



CONNER CREEK ACADEMY EAST

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent's Thoughts

It seems that the older I get the faster time goes by. As we bid summer good bye and move into fall, my favorite season, I look forward to another rewarding school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the heat, but now it is time to get back into the routines of school. We welcome all of our new families and those returning and encourage you to be involved as much as you can in your child's education with us. As a team we can do great things for each and every student making this year the best one they have had so far. From kindergarten to 12th grade it is our desire to help build students that are not only academically prepared for the future but also physically and socially. I hope to see many of you at various events throughout the year and anticipate great things happening at CCAE/MC. Have a wonderful year.

*"It is extraordinary how extraordinary the ordinary person is."
George F. Will*
Charles Meredith

Elementary Principal's Note

Welcome back to another great school year. If you are a new family joining our school we welcome you. It is very exciting as we start this new year. We have a very busy year planned with a lot of fun activities. Please don't hesitate to get involved with your school family.

We have some new faces that have joined our staff over the summer. Please welcome Mrs. Chambers to 6th grade, Mrs. Holtzhouse to 1st grade, Mrs. Parris to our Literacy coaching staff, Mrs. Tucker to our art dept, Mrs. Shafkalis to our special education dept. and Mrs. Kliewer who is now our Dean of Students/Assistant Principal.

When you talk to your child please be sure to ask them about Bucket-Filling. We are an official "Bucket Filling" School. The philosophy behind "Bucket Filling" is we all carry an invisible bucket in which we keep our feelings. We are either filling someone's bucket by the positive words or actions we do or we are dipping into someone's bucket by robbing them of happy feelings by refusing to help out in a situation or by saying cruel things. Our goal is to continue to maintain a safe and positive school climate, stop bullying, and make bucket filling a way of life.

The safety of our students is very important to us. Eastland is a very busy street and with our bus transportation can be quite hectic. Please make sure you are not blocking the driveways or the parking lot when dropping off or picking up students. The Roseville police are often present before and after school so please obey the speed zone. They will not hesitate to give out tickets.

If you are still in need of uniforms for your child be sure to check our free used uniform closet.

If at anytime during the year you have questions or concerns my office is always open to you. I hope you and your child have a great school experience.

Karen Smith

ATTENTION ALL K-12 PARENTS

As a parent or guardian, it is your responsibility to call your child's school when he/she will be out for any reason. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

ELEMENTARY: 586-779-8055
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 586-777-3190
HIGH SCHOOL: 586-777-5792

THANK YOU! ~ The Office Staff

CCAE/ MC information can also be found at our recently redesigned website: <http://www.connercreekeast.org>.

Vision Statement:

A community of independent thinkers who contribute positively to society and live with a sense of purpose.

Mission Statement:

Conner Creek Academy East/Michigan Collegiate

- **Empowers** students to develop their potential
- **Creates** responsible citizens
- **Inspires** students to become lifelong learners
in a caring, supportive, and diverse environment.

Elementary Events

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Kindergarten News

In Kindergarten, the students have been busy making new friends, learning how to do a lot of things all by themselves, and they've been practicing being Bucketfillers, too! We are already learning letters and letter sounds, and we have been reading a lot of great books. Centers are a fun way we learn and play together! Parents, the best thing you can do to help your child become a good reader and love reading is to read to them every day! Please remember to check and empty your child's folder each night, and talk with your child about the papers and notes in the folder. We are enjoying getting to know your children, and we're looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Myers, and Miss Wood



It is a Michigan State Law.
NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.
Please remember to put out your cigarette before you pull in to our drive.



First Grade News

Hello, Families! Welcome back to an exciting new school year. We have been having a wonderful time in first grade so far. We are happy to welcome back many families from last year, and we have also been fortunate to have some new families join us this year as well.

In science, we have been talking all about weather and seasons. Each day we discuss the type of weather that we are having, hang a picture on our weather graph, and predict the type of weather that we will have the following day.

Our first graders have been busy reviewing their letters, sounds, and sight words. They are on their way to becoming super readers! We appreciate all that you do at home to help make reading an enjoyable experience.

We are looking forward to spending the rest of the school year with your children, and we are looking forward to getting to know you as well! We are going to have a great year together!



Mrs. Holtzhouse, Mrs. Snider & Mrs. Aleo, & Miss Kruse



Second Grade News

We are so excited about the new school year. We want to take this time to thank for the families for supporting Conner Creek Academy East. We are truly proud of our school and we anticipate a wonderful year with you!

We have started a new theme among our rooms: we have pledged to be bucketfiller classrooms. We each have pledged to fill our invisible buckets with kindness and friendship, and not dip into others buckets by being rude or mean. We are focusing on the positive here in second grade. One of our main goals is to increase your child's reading. Please continue to practice reading at home with your second grader. We will meet with groups to give guided reading practice as well. We have begun spelling and we encourage you to use creative and fun ways of helping your children master the weekly list. We look forward to a great year of academics, core democratic values, and friendship.

Mrs. Carrico, Mrs. Chambers, and Mrs. Guerin

Third Grade News

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 school year in 3rd grade at CCAE! We hope that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing, and fun summer break and are now ready to jump into the exciting world of 3rd grade!

The students are learning so much already. In social studies, they are learning about their state of Michigan. They have completed some fun activities that helped them learn about the 5 Great Lakes.

The students are learning how to write a 5-square paragraph in writing. Their first paper was about summer vacation. They will continue to become better writers throughout the year.

We are in the middle of a reading genre unit about taking care of our world. The students have read some fun books with great illustrations and have performed a reader's theatre about one of the books. Upon completing this unit, the students will be writing another 5-square paper about taking care of our world.

We are very excited to have your child in class this year. We are looking forward to experiencing all of the fun that is to come with your child!

Mrs. Bettin

Mrs. St. Onge

Mr. Wood



Fourth Grade News

Our fourth graders are off to a fantastic start. In Social Studies, we are studying the Foundations of 4th Grade Social Studies. So far, we've learned how to think like historians and geographers. We will also learn how to ask questions like political scientists and economists. In Science, we are studying ecology. We will begin our unit this month by studying the basic needs of animals and different adaptations animals have to help them meet their needs.

In math, we have studied place value, comparing and ordering numbers, and decomposing and composing numbers. Our next topic will be addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Our focus skill this month is problem solving.

Our students are also preparing for the MEAP testing in early October by practicing reading comprehension, writing from knowledge and experience, and math skills. Our reading focus skill this month is inference.

We are all working hard toward a wonderful year at CCAE. Thank you for your help!



Mrs. Brunette

Miss Wegner

Mrs. Verdaglio

Fifth Grade News

This year is off to a great start! We have been busy preparing for the MEAP, which begins October 12th. Our 5th graders will be taking the science, math and English Language Arts (Reading) portions of the MEAP this year. Please try to make sure that your child is getting plenty of sleep and is at school each day during the testing period.

