

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Report Cards  
January 27

DARE Graduation  
January 27

Spelling Bee, Grades 5-8  
February 2

Official Count Day  
February 8

Jump Rope for Heart  
February 8

Spirit Week  
February 13 - 16

All School Sharing  
February 14

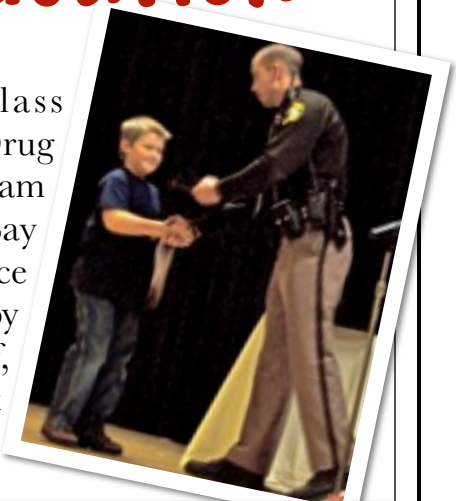
Progress Reports  
February 16



## D.A.R.E. Graduation

Mrs. Simmonds 5th grade class graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program today. Students learned how to “Say No” to drugs, alcohol and violence during the 10 week program taught by Charlevoix County Deputy Sheriff, Ben Speigl. In addition, each student composed an essay about what they learned as well as a personal pledge to stay away from drugs, alcohol and violence.

A Best Essay award was presented to Samantha Grimes for her essay and a Best Pledge Award was given to Chloe Britton. CAB is certainly proud of our 5th graders!





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# *Captain's Log...*

*(aka Notes from Mr. K)*

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## **State of the School**

Annually, the chief executive of the State, the Governor, and the chief executive of the country, the President, address their constituents in messages that are entitled, "State of the State" and "State of the Union", respectively. Such messages are delivered at the end of January and coincide with the midway point in a school year and come at a perfect time to reflect upon the progress and developments at school.

Let me begin by stating that I'm going to limit my evaluation to a few key elements. First and foremost in my mind would be comments regarding the school culture/environment. I think that we have been very successful in creating and maintaining a safe, friendly, nurturing climate at Concord Boyne. The vast majority of our students believe in the creed and aspire to follow it both in and out of school. In general, our students behavior and attitude give us every reason to be proud. We're not where we want to be but we're on the right path, headed in the right direction.

Second is the attitude, effort and cooperation among our staff and between the home and the school. The strongest schools are characterized as those in which relationships are developed as people serve alongside one another in pursuit of a common cause - that being the growth and development of our students' body, mind and spirit. Once again, we're getting there and it creates a pleasant, positive environment.

The third category I'll call stewardship. How we handle our money and resources. We work very hard to make the most of what we have at our disposal. For example, Mr. Cole just attended an NWMSBO meeting (which compiles financial data from school districts state-wide) in Traverse City, confirming that CAB spends a higher percentage on its operating expenses and a lower percentage on administration (overhead) than its traditional public school counterparts, and that CAB costs the taxpayers approximately \$4,000.00 less to educate the same students than its traditional public school counterparts.

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Next is educational achievement. Our students continue to perform exceptionally well on standardized tests, often scoring in the top 10% in the State when compared to other districts - despite significantly less resources to address educational programs and materials.

And the last category is the implementation of a strong fine arts program into our traditional academic program. We are not only a fine arts school, but the arts are a fantastic complement to our academic program. To appreciate our fine arts all you have to do is take a look at our two most recent productions, the 8th grade play and the Dance Revue. Who had a role in "Hankerin' Hillbillies"? Every 8th grader. Who participated in 6th and 8th grade dance performances? Every 6th and 8th grader. It is quite an achievement to get 100% participation in the arts. It is almost impossible to accurately measure such exposure, such training. Does it make a difference in the academics, in fact in life? Yes! If you spend any time here that answer will be obvious to you too.

All in all our school is on solid academic, financial and cultural ground. We have a long established tradition of setting worthwhile goals and then working towards those goals. We have established a reputation of a fine institution dedicated to the growth and development of each and every child. While we may not have reached our goals, we have continued to put our time, talents and efforts into providing "an inspiring and challenging educational environment conducive to critical and creative thinking" while integrating a strong fine arts curriculum.



