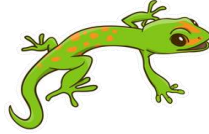


The Gecko



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL:

Here we are in the middle of May and the school year is quickly winding down. It is an exciting time of year under normal circumstances, and this year is even more so as we begin to come out of the pandemic mode! I must say that our students (and staff) have done an amazing job during extraordinary times – we also appreciate all the support you have shown us as we have navigated these uncharted waters.

As we begin planning for 2021-2022 school year, it is important for you to return your signed contracts. Your commitment now makes our planning work easier. Also, now that the FDA and CDC have approved the COVID-19 vaccination for students aged 12 and up, I urge you to strongly consider having your son or daughter vaccinated. Our entire staff is vaccinated, and most of our students aged 16 and older are, too. However, we will not require it for our students, although we encourage all students 12 and up to get the shot. I would get my children vaccinated if they were 12 years old and up.

We are planning some construction work over the summer here at TCS! The Board of Directors approved a plan to divide two of our large classrooms into four instructional spaces. This will give us two new instructional rooms to better meet the needs of our students.

We are looking forward to our upcoming graduation ceremony on June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Younger students will be dismissed that day at 12:00 and can watch the ceremony live via the TCS Facebook page. Graduation is always a meaningful and emotional event.

We are also planning on holding a Celebration Ceremony on June 17, the last day of school, for our underclass students. Stay alert for more details as we believe we will be able to invite families to the morning assembly! Students will be dismissed at 12:00 that day.

Finally, I want to offer thanks to the families who contributed to the Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Under the leadership of Georgie Krajcek, our teachers certainly felt appreciated that week. You all are amazing!

Sincerely,
Bill



May 31st – School Closed – Memorial Day

June 4th – Dance Party

June 10th – Graduation Day

June 17th – Last Day of School

**Congratulations to all our students who made the
3rd marking period Honor Roll!**



**3rd Marking Period Honor
Roll**

All A's Honor Roll

Luke Alansky
Henry Deputy
Romeo Gonzalez
John Krajicek
Mark Mack
Faith McAfee
Kade Morin
Nick Moscufo
Jack Ryan
Justin Simeone

Honor Roll

Addie Althouse
Javon Hill
Arden Lisnoff
Sam Mandell
Preston Micklesavage
Alex Miller
Sean O'Hara
Sam Van Dryn