In social studies we are beginning to study the geography and landforms of the United States. Throughout the year, we will be learning about the United States and what makes it GREAT! In science we have been reviewing life cycles of plants and animals, fossils and many other interesting topics. This year we will explore the solar system and the amazing systems of our bodies, along with many other things!!

Our time in reading has been spent reviewing strategies good reader use. Throughout the year, we will discover the world of historical fiction by reading *The Sign of the Beaver* and *Guests*, not to mention other short stories. In language arts we have been getting to know each other with our papers about our favorite topic: ourselves! Some of our writing this year will focus on: persuasive and research writing as well as mystery and historical fiction.

We are looking forward to a great year!!

Mrs. Gurganus

Mrs. Allen

Ms. Becksvoort



Sixth Grade News

6th grade is off to a wonderful start. We have a great group of students this year. We are currently reviewing 5th grade concepts in math and reading as we prepare for the MEAP test. This year we are really focusing on mastering the parts of speech, and working with words to help improve our reading and writing skills.

In Social Studies, Mrs. Vermiglio-Wood is teaching the students about reading maps, graphs, and the Core Democratic Values. In Science, we have started exploring the Earth's interior, with Ms. Costello. Be sure to ask your child all about the Earth's inner core. In Language Arts with Mrs. Chambers, the students have been brainstorming ideas and learning to use the 5 square paragraph to help with organizing their writing as they prepare for their first writing assessment

Mrs. Chambers

Ms. Costello

Mrs. Vermiglio-Wood

Kindergarten Art and Music & Movement News



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! I would like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. My name is Mrs. Jacquemotte, and this year I am teaching Kindergartener Art and Music & Movement. I have been teaching at Conner Creek for 12 years now and am excited for this new school year. It has been fun meeting with the Kindergarteners on Mondays and Thursdays and getting to know the students.

In Art, so far we have been practicing pattern tracing and cutting skills. The students are learning scissor holding and cutting techniques, along with how to hold down and trace a pattern shape for projects. They have also made "Back to School" buses, hand-print apples trees and Fall Trees with tissue paper leaves.

In Music & Movement students have been enjoying learning and dancing to new songs. Each class we begin with stretching out our bodies then we sing, dance, and add motions to the songs we are learning. Some of the students favorites are "The Freeze", "Animal Actions" and of course "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"!

Mrs. Jacquemotte

Elementary Art Room News

The art fun has begun at CCAE this new school year. Hello, I am Ms. Tucker and am starting my 1st year here as art teacher of grades 1-6. This is my third year of teaching art. Prior to teaching I owned five flower shops. I will see each class twice a week this year.

I have started with some basic art elements this year. All classes created a self portrait with no instruction that will be used later in the year to compare their growth. Grades 3-6 have been studying lines and working on a line composition. The 1st and second grades have been working on color: primary, cool & warm, and texture. Throughout the school year, I will be combining art with cross curriculum areas of study, such as Science, Math, and Writing Skills.

This year, in grades 1-6, is the "Mystery Art Game". In this game, the focus is American Art. At the beginning of art class, one student is chosen to name as many elements of art as he/she can from the picture of the week. If the student says the mystery item in the picture, he/she wins a prize. The goal is to get our students engaged in the thinking process and provide some art history. They love to play this game.

Please feel free to contact us if needed. Remember, we are here to serve your students and it is always more effective to work together as a team for the best results. There is always a need for hand sanitizer and Kleenex in the art classroom; we will be accepting donations any time in the school year. Thank you very much for all the donations you have made so far!

Thank you,
Ms. Tucker



K-6 Music



We have had a great start to music this year! Kindergarten is learning many new songs and first grade has already learned how to play a song on the xylophone! Grades two through six are working on the first unit of the year, drumming. In class we are using Tubano drums to learn musical concepts, play games, and songs. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the next newsletter about concert dates for each grade!

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Ms. S. Calihan

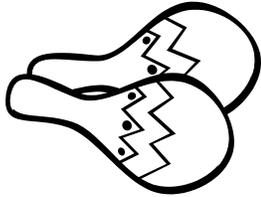
TECHNOLOGY ROCKS!

Hello, I am Mrs. Cochrill the Elementary Technology teacher. We are focusing on learning the basic parts of a computer, beginning to use the computer and technology, what technology actually consists of, and what its use is in our lives. We will discuss why technology is important and how it impacts our lives now, and how it can help us reach our future goals. This fall, we will be covering acceptable uses for technology, 'fair use', copyright issues, then move onto internet searching and safety. We will be doing a lot of hands on work in class, as well as whole-class discussions, and individual and group projects. I will be updating my website soon. The address is: <http://cochrillconnection.weebly.com/>.



~Mrs. Cochrill~

Español Kindergarten-Third Grade



¡Hola! Me llamo Señora Winston. If you have a student in kindergarten through third grade, then your child meets with me twice each week for Spanish. All of the Spanish classes are off to a great start! We are doing a lot of different things in each grade level ranging from numbers, colors and animals to everyday greetings, phrases and questions. While second graders are learning how to say the date in Spanish, the third graders are beginning to learn to say the pledge in Spanish! They seem to really enjoy learning these things. Please look for Spanish papers that come home with your students so you will be able to see all that they are learning in Spanish class. All of my classes are working very hard and doing a great job!

Señora Winston

Español Fourth through Sixth Grade

Bienvenido

¡Hola! Me llamo Señora Cochrill.

Hello! My name is Mrs. Cochrill and I am the 4th - 6th grade Spanish teacher. Señora Winston (K-3rd grade) and I share the Spanish room in the back building. We will be learning through written work, short dialogues, projects, tests, songs and more.

We will be starting the year off with basic Spanish, including the alphabet, greetings, days of the week, months of the year, and other basic conversational vocabulary, such as expressions of courtesy. We will also be learning all of the words in the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be a quiz over these items about 5-6 weeks into the school year. Ask your child how to say the date, please and thank you, or even to recite the pledge.

¡Muchas Gracias! Thank you so much to those of you who have sent in donations for your specials classes. We will be taking them throughout the year, so if you ever want to send things in, just label them 'Specials' and send them in with your children.

I will be updating my website soon. The address is: <http://cochrillconnection.weebly.com/>.

Hasta pronto

Señora Cochrill



Physical Education



Welcome back to what is going to be another great year in physical education class. We have had a great start so far and the students seem to be having a wonderful time. The fourth through sixth graders are working with partners doing different fitness challenges. The kindergartens through third graders are working on locomotor skills which are different ways we can move using our feet and moving safely through the gym. We will soon get into soccer skills, jumping and balancing activities, and dance.

