



May 2019

Dear TCS Families,

Thank you to our families for honoring the staff at TCS during Teacher Appreciation Week. A special thanks goes out to Carolyn Miller and Georgie Krajicek. Carolyn was here virtually the entire day May 9, along with Georgie, preparing and serving a delicious lunch. In addition, Georgie coordinated the entire week and was here many times during the week! Thank you all.

Please consider attending the retirement celebration for Mr. Harry Hopkins on May 31st at 6:30 p.m. It will be an informal gathering with light snacks and beverages. RSVP by calling or emailing me or Mrs. Funsten. Mr. Hopkins has given the Concept community so much over the last seventeen years!

Be sure to read two creative writing pieces from Mrs. Griffith's class later in this edition of our newsletter!

Sincerely,

Bill

Important dates to mark on your family calendar:

May 14th – School Closed

May 17th – Deadline for summer tutoring sign-up

May 18th – Family Movie Night at TCS

May 21st – School Closed for Golf Fundraiser

May 22nd – Open House for prospective students

May 23rd – Trip to Tennis Unlimited – don't forget the permission slip (attached)

May 27th – School Closed for Memorial Day holiday

May 31st – Mr. Hopkins' Retirement Celebration, 6:30 p.m.

June 7th – Senior Farewell Dance, Spirit of Philadelphia, 7:00 p.m.

June 12th – Recognition Celebration, 9:30 a.m.

Dismissal, 12:00 p.m., Seniors remain for graduation practice

June 13th – Graduation, 9:30 a.m.

Dismissal, 12:00 p.m.

Summer Tutoring at TCS

If you are looking for something to keep your student's skills sharp over the summer, TCS is offering tutoring sessions in reading and math. Please find the flier on the program at the end of this newsletter – the deadline to sign up is May 17th!

Student Recognition Assembly on June 12th

All families are invited to come to school for our Student Recognition Assembly on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. Students will be recognized for scholastic and citizenship excellence. Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. that day.

Graduation 2019

Our seniors will graduate from The Concept School on Thursday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m. All students will be in attendance as this is our last day of school. Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m. that day. Parents of seniors are reminded to pay the graduation fee to cover the cost of invitations, the cap and gown, and the diploma. It will be a great day!



Mrs. Culler joined our advanced music students to perform at the Arts Festival on April 25th.

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/>



Our mommy guinea pig gave birth to three piglets on April 5th. Two of the babies are eating with mom in the picture above. The school bought one baby to add to our animal collection!



Thanks to Nate L., Corely, and Mr. Hopkins, we experienced our first-ever Expo, where students and staff displayed items that showed each person's passions and/or hobbies.





Students joined Mr. Kline in a big bird nest during our trip to Winterthur on May 3rd.

Omar Newman

Mrs.Griffith's Creative Writing Class

My Teacher – Mr. Burtch

The teacher I like is a very cool but simple teacher that I think most people would enjoy having as a teacher. For example, this intriguing teacher would show us a video of interesting things like the video of Brazil from a helicopter gopro camera that shows how brilliant and looks very smooth. The video had so many areas that look very exciting to see in Brazil. He is a very intelligent teacher who told us that Brazil is a beautiful place to visit in the summer for the weather. This person likes math and he's had jobs around the world. He has a collection of two Indian masks that I would like for him to show us that look unique to wear. When I sit in his class he seems to be very in the mood of work and he will come around and help us a lot. I am very grateful for the help. He goes on the board and likes to give a question so we can try and work out the problem. He is like a sun with a bright idea on his mind all the time. He is very energetic and prepared to teach everyday. Everytime the teacher walks into the classroom the whiteboard draws a message to him that says "Welcome Back to Class" to surprise to him. The chair dances around the teacher as part of the welcome back surprise. This a very unique teacher that will make you learn and let you use your knowledge to help the world.

Sophia O'Rourke

Mrs. Griffith's Creative Writing Class

Who?

He walks into the room with a set purpose like he is about to ask you the most important question in the universe. His thoughtful purpose is to walk fully over to your desk with a compelling attention seeking questions. He then gives you a sharp piece of white paper with more questions on his most favorite topic. His question always has no end. It could go on and on like the sunny frozen horizon. Curious with their voice but staying with one blank tone. Never does he use a high pitched squeaky shakey sharp voice. Only does his voice

get light and airy when he creates a kindhearted impression. The impression is to make us laugh with the biggest smile like were little kids at Disney World. He has a purpose to teach, to teach, what he knows about the giant ball of blue and green that we stand on. This person will give you a one in a lifetime smile but only when their mouth feels like using their own muscles. The smile is magical like fairy's pixie dust because when this person smiles at you they make you feel and see happiness. It's the smile you get when you've finally get one another. You sigh, but it's a happy sigh because now you know you make that person calmed and relaxed. You see their face settle as they give you a soft smile. They feel relaxed by having a cool, sparkling, icy, beverage and some calming dreamy classic jazz. He shows you eye contact and you feel like you care. He's a businessman. He wears the basic comfy straight button down shirt with his worked in boots. He has glass blue eyes with pearly whites. With his baritone voice he gives you a sarcastic sentence that makes you giggle with all the joy. He's not the one to give you sympathy but he still cares with his big heart like it's as aromas as the ocean. Who? Mr. Burtch, that's who!

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 and fill in "The Concept School" as your organization of choice. A link to explain this program is attached.

<https://smile.amazon.com/about>

Giant A+ School Rewards

1. Register for an online account or sign into an existing one.
2. Access your account settings.
3. Select The Concept School to reward #40184



TCS 2019 ESY Program Registration Form

Name of Student: _____

The Concept School is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to brush up on their skills and perhaps learn something new. The goals of the program are as follows:

English Language Arts (Mrs. Griffith)

- review of current skills learned
- post-secondary reading readiness
- vocabulary development through word study
- effective writing strategies

Mathematics (Mr. Burtch)

- review of current skills learned
- post-secondary math readiness
- introduction/review of Google Sheets
- continued instruction in a current course

I understand the hours of the summer program are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

I agree that I will provide transportation for my child.

I understand the dates of the program are Tuesdays and Thursdays of the following weeks: July 16 & 18, July 23 & 25, July 30 & August 1, and August 6 & 8.

I understand the cost of the program is \$450 per week and payment is due each Tuesday for the coming week.

I am enclosing a deposit of \$450 to hold my child's spot to cover the first week of the program. Please submit this form and the \$450 by May 17, 2019. The program will not be offered if we do not have at least two students participating.

Parent Signature

Date



Field Trip Permission Form

Dear Families of Concept School Students,

Some students will be taking a field trip to: Tennis Unlimited, 1126 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA

Date of Trip: May 23, 2019

We will be leaving school at: 9:30 a.m. and return at 12:00 p.m.

Means of Transportation: Bus

Relaxed dress to play tennis and sneakers

Cost of trip: \$25 (includes instruction, practice games, pizza, soda)

Please sign the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

I give my permission for my son/daughter

(name)

to take the field trip to Tennis Unlimited on May 23, 2019. In the case of an emergency, I give my permission for my child to be admitted and treated at the nearest hospital. I can be reached during the field trip at this number:

(phone number)

Signed: _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Date)