Outstanding Citizenship

Luke Alansky
John Krajicek
Javon Hill
Jack Ryan
Justin Simeone

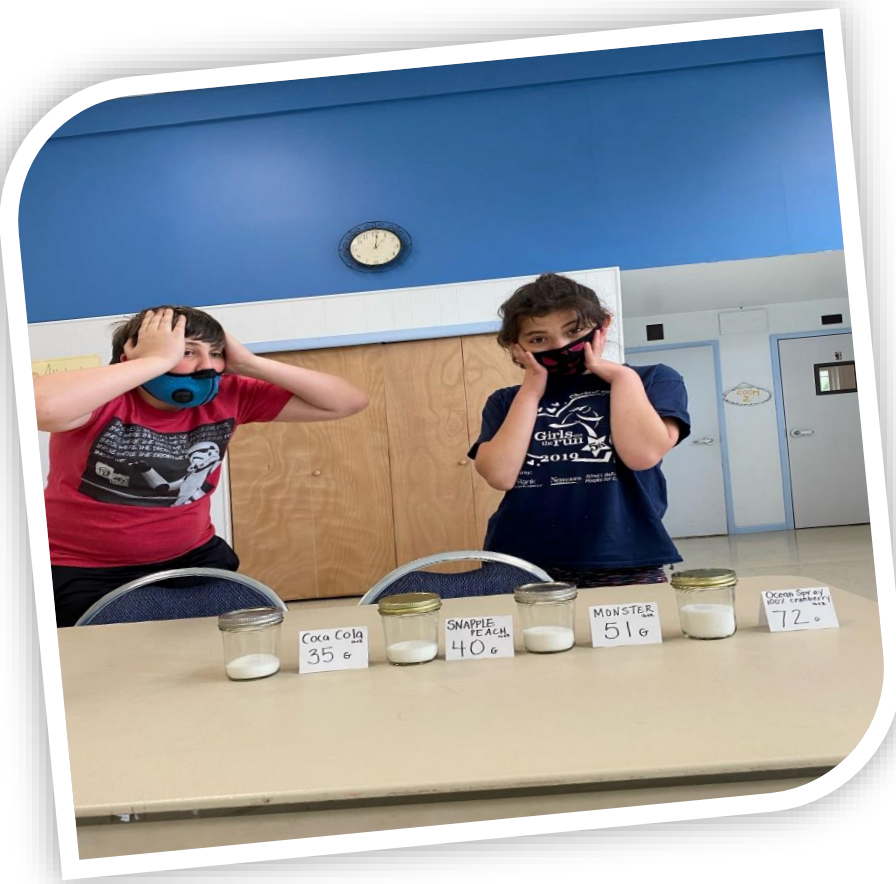


Classroom News



Transitions: Thanks to all the parents that came to our first parent transition meeting to hear Beth Roberts, the Director of the Social Enrichment Center, share her personal transition experience. If you have questions about transitions, please email Mrs. Marti Phillips - mphillips@theconceptschoo.org.

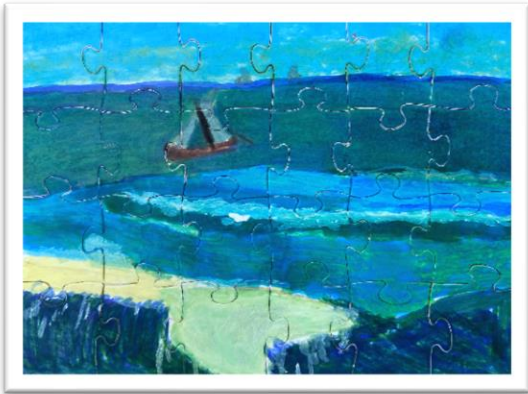
Mrs. Pepper's health class is finishing up the year with nutrition. Today they learned about added sugars in different drinks; Sam Mandell and Arden Lisnoff could not believe it!



Ms. Riggio's Art Class weaving projects and puzzle designs



By Nate



By Maliki

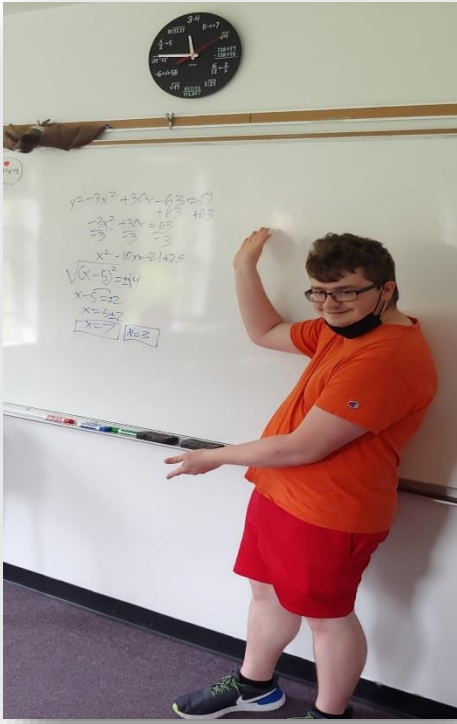
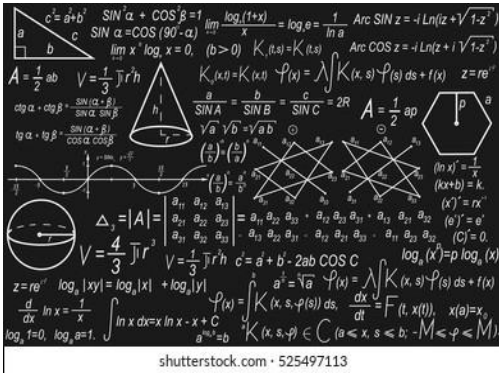