I look forward to another great year with the students at Conner Creek Academy East. Please make sure that you are sending your children to school with their tennis shoes so they will be able to participate. If you are able to, the specials teachers are "wishing" for a few supplies for the school year like tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, pencils, etc. Please mark these items with SPECIALS so they are taken to the correct location.

Thanks so much for your support,

Ms. Van Wieren

To keep our students safe and to avoid classroom interruptions...

The outside doors of our buildings are always locked.

Students may not open the outside doors for visitors or staff.

Parents and visitors, please ring one of the doorbells, and check in at the front or back office when you arrive.

Thank you! We appreciate your cooperation!

Curriculum

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n Classroom teaching & learning is underway, and we are off to a great start. Teachers are busy planning lessons and preparing students for the MEAP test in October. Students are also involved in Scantron testing this fall. In the past, we have only administered this test in the spring, but have decided to have students test in the fall, winter, and spring. This will allow us to monitor student growth more closely and **r** provide interventions when necessary.

We have two reading specialists this year. Tracy DiMaggio is now working alongside Amy Parris. They are overseeing our paraprofessional staff, which is busy assessing student reading levels. Upon completion, they will all begin working with students who need extra support in reading and math. One of our main focus areas this year is to ensure that all classrooms are engaged in the four blocks of reading on a weekly basis. These areas include working with words, guided reading, self-selected independent reading, and writing. Please remember to encourage your children to read at home. They can read anything that is enjoyable to them: chapter books, picture books, informational books, magazines, etc. Also, remember to talk to them about what they read. This will help your child's comprehension.

Looking forward to seeing you at activities and parent nights throughout the year!

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CCAЕ & MC**Special Education and Support Services****Special Education Staff**

Director Student Services	Mrs. Barterian
Psychologist	Mrs. Kekhoua
Special Ed Office Support	Ms. Vicari
Special Ed Office Assistant	Mrs. Nash

Special Education Teachers

Learning Center K-3	Mrs. Shafkalis
Learning Center 4-6	Mrs. Gradowski
Learning Center Assistants	Mrs. White & Mrs. Kiser
Middle School Learning Center	Mrs. Johnston
High School Co-Teachers	Mrs. Callawaert
	Ms. Olejniczak
	Mr. Welhusen

**Support Services**

Social Worker (Elementary, Middle, & High School)	Mr. Aaron Ondra
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Speech & Language Pathologist (Elementary)	Mr. Rich Dzikowski
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Speech & Language Pathologist (Middle & High School)	Mr. Darryl Rose/ Ms. Ann Kerrigan
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Learning Center: Grades K-3

Hello Conner Creek family! My name is Eleni Shafkalis and I am the new Learning Center teacher for grades K-3. I am new to the building but I am not new to our district. I was very fortunate to have worked for 2 years as the Learning Center teacher at Michigan Collegiate Middle School. I am very excited to be part of the elementary school staff and look forward to meeting all!

Sincerely,
Eleni Shafkalis

Learning Center: Grades 4-6

Happy New School Year 2010!

It's good to be back working with our Learning Center students. When our students were asked about their goals for 2010-2011, they replied that they wanted to improve their reading and math levels. In September and October, our students will be taking Scantron and MEAP testing. This year we have two part-time assistants: Mrs. Kiser and Mrs. White. We look forward to a great year of learning for your children.

Mrs. Gradowski (Learning Center Instructor)

Dean of Students

Dear Families of CCAE,

CCAЕ has shaken a few things up in our District this year. I have decided to join the team at CCAЕ Elementary when a position was offered to me after a few changes at MC. My role this year at CCAЕ is Dean of Students. It is a fancy title for an Assistant Principal. I will be helping out Mrs. Smith with the discipline, among other things.

Even though I have been at the High School for the last seven years, the Elementary is no stranger. I started out as CCAЕ's first Sixth Grade Teacher back in 1999 on the boardwalk with 24 students that were anxious to become Middle School students. I have now come full circle.

This year's challenge with the Elementary will have any less dedication on my part. I am looking forward to meeting the needs of the children that walk the halls of CCAЕ, many of whom I have already become acquainted with. We all are looking forward to a new and successful year.

Sincerely,

Karen I. Kliewer

CCAЕ Privacy Rights:

CCAЕ will not release personal student records such as grades, attendance or test results without the signature of the parent. However, under the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) the district is permitted to release information which would normally be found in school yearbooks, catalogs, or student directories. This could include name, address, phone number, birth date, field of study, honors, awards, and general photographs. If parents object to the release of such information, they must state their objection to the building principal in writing.

Elementary School Parking

Please be courteous when using our parking lot. If you are not going to park your car, please stay in your vehicle so that others can pull out of their parking spaces. The best place to park at the elementary school is in the church parking lot across the street from the school.

Please stay out of the **NO PARKING** zone and be courteous to the crossing guards. They are here to help keep your children safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Middle School Memos

Notes from the Middle School Principals

Dear Parents and Guardians of Middle School Students:

We would like to welcome all of our previous students and the new students that have just joined our Michigan Collegiate Family. We have so many things going on already this fall and hope you will encourage your students to become involved in many of the activities.

Football practice and girls Basketball practice have been in progress the last few weeks. Please come out and encourage the students during the games. Girls Cheerleading and Boys basketball will be here before we know it. Please make sure all the athletes have their health physicals so they don't miss any practices or games.

We are participating in the Explorer Test on September 21, 2010. This is a preliminary test in preparation for the ACT test which they will take in the 11th grade. They will have this test in the 8th and 9th grade. We will be starting tutoring soon so have your child listen for announcements. Busses will be available after tutoring and will drop them off at the 7 & Kelly, 8 & Gratiot and 8 & Ryan stops.

Our breakfast and lunch programs are in place and we have breakfast available for each child in their first hour class from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Lunch is also provided for each child.

The 7th graders will begin their Character Count Program this week. It will run for two weeks.

Please remember to call in your child before 9:00 to the office or attendance line if they will be absent for any reason. This practice is in place for the safety of your child. After the first of the year, we will be opening up an online parent portal for you to view your child's grades, homework assignments, absences, and tardies. This will be an exciting time for all of us so look for more information in the coming months. Take time to enjoy the colors and fall weather with your family. As we all know, time goes by so very fast.

Sincerely,

Kay Newhouse and *Vergil Smith*
Principal Assistant Principal

Middle School Social Studies

7TH GRADE -We are starting the year with a bang learning all about the history, geography, and cultures of Africa. The Amazing Race has begun!

8th GRADE-We went all the way back to the Ice Age to learn all about our beginnings. Soon the Revolutionary War will begin!

