Commons)	6:00pm
	29	School Board Meeting (HS Commons)	7:00pm
July	25	School Board Work Session (HS Commons)	6:00pm
	27	School Board Meeting (HS Commons)	7:00pm
Aug.	29	School Board Work Session (HS Commons)	6:00pm
	31	School Board Meeting (HS Commons)	7:00pm



SPRING/SUMMER FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

The defending NW-Sea Tac champion Concrete Lions will be conducting spring and summer activities again this year. The team will have spring turnouts and enter a 7-passing tournament starting June 30th. The weight room will be open Monday and Wednesday all summer. The Lions will return to Camp Rilea Team Football camp from July 9th through the 13th. Concrete has participated in this camp featuring live competition against top teams from Washington and Oregon for the past 6 years. Students must have current physical, insurance, pay a \$140 camp fee, and participate in team practices to be involved. The fee covers food, lodging, transportation, and a camp tee shirt. See Coach Rood at the high school for details, forms, etc. Go Lions!



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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) 853-8141.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Concrete School District complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or disability. This holds true for all district employment opportunities. Barbara Hawkings is the Affirmative Action Officer and the Title IX Chapter 28A.640 RCW and 504/ADA Coordinator. Concrete School District, 45389 Airport Way, Room 103, Concrete WA 98237. (360) 853-8141.

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. If you know of a child who lives within the Concrete School District who is three to five years old and who might need special education services, please contact Leilani Thomas, Special Services Director at 360-853-8116.

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) 853-8141, the elementary school at (360) 853-8145, or the high school at (360) 853-8143. We appreciate your interest in volunteering!

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 2012 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.

Lee Matier, Facilities Supervisor
Concrete School District

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.



Concrete School District's tobacco and drug awareness programs are supported by several grants through Northwest ESD 189; Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program and Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Did you know there is a wealth of information on your school's website?
You can find it at:
<http://www.concrete.k12.wa.us>.

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