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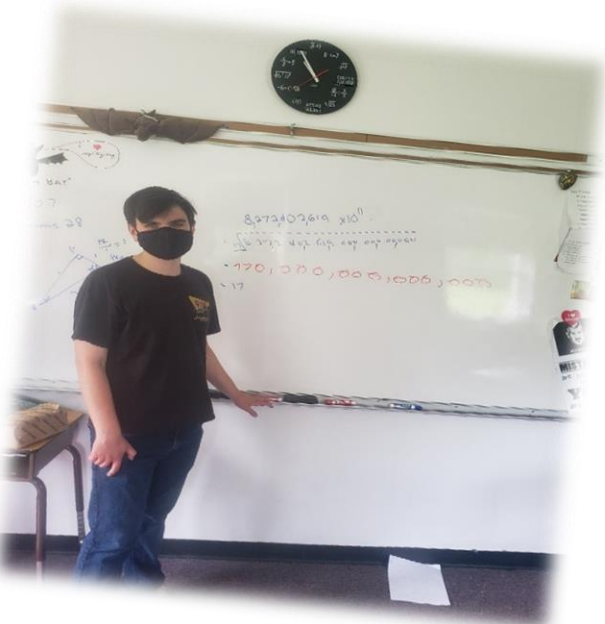
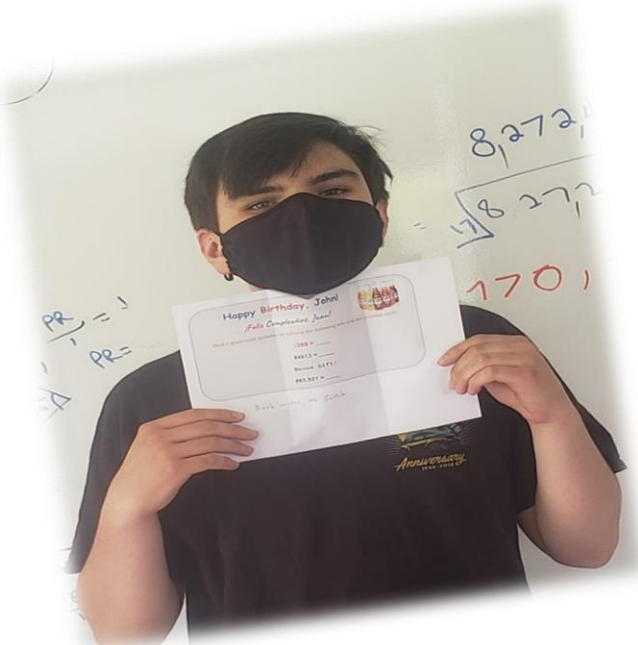
By Faith



In Mr. Burtch's Math class, Alex has mastered how to find the roots or zeros of a quadratic equation by Completing the Square. Well done, Alex!



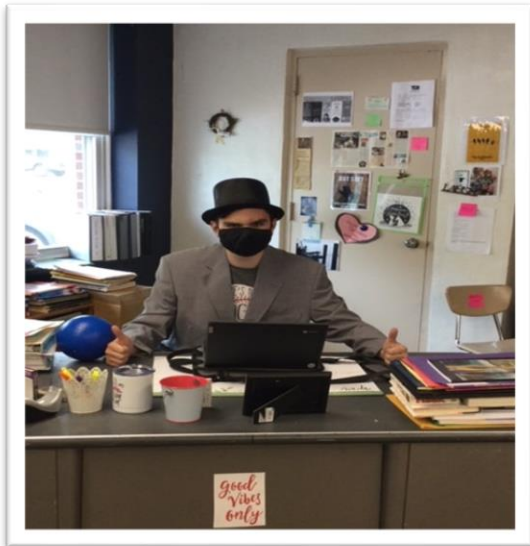
John Krajicek enjoying his math birthday gift. John's present was to solve a square, cube and fourth root. He did well.



Mrs. Griffith's English Class: Romeo and Kade - a little reading in the Nature Center.
Nosce te ipsum!