~Mr. Dembs

Middle School Spanish

Bienvenidos a la clase de la Sra. Wuebben. The 7th and 8th graders have been busy reviewing the basics- numbers, colors, days of the week, and months. We are beginning to do dialogues. The 7th graders are learning how to conjugate in the Present Tense and the 8th graders are working with the Preterite and the Future Tense. During the week of September 13 to the 17th, the students celebrated Mexican Independence Day by displaying their Papel Picado. The students cut tissue paper squares into snowflake-like decorations and then glued them to a string and hung them across the classroom. Papel Picado is an old custom and is displayed everywhere in Mexico and South America, especially during celebrations. The week was capped off by an authentic Mexican dinner of fried beans, rice, burritos, tamales and for dessert, sopapillas. We made the sopapillas in class. I was very happy that the students totally enjoyed the event.

Hasta Luego,
Sra. Wuebben

Middle School Language Arts

Welcome back to school! We have two language arts teachers this year. Mrs. Lewan will be teaching literature, concentrating on reading, and I will concentrate on writing. All my classes are writing in preparation for this year's MEAP testing that begins October 13.

My students take notes in class using a notebook the school has provided. In addition, we have supplied a folder to carry work back and forth from school to home and an agenda. Your child should be reading thirty minutes at home each day from a chapter book of their choice. This signed reading record is due each Monday.

Our 8th graders are taking The Explorer test-a preview of the ACT they will later take in high school. Our school invests well in our students!

Mrs. Payne

Middle School Literature

In our class, 7th and 8th graders are currently reviewing basic reading and writing strategies. This is preparing students for the upcoming MEAP tests. One of the highlights last week was understanding comprehension from a narrative article and biography in the form of a Jeopardy game.

~Mrs. Lewan

Middle School Science

The Middle School Science classes began the year by reviewing the Scientific Methods of observation and measurement. We observed optical illusions and measured with our thumbs. One of the highlights was when we had mealworm races!

The 8th Grade while preparing for the MEAP exams in October is busy learning about our planet Earth. The 7th Grade is busy learning about all kinds of waves, water, sound, energy and solar. We had a great lab where we made pan flutes and made water dance.

Your Science Instructor,
Maureen A. Smith

Middle School Math

Hello to you all – my name is Sean McGowan and I am currently teaching mathematics at Michigan Collegiate Middle School. This is my first year at this wonderful institution and it is my sincere hope that by working together, all students will be able to achieve academically and show the world their pride and creativity.

Have you ever realized that nearly all the math that you ever see in school involves just 4 things – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division? The day I figured that out was the day I stopped worrying about how difficult math seemed and I began to really enjoy it. There is some truth in the following quote. Don't make life (and math) more complicated than it needs to be.

Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius — and a lot of courage — to move in the opposite direction.

~ Albert Einstein

I want to personally thank all of my peers for this opportunity and to the parents of my students, I wish you all the best as we continue forth on this educational journey. Thank you and let's have a GREAT YEAR!!!

Top Math Sites for ALL learners:

www.coolmath.com
www.mathforum.com
www.AAAmath.com
www.figurethis.org
www.mathcats.com
www.mathleague.com



Middle School/High School Vocal Music Department

Welcome back singers!!!! I hope you had a very restful summer. We are looking forward to a great year in vocal music. We have many things planned for this year including concerts, choral festival, field trips, and of course fundraisers. Our first fundraiser will be kicking off this week. We will be selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits.

The concert dates for this year have been approved. Both Middle School and High School will have their concerts at Michigan Collegiate. **The Fall Concert is on Thursday November 19, 2010 @ 7pm.** Please mark your calendars!!!!

The Arts department is sponsoring a trip to New York City in May. If you are interested in going, please feel free to contact me for information. The first payment is due on October 22nd. We only have 54 spots available and it is first come, first served!

I hope you are all looking forward to a great year. We have some really talented young people at Michigan Collegiate and I have the privilege to sing with them everyday. It's going to be a fantastic year!

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Difatta

Middle School Social Studies

7TH Grade Social Studies-We are off to a great start and will be studying the geography, history and culture of Africa. The Amazing Race begins! Look for tests about every ten days!

8TH Grade Social Studies- Also off to a great start! We are beginning with The Ice Age and will continue on to The Civil War. Look for tests about every ten days!

Mr. Dembs

Middle School and High School Art Department

We are off and running in the Art Department with still life set-ups and lovely drawing from the 7th thru the 12th graders. We have many up and coming artists showing their talent as this year gets started.

This calendar year we are offering the following classes; 7th and 8th grade, Basic Drawing, Painting and Design, and Basic Sculpture. For the high school we will offer Basic Drawing, Painting and Design, Basic Sculpture, and Ceramics. Third trimester the high school art class offers Stage Set and Design and Theatre Arts.

In May of 2011, Michigan Collegiate high school fine arts department will be presenting its second annual Broadway musical. The art department will be doing the stage sets and props and the vocal music department will be presenting the music. We are looking forward to another successful event and would like to invite you to the evening performance in May.

I am looking forward to working with you child in art. Thank you for the opportunity.

Georgia Sullivan
Middle School and High School
Art Department Head
NHS Advisor



Middle School Physical Education and Health

Welcome to Physical Education at Michigan Collegiate Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year. The goal of this class is to have fun while developing our physical fitness, and to give students the tools to be physically active for a lifetime. During the first trimester, we will be going over the importance of physical activity, and how it can keep you healthy forever! We will be doing the following units this trimester for both 7th and 8th grade: flag football, soccer, and volleyball. Since the school year has started, we have done numerous aerobic activities and fitness testing to see where each student is at in their current state of fitness. The students and I, are looking forward to the next couple weeks as we get started with our team sport activities. I am excited for another successful school year.



Mr. Knight
Michigan Collegiate Middle School
Physical Education and Health

Middle School Learning Center

I'm very excited for my first year here at MCMS. In the learning center we are currently preparing for the MEAPs and using the Read Naturally reading program. I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year.

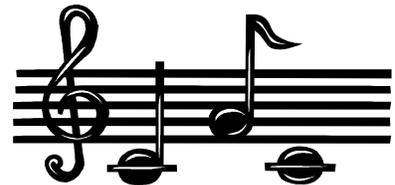
Mrs. Johnston

Middle School and High School Band News

There are lots of changes this year for the instrumental music department. Band is now offered in grades 7 through 12, including beginner classes at all levels. We are also offering after school band for experienced players who can't take band during the day due to scheduling conflicts.