## THE 2012 C.A.B. HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IS HERE!!!

And now you can keep up with all the action at our great new website [www.cabhockey.weebly.com](http://www.cabhockey.weebly.com). It is updated with scores and information daily, and you can also view all of the great pictures taken by our very own Mrs. Shu. It's one stop shopping for all things CAB Hockey! So stop by and check it out as the "Battle for Flat Stanley" rages on!

## PARENTS!

**URGENT!!!**

We are looking for parent volunteers who might enjoy having lunch at CAB with their children and then going out for recess to help as playground monitors. If you are interested, please contact the office.



## Free Math Help!

**Schedule Change**



## Concord Academy Math Lab (Grades 7-12)

Now on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** in Miss Blamer's Room from 3:30-4:15.

Work on your homework, bring your questions, improve your skills, and become a math Ace!



## *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...*

It's that time of year again. Time for kids (and some parents) to start waking up early so they can watch the news and listen to the radio in the hopes that they will hear their school's name among those on the list of School Closings. In the event that we do not have school, we will notify the following TV and Radio Stations:

**Radio: 1270 AM 106 FM 92.1 FM  
1340 AM 96.3 FM 90.5 FM**

**TV: 9 & 10 News  
7 & 4 News**

Please leave plenty of time to get to school during the winter months, as slippery roads and inclement weather can make the drive to school take a little longer.

Use extra caution in our parking lot when picking up and dropping off students and when using the steps and walkways leading to doors. While we do what we can to keep things free from ice and snow, surfaces can still be slippery.

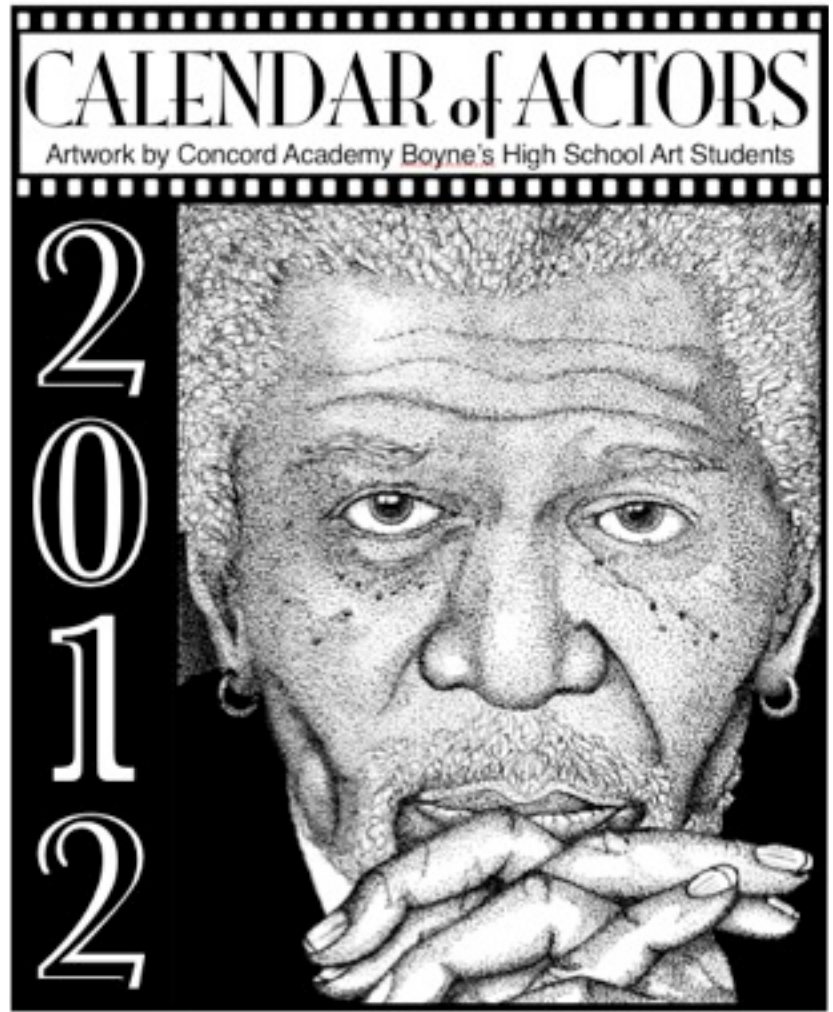
When you enter the building, please be careful in the hallways, as snowy boots and shoes can also leave the floors wet and slippery.



