



March 2019

Dear TCS Families,

The Concept School has always been a school that is dependent on tuition to make ends meet. Our founder's son-in-law, Herman Goldner, began a Golf Outing over ten years ago as a way to supplement the tuition money and to perhaps be able to offer scholarships and fund capital improvements. The money raised by the Golf Outing has been a phenomenal success for TCS. However, we became too dependent on the money and began using it for operating expenses. We have made great strides in moving away from this dependence, however, we still have work to do.

To that end, parent Denise Glennon has begun researching grant opportunities for the school and has completed several applications. While these grant possibilities are small in scale, they are an important first step in helping TCS become less dependent on tuition dollars. In addition to Denise's work, Board Vice-President Nancy Maguire has convened a fund-raising committee that includes a retired development staff member at the University of Delaware and a student at Lasalle University, and a TCS teacher, to make sure we are leaving "no stone unturned" in our quest to find resources for TCS. Thank you to everyone who is involved in these efforts.

Sincerely,  
Bill

**Important dates to mark on your family calendar:**

March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – visits to Teacher Center for NHD

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Music Assembly @ 11:20 a.m.

– Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 15<sup>th</sup> – TCS National History Day Presentations, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fire department assembly, 1:00 p.m.

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Open House for prospective families, 9:15 a.m.

March 29<sup>th</sup> – end of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period

April 5<sup>th</sup> – report cards issued

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:00-7:30 p.m.

April 12-19 – School Closed for Spring Break

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Open House for prospective families, 9:15 a.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Spring Arts Festival, 7:00 p.m.

**SAP Makes Donation to TCS**

We received word this week that software company, SAP, is making a donation to The Concept School of 30 laptops and 30 iPads! Parent Georgie Krajicek connected TCS to the company and helped us secure this amazing gift. The staff will work together to develop a plan to meaningfully utilize this technology equipment. Thank you to Georgie and SAP!

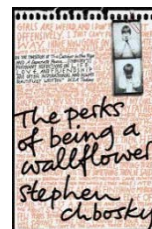
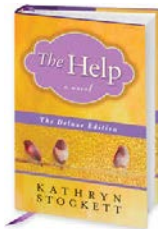
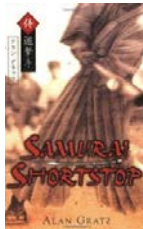
## Assembly on the Dangers of Vaping

Behavioral health specialist and TCS Board of Directors member, Joe Woodbridge, came to school on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, to speak with the students about vaping and how it is harmful and may lead to other substances. The students were attentive and shared lots of insights about the epidemic that is affecting teenagers today. Thank you, Mr. Woodbridge, for meeting with us!



### Mrs. Wright's Literature Classes

Students have been busy reading the following inspirational novels:



### Mrs. Wright's Writing Seminar Classes



Students are in the beginning stages of writing an essay inspired by NPR's *This I Believe* Essay broadcasts during 1951. Today, essays are still highlighted on NPR's podcast. I am looking forward to reading what your student share!

Mrs. Wright's  
**Theatre  
Workshop  
Classes**

Students have been enjoying being introduced to multiple games dedicated to acting with the whole body. We have also been viewing short clips of Robin Williams' most famous and hilarious scenes. His impressions have really *impressed* the students.

### **Social Media Alert**

You may have heard about something called the "Momo Challenge" circulating in the news. I believe the general consensus is that it is a hoax, but social media still presents many challenges to students. We ask that you consider age appropriateness for children's use of technology, time spent on social media and overall reminders of family expectations for making good choices. Please contact Mr. Kline or Mr. Bennett with any concerns regarding this topic or any other social media/internet concerns.

Listed here are a few Apps along with a brief description that you should be aware of:

BUMBLE. Similar to Tinder dating site. Kids are known to use this and create false accounts to falsify their age.

LIVE.ME. Live streaming video app that uses geolocation so that the broadcasters exact location can be learned and "users" use coins to pay minors for photos.

ASK.FM. Known for cyber bullying. This app encourages people to ask anonymous questions of them.

OMEGLE. Free online chat website that promotes chatting & video with anonymous strangers.

YUBO. (previously called yellow) App designed for teens to chat and flirt with each other in a Tinder like environment.

LINE. All in one mobile hub for chatting, sharing photos, free texting and video calls.

