



Connoquenessing Elementary

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Fantastic First Month

It was a fantastic first month of school! Despite our delayed start, we had a very smooth transition into our school year with many new initiatives. We have begun planning for state certification for our Positive School-Wide Behavior Program (BEAT), we enjoyed a beautiful evening with friends and families at our Ice Cream Social, parents had great conversation at our Coffee with the Principal, and we are planning for our 2nd annual Conno Connection Night, to be held on November 21st.

BEAT Update

The Conno BEAT is our School-Wide Positive Behavior Program. BEAT stands for Behavior, Effort, Attitude, Teamwork. This year are working toward state certification. Each classroom has reviewed our BEAT matrix with students. Teachers have worked through specially designed lessons for each area of the matrix to set a positive tone for the building and establish behavioral expectations. We will also be implementing a new database to track student behavior.

To enhance our program we have started a "Golden Spatula" program in the cafeteria. This program allows students to earn their class's golden spatula for good behavior in the cafeteria.

Coffee with the Principal

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy Coffee with the Principal. It was nice to see some new faces and have conversation about the direction of Connoquenessing Elementary. Please join us again on November 12th at 9:30am for our next Coffee date.



Ice Cream Social

Our Ice Cream Social was a huge success!! Thank you to all who came out to enjoy an evening of free ice cream and great company. Thank you to our PTC for helping to organize and fund the night as well as all those who stayed and helped to clean up. It was such a warming experience that so many people attended, organized and also worked together to clean up.

Backpack Program

Did you know we service students in need of weekend food supplies through our Backpack Program? Each student in this FREE program receives a plastic bag packed with child-friendly, single-serving snacks, and easily prepared meals each Friday. At this time ANYONE can be in the program. You can find the form in the school office.

Conno Kindness Challenge

This week we kicked off our Conno Kindness Challenge. Students will be recognizing each other for doing kind acts throughout the day. The links will be connected at the end of each week and will wrap through individual classrooms. Once the kind links fill the classroom they will spill over into our hallways, connecting with other classrooms' links, and eventually making their way around the school. We are very excited to watching our kindness grow!

Weekly Emails

If you are not receiving weekly emails from PTC and would like to be included on the list, please email connoptc@yahoo.com to have your name added.



Picture Gallery



Connecting with Kids

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help – but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is just as important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

"Show me what you have for homework."

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

"Tell what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

"What's the coolest thing that happened today?"

"Pretend you are the teacher. How would you describe your day?"

"What made you laugh today?"

"What was the most creative thing you did?"

"How were you kind or helpful today?"

"How was someone kind or helpful to you?"

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day.

Dates to Remember

October 7 – Family Bowl Away 6 p.m.

October 9 – GAB Squad assembly
Skate Castle 6:30 p.m.

October 14 – No School for Students

October 15-18 – Fall Book Fair

October 18 – Fire Safety Trailer 3rd Grade

October 20 – Applebee's Dining Night

October 25 – Spirit Day, Popcorn Friday

October 31 – Costume Parade and Fall Parties