After School Band:

- A warm snack will be served at 3:30 in the band room.
- Rehearsals are from 3:45 until 4:45
- Busses are available to the 7 Mile and Kelly, and 8 Mile and Gratiot stops
- Monday-Trumpets
- Tuesday-Saxes, Clarinets, and Mallet Percussion
- Wednesday-Drums and Bases
- Thursday-Full Band



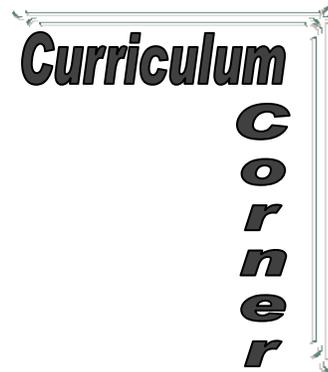
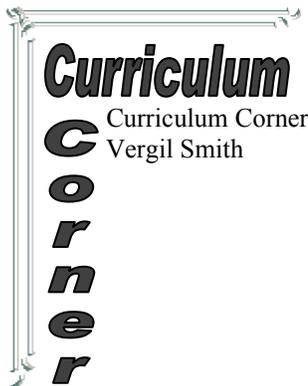
Thanks!
 John Payne

Middle School and High School Technology

The technology courses for the middle school and high school at Michigan Collegiate are in full swing. Since I only have the 7th graders one trimester this year they will be focusing on a multitude of computer subjects. The 7th graders will start off with a lengthy unit on developing keyboarding skills, followed by a unit of Microsoft Office programs, and ending with units pertaining to the Internet and website design. While the 8th grade will take an in depth leap into computer history, the Internet, hardware, software, office programs like Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, and computer ethics. The high school has only one technology course for the first trimester; Computer Literacy. In Computer Lit, the students are learning about the history of the computer and the Internet, how to effectively research the Internet, hardware, software, how the computer processes data, operating systems, integrated Microsoft Office programs, and computer ethics. We're looking forward to an exciting year building 21st century skills.

Thanks,
 Mr. Patton





Welcome back Middle School students and parents! This year has brought a few changes to the Middle School curriculum that stress the importance of content area classes. We have added a Literature class to each student's schedule that will focus on reading comprehension and fluency, and each student will now have an extra trimester of math each year. Furthermore, we are proud to have our 8th grade students as part of the Cambridge ACT program. This opportunity will not only prepare the students for the ACT testing environment, but provide results early enough to be analyzed and addressed as they approach high school.

Curriculum Corner- Important Dates to Remember!

- * 8th Grade Students took the Explore test on September 21st. Results are expected in two weeks.
- * 7th and 8th grade MEAP will begin on October 12th
- * Check out our new ms/hs website at www.michcol.org! We have course descriptions posted under the curriculum section if you are interested in staff expectations of your student.

Educational Terms to Understand

(You may hear your student say these things, or you may see these terms in their class materials)

GLCEs (Grade Level Content Expectations) nicknamed "State Glickies": These are the 7th and 8th grade state objectives we follow to guide your student's learning. These are posted in many classrooms and also aligned with your student's course objectives list they are given in the beginning of each trimester.

SDIS tests (Student Directed Information System): This is our 7th-12th grade program to assess student learning of our course goals. Every student takes a middle and post test in every course he or she takes, each trimester. Based on this data, teachers know what course objectives your student has *or has not* learned.

Wishing all students a successful academic year,

Mr. Vergil Smith

MS Curriculum Director/Assistant Principal

586-777-3190

High School Highlights

Notes from the High School Principals

September 20, 2010

Dear MCHS Community,

Welcome back to another year at Michigan Collegiate High School. As many of you know, Russ Woodruff and I are now the co-principals for MCHS. We are excited about the opportunity to lead the school in a very aggressive manner, focusing on student achievement. Kirk Cannon has become our assistant principal. He leads the new "ISS" (In School Suspension) program.

Among many of our new programs, ABC has gained a lot of attention among our student body. Below is a brief description of the program:

Academic Boot Camp "ABC": This is a mandatory after school program for students who do not turn in assignments *or* are not experiencing achievement in a given content area. Each content area is responsible for one day per week:

Monday- Science, Tuesday-Soc. Studies, Wednesday- Math, Thursday- English

Parents are called every Friday if a student qualifies for ABC for the upcoming week. If a student qualifies, Miss Fockler will leave a voicemail with the subject area and day the student needs to attend. It runs from 3:45-4:45 Monday-Thursday. There is a late bus scheduled to pick up all ABC students.

What do students do at ABC? They will do one of the following: complete their missing assignments, receive instructional support, or correct test questions they previously did not understand at the time of the original assessment.

Parents-Please assist us in making sure your student attends ABC on his or her required day!!

There are many other new programs at MCHS this year, all with the hope of ensuring our students experience success as they prepare for the ACT and college.

Thank you for choosing MCHS!

Erica Walsh
Co-principal

Welcome parents, students' and family to another year at Michigan Collegiate High School. The 2010 school year has many changes that are taking place. Mrs. Walsh and I are now co-principals and look forward to moving on with a new focus on curriculum. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs. Kliewer, who is now at the elementary, and look forward to carrying on the tradition of a "student first" mentality that she helped instill in us.

As many of you have been hearing, our ACT scores are not up to the standard we would like. We have changed our focus in the classroom to better prepare our students to be successful on this test. Our juniors will be working very hard on content knowledge and test taking strategies so that on March 1st 2011, they walk into the room confident and ready.

The MC also has many new faces this year that will be working with your students. From Ms. Johnson in AP 9, to Mr. Arkenburg in the Spanish room, we feel we have assembled a staff that is both dynamic and knowledgeable; however, they can not help your student reach their potential alone. We need involvement at home to help ensure your student stays on the right track. We need you at parent/teacher conferences, October 14th, so you know how your child is doing, and what you can do to help. We look forward to this partnership and know working together we can prepare your student for life after high school.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have and I hope to see you at many of the sporting events and other school functions that we will be having throughout the year.

Russ Woodruff
Co-Principal
Michigan Collegiate

News from Student Council

Welcome to a new year! Here is the 2010-2011 Student Council:

Freshmen Reps: Lizea Carr, Elisha Sutton, Jestise Harrison, Marshawn Hill

Sophomore Reps: Teo Redding, Ashley Brown, Keyne Conley

Junior Reps: Kaylin Ballard, Brie Taylor, Ashley Collins, Taquiya Knox

Senior Reps: RuVonna Dudley, Sierra Beeler, Precita Allen, KeYaughn Batts

Secretary: LaDesire Brown

Vice-President: Ajah Cole

President: Monique Cook

2010 Spirit Days:
Wednesday Oct 6: Pajama Day (\$1.00)
Thursday Oct 7: Twin Day (\$1.00)
Friday Oct 8: Class Color Day (free)

We are currently planning the 2010 Homecoming Dance, "Under the Stars," which is set for Saturday October 9 at MC. Tickets go on sale September 27 for \$20.00/person and \$30.00/couple. Any student bringing an outside guest must have a completed guest form to purchase a ticket. **NO OUTSIDE GUESTS MAY PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DOOR.** Tickets for MC students at the door are \$5.00 more.