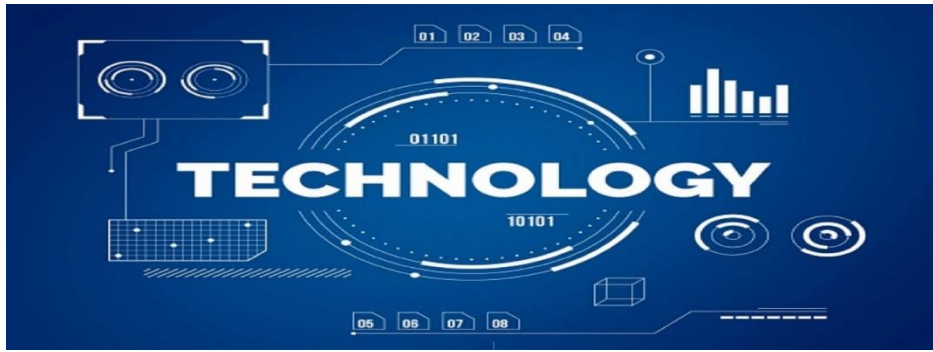


In Mrs. Wright's ELA class, watch out for Judge John!! He is cracking down around here!



Mrs. Wright's second period English class plays a newspaper headline game called, "Man Bites Dog." James, Tor, Mark, and Bristol join in on the fun!

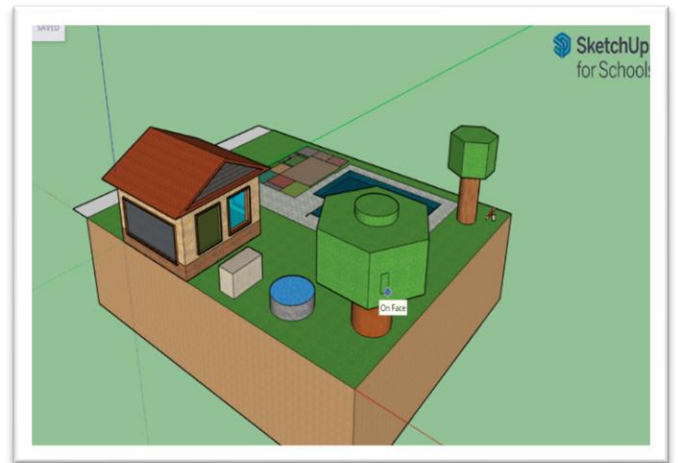
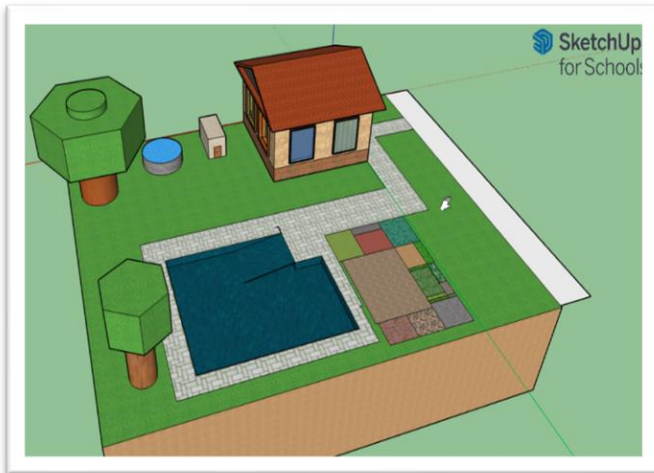




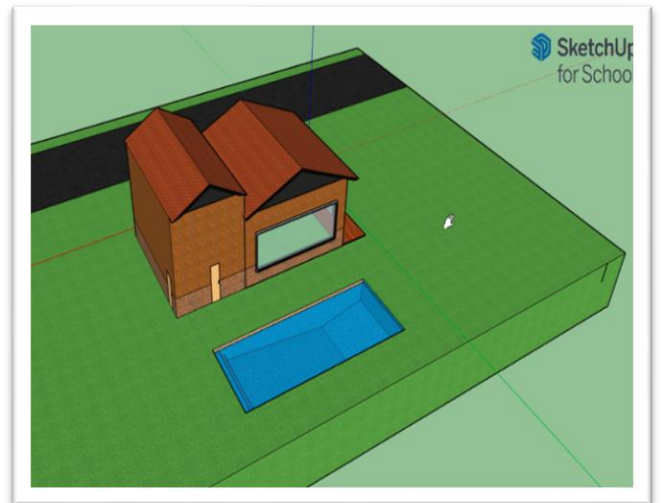
Mrs. Frederick's 5th Period Technology Class:

Anthony's and Sean's Sketchup Project

Sean's



Anthony's



In Mrs. Culler's ancient history classes, students successfully completed persuasive essays about Daoism, Confucianism, or Legalism and are now learning about the Silk Road.