## 2012 Calendar of Actors Still Available!

The high school Art students have created another great calendar. This year, the students chose "Actors" as the theme for the calendar. Each high school Art student spent hours drawing an actor of their choice using pen and ink drawing techniques learned in class. When all of the drawings were completed, they were displayed in the hall to be voted on by students, staff, and parents. The top 12 vote-getters are included in the calendar, with the top vote-getter earning the cover of the calendar (Brandon McGeorge's portrait of Morgan Freeman.)

Calendar's are currently available to order in a variety of colors and sizes. See Mr. Rosteck or a high school Art student to place your order. These calendars make great gifts, and the money earned through this fundraiser supports the K-12 Art Department. To have an order form emailed to you, or to place an order via email, contact Mr. Rosteck at [mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org](mailto:mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org).



Students in grades 3-12 once again have the opportunity to express their creativity in Art Club, which will now be meeting on **Wednesdays from 3:20-5:00 p.m.** This open art studio time can be used to catch



up on Art projects we are working on in class or to just put that extra time and effort into your artwork! It's also a chance to develop your own art activities, explore different art media, and just have fun making art! No need to commit to attending every week - just sign up on the sheet posted outside the art room on weeks when you want to come or need to in order to get caught up in Art. You don't need to be a current Art student to attend. Make sure you have a reliable ride you can depend on to be at school to pick you up by 5 pm. Contact Mr. Rosteck with questions: [mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org](mailto:mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org). See you in Art Club!



## *Nurses Notes...*

### **A Fresh Start**

It's a new year and a good time to take charge of your health and improve your overall wellness. Individuals and families can start by evaluating what they are eating and drinking. What we fuel our bodies with determines how well we feel, think, and our ability to maintain overall wellness. It is everyone's own responsibility for what they put in their body.

You can start by looking at what you and your family are drinking. Begin by stripping all of flavored bottled drinks, sodas and juices from your diet. Yes, juices, as they are also high in sugars and calories and their nutrients and benefits come from eating the actual fruit. We often think we are hungry when we are actually thirsty or dehydrated. Since a large percent of your body's makeup is water, replenishing it with water is the best choice. You can add squeezed fresh lemons or limes and teas or coffees to give drinking water an enjoyable change of taste.

The recommended daily amount of water you should drink is half of your body weight in ounces. For example, a person weighing 140 pounds should drink at least 70 ounces of water daily, or about 9 cups.

Though many students are doing a good job drinking water in the classrooms, challenge yourself and your family to try a one month trial of drinking only water and, for children, adding low-fat or fat-free milk when they are not getting those nutrients from other sources. You will feel better and see the difference in your skin!

A great time to start is now! 😊

**Chris Warstler RN**

# AN EASY WAY TO HELP!



Did you know that there is another easy way that you can help our school? In addition to sending in your Box Tops, you can also send in your Campbell's soup labels. Our school will receive money for each label that we turn in! All you need to do is look for the Labels for Education logo, clip it, and send it to your child's teacher. It's that simple! The money that we raise from the Campbell's soup labels will be added to the monies that are raised from the Helping Hands fundraiser, which will be used to purchase new computer equipment in the library. Thank you for your support.

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## Box Tops for Education

This year, CAB is once again collecting Box Top coupons to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops?



Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. All you need to do is cut them off of the box they are on and attach them to the handy collection sheet (available in the office or on our school website) with glue or double stick tape.

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long, but our next submission deadline is **March 23**. Each completed sheet of 25 Box Tops coupons will give your child one entry into the drawing for prizes. The first two drawings were held in October and December for free pizzas, movie passes and many other prizes. Other drawings will be held in March and May. Turn your completed sheet into your child's teacher. Be sure to fill in your child's name and their grade for the drawings. Additional sheets are available in the office, or you may visit the school's website to print one.

**Thank you for choosing to support CAB by collecting Box Tops!**