The Homecoming Game is Friday October 8 at Lakeview High School. There will be a pep rally during 5th hour that day.

Please contact us with any questions! Let's have a great fun-filled year!

Mrs. King and Mrs. Howe

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The 2010 athletic year has started out with bang. The football team has been working hard since August and has qualified for the playoffs for second straight year. Currently 6-0 with three games left against Bradford, Chandler Park and University of Liggett the team looks to build on last years performance. In addition to a varsity football team the MC also has a JV and middle school program that are off to a great start. With over 85 boys in the program we look to start a winning tradition.

Speaking of very large programs, the girls cheerleading squads look great! WHAT'S UP WHAT'S UP can often be heard with Mr. Woodruff wagging a finger in the year to go along with the cheer squad. Great job out of the ladies and the coaches!

Volleyball and Cross Country are the final two high school programs that are currently underway. Both programs are building off last years successes and we hope to see some of you out at a few of the matches.

New middle school girl's basketball Coach Dave is teaching the girls about the game and fundamentals. We look forward to seeing them play on the varsity in a few years.

If you have not had an opportunity to see our student/athletes in action please come out and have a look. Check the monthly calendar for dates and times.

High School US History

Greetings Parents and Students,

I hope that the arrival of the new school year finds both you and yours doing well and enjoying life. Currently the 9th grade U.S. History students have been completing their required scantron testing and reviewing history topics in preparation for the Social Studies MEAP Test that freshmen history students will be taking on October 20th during their first hour classes. Elements of the MEAP Test will assess the student's knowledge of history and the Constitution, their ability to read and comprehend charts and graphs, and their knowledge of world environments and populations. Bouts of review for the MEAP Test will continue for the freshmen history students until the day of the test. With that said, shortly the students will begin to tackle information about the American West after the Civil War; including topics such as Native Americans, Mining and Miners in the West, Cowboys and Ranching in the West, and Farming the Great Plains. Please look for your students textbook at home. If you do not see their history textbook coming home with them, that is a problem. Students can always study their chapter vocabulary terms and review sections we have already covered. This will help them get off to a good start for the year and yield positive results in their US History class.

Regards,
Mr. Difatta

High School 11th Grade World History

Another year is upon us and I can't believe we have managed to get through a few weeks already. As you know Juniors are stressed this year with a lot of preparation for the ACT. The pre-ACT was completed the second day of school and the week of the 20th they will be working on the Scan-Tron testing which is an online test that all grade levels will complete. This is the second year I have had many of the 11th graders since I taught them government last year and they are working very hard to improve and keep their grades up. I will be here every Tuesday after school for additional help or if someone wishes to re-take a test. Looking forward to a great year with a great class!

Ms. Welling

High School English

The English Department is excited to announce several new curriculum changes and staff additions for the 2010-2011 school year. The new curriculum has students focusing on Daily Oral Language Lessons, weekly vocabulary words, and ACT preparation activities. Lessons will help develop student's communication and grammar skills, writing abilities, and reading comprehension, while preparing them for next year's ACT/MME examination. Each grade level will also focus on a designated theme: heroism in the ninth grader, virtue in the tenth grade, courage in the eleventh grade, and self-actualization in the twelve grade. Novels will be read to support each theme. Also, beginning October 11th, the English Department will be expanding the ABC tutoring program. In addition to helping students who are struggling in the classroom or missing assignments, teachers will also be working with students to enhance his/her individual writing needs.

Two new teachers, Jennifer Johnson and Jennifer LoDuca, have joined the English Department. Ms. Johnson completed her undergrad at Rochester College with an academic and volleyball scholarship, and also completed courses at the University of Michigan. She has taught every grade, 7th to 12th, and this year has the pleasure of teaching the freshman class, Academic Pathways, which is an English-based course focusing on character education and organizational skills. During the third trimester she will be teaching English 11. Ms. Johnson is also in charge of the yearbook, so if you ever have any pictures of school events please send them to her at johnsonj@michcol.org. Ms. LoDuca is our new English 10 teacher. She has six years of teaching experience, fifteen years of coaching experience (and is still coaching), her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Michigan State University, and her Master's Degree in Teaching from Wayne State University. Ms. LoDuca is also in charge of Community Service for the school and is the Advisor of a local chapter of a national charity, Becca's Closet. If you have any questions for Ms. LoDuca please feel free to email her at loducaj@michcol.org.

High School Math

Greeting from the High School Mathematics department! We are all very excited to have started the new school year. We would like to welcome two new teachers to our department, Mr. Peter Cheng teaches Pre-Calculus and Personal Finance to the senior class and Mr. Matt Wronikowski teaches Algebra 1 to our freshmen. Welcome, we are very excited to have you both! The seniors are preparing for college while taking their mathematics classes. The juniors are preparing for the upcoming ACT by practicing ACT type word problems and situations. The sophomores are the first class to switch tracks and take Algebra 2 during this year. This will help them prepare for the PLAN and ACT tests they will take this year and next. The freshmen are honing their Algebra 1 skills. Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,
The High School Mathematics department

High School Health and Fitness

Mr. Nagrich's Classes are well into the swing of things this trimester, having already completed several units including team handball, football, and takraw. All classes are preparing for the mid trimester physical fitness challenge as well as the beginning of both our volleyball and training / conditioning sections of the class. Students have the opportunity to learn about the positive effects and participate in several types of physical training methods which include weight lifting, circuit training, and aerobic conditioning.

Sincerely,
Mr. Nagrich
MCHS Physical Education/Athletics

High School Science

Within the first month of school, our science classes at Michigan Collegiate High School have accomplished a great deal of work. Students have learned the scientific method, properties of living organisms, and the foundation of chemistry. Our science classrooms are designed to teach students the basic principles and techniques of biology and chemistry. Students will be able apply the science, mathematical, and critical thinking skills learned in their classroom throughout the year. They will be able to utilize these techniques and knowledge and apply them to the outside world.

High School Special Education

The Special Education staff at Michigan Collegiate High School would like to welcome everyone back and wish everyone a successful 2010-2011 school year. It's been a busy first month back for the Special Education staff. We've been conducting school-wide testing in reading and math skills to help identify any students who may be struggling in those areas. Our goal is to find struggling students so that the staff at MC can intervene and provide them the extra help they need before they fall behind their classmates. The Special Education staff has also been receiving training in a new online system called Tie-Net. Tie-Net will help make IEP meetings more efficient and enable us to better meet the needs of our students with special needs. The system will go live later this month. If you have any questions about Special Education at Michigan Collegiate, please contact Mrs. Callewaert (11th and 12th), Mr. Welhusen (10th), or Ms. Olejniczak (9th) at the high school.