Chinese Philosophy Persuasive Essay Mark Mack

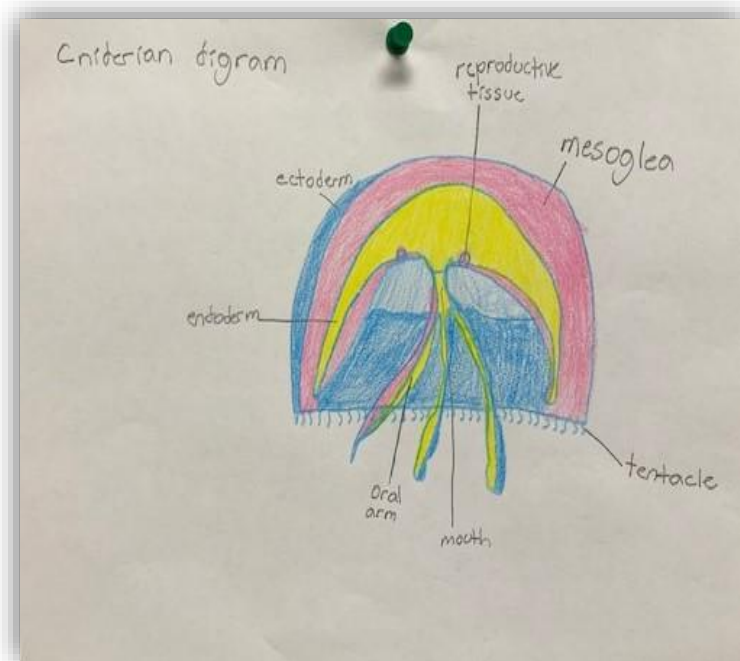
Confucianism is all about peace with one another and also that respect is key to living in a world with no hatred/crimes. Wouldn't you want the future to be like this?

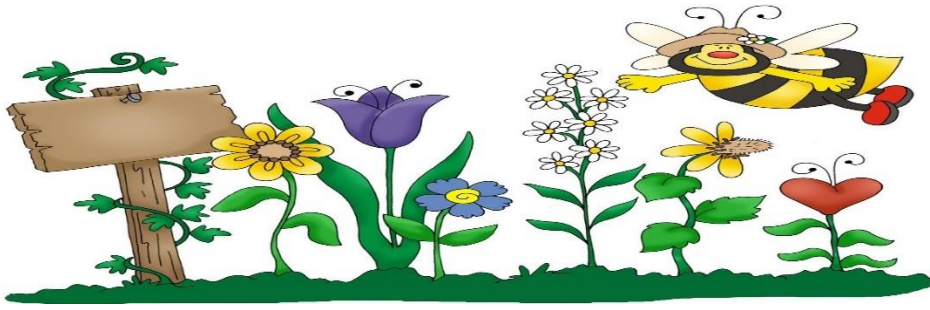
Respect and peace are the main foundations of Confucianism. The whole goal of Confucianism is to respect and be at peace with one another. This means that if most people practiced Confucianism there would be no crimes. If you practice Confucianism, the world will most likely turn into a place where people respect each other even if they don't practice the same philosophy. Filial piety, which is another phrase for respecting your parents, is a big part of Confucianism. It means treating your parents with the utmost respect. If you show your parents respect, you will also be respected by not just your parents, but by everyone. Another key thing of Confucianism is the leaders must set the example for the subjects to follow. Since leaders are in charge and have so much power, wouldn't you want a leader worthy of following?

In conclusion, Confucianism would make the whole entire world a better place. I hope you and everyone else will practice Confucianism.