HOLLA. Addicting video chat app, Allows one to contact with people all over the world and users commonly report racial slurs and explicit content.

CALCULATOR%. Is one of several secret apps, (but most popular) that allows users to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

BURNBOOK. Posts anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

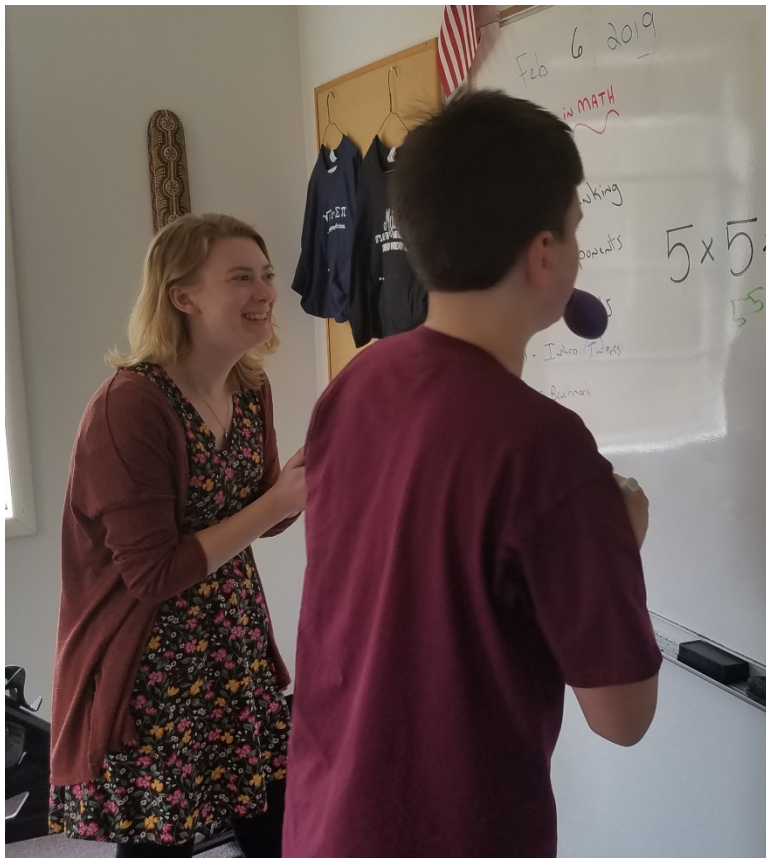
WISHBONE. App that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.

HIDE IT PRO (HIP). App disguised as a music manager but really is used to hide anything from photos, videos, text messages and other apps. User will set a pin code in HIP and move any file to this app and hide them from their phone's display.

WHISPER. Anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers, also can reveal the exact location of the user.

HOT or NOT. Encourages users to rate your profile. The goal of this app is to "hook up".

VORA. Dieting app that allows users to track their fasting activity. This app also connects the user with other "fasters" and is a known app used by those suffering with eating disorders.



John K. and Ms. Kohlbrenner having fun with integers

### **Annual Fund**

Please consider making a donation to TCS. Your gift, of any size, enables us to continue doing the things that sets us apart from other schools. All gifts to The Concept school are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. You can click the link below to make a donation. Thank you!

<https://www.theconceptschool.org/giving/where-to-give/>

### **TCS Food Drive to Benefit West Chester Food Cupboard**

Thanks to all of the families that donated food and supplies for the West Chester Food Cupboard during our food drive. The students delivered 200 pounds of food and supplies to the pantry at the beginning of the month. We will continue to to collect food donations here at Concept until the end of the school year.

### **Help Support the Concept School!!**

**(At no cost to YOU!!!)**

Our PTO has undertaken to continue to support our school by managing many areas that, with your support, provide monetary benefits to The Concept School. Please sign up for these opportunities!!!

Happy clipping!



Please continue to clip Box Tops! You can find Box Tops on many of the products you will be using for dinners and parties. For a list of participating products, go to **BTFE.com**.

Thanks for your support. **Thank you to Mrs. Friel (Connor's mom) for coordinating this activity.**

**Amazon's Smile.amazon program:** This program allows you to shop on Amazon and when you do, a portion of your purchase comes back to The Concept School. All you do is log on to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and fill in "The Concept School" as your organization of choice. A link to explain this program is attached.

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