Counselor's Corner



By Mrs. Hazebrook

Welcome new students and welcome back returning students!

For readers who have not met me or Ms. Fockler, we are the counselors for Michigan Collegiate High School. Our role is to assist students with academic and personal needs. Students come to us for suggestions on selecting courses, planning for college, and assisting with personal difficulties. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to come in for a conference. Students with **the last initial A-M see Mrs. Hazebrook**, and students with the **last initial N-Z see Ms. Fockler**. You may contact us during school hours at (586) 777-5792.

Plans for the 2020/2011 School Year:

We are now busy working with seniors to assist them in college planning and applying for different colleges. We are also scheduling college visits where representatives come to Michigan Collegiate to talk with seniors about their colleges. Throughout the year we will be assisting all high school students in Career Planning. Ms. Fockler and I will also be organizing groups for students to meet once weekly in different areas such as Anger Management, Stress Management, and Learning How to Cope With Loss. We may offer more groups too. Please contact us if you are interesting in attending a group or if you have suggestions for another group.

Academic Boot Camp (ABC) Program

Michigan Collegiate is beginning a new program this year. The program is intended to provide students with tutoring and offering them an opportunity to makeup missing assignments or retake tests to improve their classroom grade. Classes will be held after school from 3:45 – 4:45, with **Monday as the Science day, Tuesday is Social Studies day, Wednesday is Math day, and Thursday is English day**. Transportation will be provided by GBS Bus Company. Ms. Fockler is heading up the program.

High School Spanish

¡Hola! Spanish is in full effect this year! 10th graders are taking Spanish I with Mr. Arkenburg and 12th graders are taking either Spanish II or Spanish III with Ms. Burns. Each Spanish class will be studying Hispanic culture, geography, grammar, and vocabulary. For example, during the 1st Trimester, students will be immersed in Hispanic culture by exploring Mexico's Independence Day (September 16th), Christopher Columbus Day (October 12th), and Day of the Dead (November 1st-2nd). For each chapter/section, students will survey a different Spanish speaking country focusing on general country location and country specific characteristics. We aim to make learning Spanish as fun as possible by incorporating songs, games, and crafts into lessons.

On a side note, tutoring is available every Wednesday after school from 3:45-4:30. Students can sign up with for tutoring with their Spanish teacher.

Ms. Kacie Burns & Mr. Robert Arkenburg

How to Handle a Poor Report Card

Tips for helping your children when they are struggling to get good grades

Report cards will come home in November. While many students will come home with good grades, many others would rather stuff their report cards deep into their backpacks than show them to their parents. As parents, you want your child to do well in school, so what do you do when your child's report card isn't as good as it should be?

Here are some tips for dealing with a poor report card:

1. **Set expectations.** Not every child will earn all A's, but that doesn't mean your child should strive for less. Talk with your child before the school year starts and explain that you won't be upset if he doesn't bring home all A's — but that you will be upset if he doesn't try his hardest and doesn't ask for help.
2. **Communicate with your child.** Don't wait until report cards are issued to talk with your child about school and grades. Talk with her every night and every week about homework. Ask how she is doing in school and what subjects she finds challenging.
3. **Discuss your child's performance with his teacher.** Your child's teacher is the best source for information about your child's scholastic performance. Your child's teacher can recommend ways to help your child or point out difficulties he is having.
4. **Set goals for improvement with your child.** If your child is currently a C student — then setting a goal of getting all A's may not be reasonable. However, creating an improvement goal for each subject will help her work toward an attainable level for each class.
5. **Establish a study plan with your child.** Your child should keep a schedule of all classes, assignments and key dates (e.g., project deadlines, big exams, etc.) As part of that schedule, she should include specific time for studying, projects and extracurricular activities. The more comprehensive the schedule, the more efficient your child will be in completing her homework and the better she'll do in school.
6. **Seek outside help.** Some children may need additional attention that can't be provided in school. Speak with your child's teacher about tutoring or supplemental education providers to help your child work toward better grades in school.
7. **Praise your child's successes.** Praise your child for what he is doing well, whether it's a specific academic subject or an extracurricular activity. If your child is not doing well in English, but loves to read the latest Harry Potter book, show him the connection between the two.



FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION!!

Parents if you have not filled out a Free and Reduced Meals Application we would like to encourage you to do so! Applications can be picked up in the front office. If you have filled one out and have not received a decision letter from us, please give us a call to check the status, we may need some additional information from you.



GREAT NEWS!! A NEW PILOT PROGRAM!!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS will receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack in the classroom about three days a week beginning in October!!

PRINCIPALS LIST AND HONOR ROLL

2009-2010

Principals List

Third Grade

Shandon Smith
Jenna Burns
Bonnie Willis
Dedric Johnson
LeAsia Agee
Kianna Dixon

Fourth Grade

Whitney Washington
Glorya Sullivan
Jayla Kelly
Lindsey Barthlow
Tiffany Marineau
Trolonzo Cochrane
Maya Smith

Fifth Grade

Cash'mir Pannell
Meliah Tinsley
Emily Wood
Taylor Clemons
Jacqueline Willis
Daelin Woods

Sixth Grade

Alyssa Harris
Robert Mitchell
Jayda Sullivan
Airion Talley

Seventh Grade

DeMarco Hill
Carlos Owens
Ericha Scott
Clara Templeton

Eighth Grade

Shawn Tally
Jasmine White

High School

Monique Cook
Amy Gerlach
Aaron Golden
Quincy Harris
Nicholas Laudan
Fletcher Link II
Aaliyah Murray
Kayla Price
Bryce Williams

Honor Roll

Third Grade

Shamirah Morgan
Alicia Griffin
Andrew Thomas
Jacob Ludlow
Janiro Brantley
Ian Brunette
Raven Rouseau

Fourth Grade

Kyra Stephens
Sekera Johnson
Sierra Hansen
Aaliyah Holt

Fifth Grade

Zachary Daniels
Olivia Edwards
Camryn Patterson
Robert Williams
Devin Fate
Jordan Marks
Ryan Abke
Taylor Adair
Darius McQueen
Renard Merkerson
Kataya Sayles

Sixth Grade

Terell Battle
Dominique Bonds
Lauryn Darden
Tanisha Spencer
Mariah Hunt
Aubrey Bentley
Stefanie Degree
Angel Young

Seventh Grade

Jada Edwards
Jeffery Calloway
Kevin Dixon
Darion James
Anthony Moore
Daniel Houge
Delynde Shephard

Eighth Grade

Imari Brown
Aramis Anfield
Jeremy Fleury-
Vettraino
Alissa Jones
Adrian Simley
Jamie Simmons
Eisha Sutton
Jamal Williams
DeAndre Hicks

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

Picture this

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting him see it. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. *Examples:* How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

Raising good sports

You can teach your youngster to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

Line them up

Sometimes kids get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. Try this. Have your child work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once she gets used to this system, she'll be able to transfer her lining-up skills to regular paper.