In her Life Science classes they are studying simple invertebrates and creating some magnificent scientific drawings!

Artist – Javon Hill





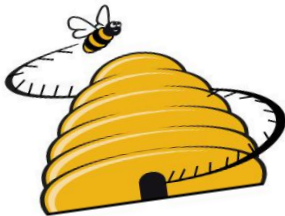
Garden Power Updates!

The sight of our new wildflower garden.

(If you look real close, you can see the baby seedlings sprouting.)



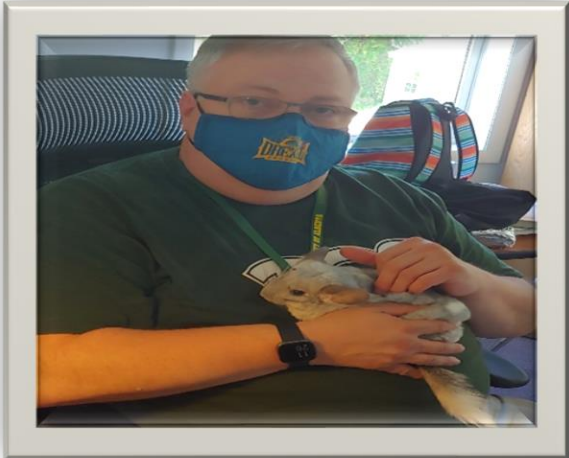
Deer proof garden is almost ready.

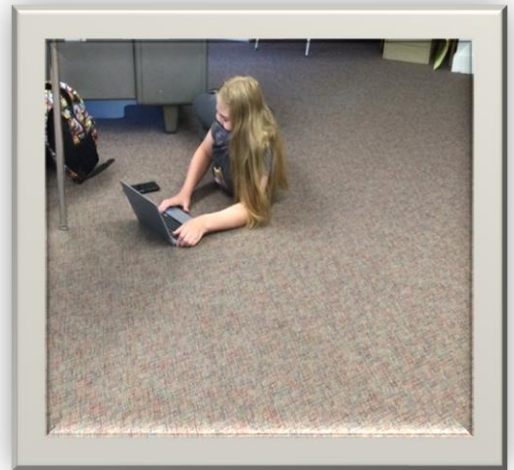


The bees are coming soon...stay tuned for their arrival with beekeeper Mr. Jack.



TCS Picture Gallery





From the Class of 2021

**The Concept School's
Graduating Class
cordially invites you to the
Senior Farewell Dance-Party**



Friday, June 4, 2021

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Location: The Concept School

Cost: Free

Dress: Business Casual (including khaki shorts), Semi-Formal, Formal

**Activities: Dinner, Games, Photo Booth,
Music (featuring DJ Billy Shakes, a.k.a. Mr. Loux),
and Dancing (to begin at 7:30 p.m.)**

Activities will be held outside on the basketball court and playground, and dining will be in the APR.

Dinner: Pizza, chicken nuggets, veggie tray, cupcakes, ice cream, lemonade, Gatorade, bottled water

Allergy-friendly desserts will be provided, courtesy of Mrs. Culler (Thank you!)

Unfortunately, this year, we cannot invite guests

who are not students at The Concept School.

Parents are welcome to arrive at 8:30 p.m. if they would like to help us clean up.

Please return your permission slip to Ms. Tilmon by Tuesday, June 1, 2021



Dance-Party Release Form

Dear Families of Concept School Students,

Students will have the opportunity to attend the Senior Farewell Dance-Party on

Friday, June 4, 2021, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **This event will take place at The Concept School.**

Activities: dinner, games, photo booth, music (with DJ Billy Shakes, a.k.a. Mr. Loux), and dancing!

Games will include: big Jenga, outdoor bowling, and cornhole.

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Cost: Free!

Please sign the form below and return it to Ms. Tilmon by Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Thank you.

I give my permission for my son/daughter _____

(name)

to attend the Dance-Party at The Concept School. 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 this school event at this number:

(area code) (phone number)

(NOTE: Class teachers will make immediate attempts to reach parents by phone in case of an emergency.)

Signed: _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Date)