Worth quoting

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."
H. Jackson Brown Jr.

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: Name one important thing we have today that we didn't have 10 years ago.

Brian: Me!



Study smarts

Sarah, a fourth-grader, takes a history test at the end of each month. Evan, a first-grader, has a spelling quiz every Friday. Studying is a skill these youngsters will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study effectively with these tips.

Start a habit. Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something she does the evening before a test. For example, she might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After she finishes her regular homework, she can spend a little time reviewing her notes and handouts.

Tackle textbooks. When your child has a chapter to study, have her "preview" it to increase her understanding. She should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. *Tip:* If she finds a section hard to grasp, she could read a picture book on the



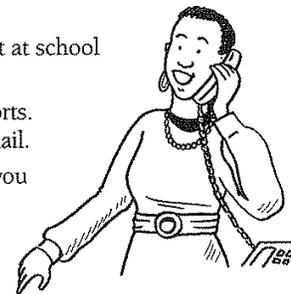
topic. For a science unit on matter, for instance, she could try *What Is the World Made Of?* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

Mix it up. If your youngster reviews information in several ways, she'll be more likely to remember it. She might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then, she can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that she spell each word or recite each fact aloud.♥

Parent power

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or an e-mail.
- Contact your youngster's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.♥



Let's behave!

Did you know that getting your youngsters to behave can be fun? Try these ideas to encourage better behavior—and cut down on everyone's frustration.

Distract. Being playful can stop misbehavior, especially if it's caused by boredom. *Example:* You're stuck inside on a rainy day, and your kids begin to get cranky. Say, "Freeze! Splash time!" Fill the bathtub, cover the floor with towels, and let them play in the water with cups and boats. (*Note:* Never leave children unsupervised near water.) Or call out, "Pillow time,"



and have everyone gather in the family room for a gentle pillow fight.

Celebrate. With your children, pick a few behavior goals (get ready for bed without complaining; say "excuse me" when someone is talking). Then, get out a small jar and some marbles. Tell your youngsters they will earn a marble each time you catch them working toward a goal. When the jar is full, celebrate with an extra story every night for a week.

Note: Children often act out to get your attention. Try to spend a few minutes a day playing a game or talking with each child, and you're likely to see better behavior.♥

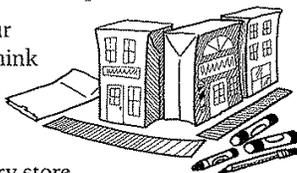
ACTIVITY CORNER Paper bag city

Let your child create her own 3-D community. She'll practice map skills and learn about urban planning as she decides where to put the buildings in her town.

Materials: paper lunch bags, newspapers, crayons or markers, black construction paper, scissors, tape

Have your youngster think of buildings to include, such as a bank, grocery store, school, library, and houses. She can make them by drawing doors, windows, and signs on flat bags (on the side without the flap). For every bag she decorates, have her stuff a second one with newspaper. Then, she should open each decorated bag and slide it over a stuffed bag so her "buildings" will stand up. For the roads, she can cut black construction paper into strips and tape them together.

Finally, have your child lay out her roads and arrange her buildings alongside them to make her very own town.♥



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Q & A

Bullying: The bystander's role

Q: My child came home from school upset because kids were picking on a classmate and wouldn't let her play with them. What advice should I give my daughter?

A: Tell your youngster that her classmate was being bullied—and that she has the power to help stop it!

There are several things she can do. She could start by standing up to the bully and saying something like, "That's not nice." Then, she might ask the child who is being bullied to join her in a game or school project.

Also, remind your youngster to report bullying to a teacher or other adult when she sees it. Let her know this is not tattling, but a way to help someone who is being hurt. You can explain: "Asking an adult to help a child who is being bullied is like asking the nurse to help a child with a scraped knee."♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Thinking games

Between school, errands, and activities, my family spends lots of time on the go. I decided to use some of it for "thinking games."

I taught my kids a game my parents used to play with me, called "Would You Rather?" I offer two options and ask which they prefer and why. For example, I might say, "Would you rather live near the beach or the mountains?"

My son came up with a game he named "Three Favorites." Someone picks

a category (outfits, movies), and we all tell our top three choices. My daughter thought of "What Doesn't Belong?" We take turns naming items and asking the others to explain which is the odd one out and why. The kids especially like this game because there can be more than one "right" answer. For example, when I named "owl," "ostrich," and "eagle," my daughter said, "Ostrich, because it can't fly."

My son's answer was, "Owl, because it hunts at night."

Now they want to play all the time. I'm glad because we're having fun—and they've gotten better at thinking through their ideas.♥



This notification is to advise all parents, building occupants, and parent-teacher organizations, that the asbestos management plans required under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) are available for review upon request. A copy of the plans for all building under this jurisdiction of this local education agency is available in the school office which is located at:

*CCAIE Elementary School
16911 Eastland
Roseville, MI 48066*

*Michigan Collegiate
31300 Ryan Road
Warren, MI 48092*

The plans can be viewed by any person during normal business hours. Interested parties wishing to inquire about the hours and times that the plans are available should contact the office at:

(586) 779-8055 Elementary School
(586) 777-3190 Middle School
(586) 777-5792 High School

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Release Agreement**

Students who attend our district are occasionally part of publicity, publications and/or public relations activities. In order to guarantee student privacy and ensure your agreement for your student to participate, the school asks that if you do NOT wish for your child to be included please fill out the bottom of this form.

The statements referenced below indicate that student's picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portraits (video or still) to appear in school publicity or school publications, videos, or on the school website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers and/or school publications. These pictures and articles may or may not personally identify the student. The picture and/or videos may be used by the school in subsequent years.

Student and Parent release to the school the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (still or video) and consent to their use by the school.

CCAIE/MC agrees that the student's name, picture, art, written, work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (still or video) shall only be used for public relations, public information, school promotions, publicity, and instruction.

Student and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that:

No monetary considerations shall be paid;
Consent and release have been given without coercion or duress;
The photo, video, or student statements may be used in subsequent years.

If you do NOT agree with the above statement, please:

Child's Name
Parent/Guardian's name:
Signature:
Date

PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION

As a part of CCAIE pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit it to:

Charles E. Meredith, Superintendent

PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION Request—
Please return to school office:

Parent/Guardian Name

Student's (child's) Name

Street Address

City, State Zip

Telephone Numbers

Daytime _____

Evening _____

Please Check One:

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.

Both of the above.

Signature

Please direct question to Mr. Meredith (586) 779-8055.