

# Connoquenessing Elementary

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## Welcome Back!

It has certainly been an interesting start to our year. I truly want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we worked out the bugs in our transportation system. It was such a pleasure to see the smiling faces of your excited children as they entered our building today. The teachers have done an amazing job preparing their rooms and curriculum for another fantastic year.



# **PBIS**

Last year we implemented a very successful PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions Supports) program called the Conno BEAT. The Conno BEAT stands for Behavior, Effort, Attitude, and Teamwork. Each area of our school, from the cafeteria to the classroom, and everywhere in between, are part of our matrix of guiding behaviors and expectations to provide our school with a positive and engaging atmosphere.

Part of the Conno BEAT is the BEAT Buck. Each day students are encouraged to be kind to one another and follow the Conno BEAT. Teachers and staff members will be looking for those students who have gone above and beyond in any area of the matrix. If a student is identified as being an exceptional role model for that area for the day, a teacher may give them a BEAT Buck.



A BEAT Buck can be turned in for a pick from the treasure chest at lunch. Upon picking from the treasure chest, students will also pick a numbered stick. Their name will be placed on the BEAT Board in the main hallway under the number they chose. When there are 10 names in a row, those winners have the opportunity to race the principal down the hall, eat lunch with a friend, sit in the teacher's chair for the day, or various other options during the designated BEAT award day at the end of each month.

This year we will be working toward state accreditation for our BEAT program. This process is quite comprehensive. Many of our teachers began training for this accreditation during the summer and will continue working on the program throughout the year, bringing it the rest of our staff.

Look for our BEAT matrix coming home this week. Please review the expectations with your child at home.

#### **Bus Notes**

There are sometimes situations that arise that require a student to ride another bus for dismissal or to be dropped off at another location. The school district policy for students riding another bus home requires both the student riding a different bus AND the student taking the other student home, to have a note from a parent. We will not dismiss a student to another bus without written consent from each of those students' parents. Once the notes are received, they are sent to the transportation department for approval. The transportation department will check to make sure there are enough seats on the bus. When the approval is given, the student will be given a note to give to the bus driver that day.



# Car Drop-Off and Pick Up

If you are dropping off or picking up your child at school during the bus arrival and dismissal time, please use the side entrance near the left side of the school. This is the large teacher parking lot. Mr. Haggerty, our school police officer, will be there to happily assist students getting in or out of the car.

<u>Drop Off – 8:55 am</u> Pick Up – 3:25 pm



## New to Conno

We have several new faces and assignment changes in our building this year. We welcome them with open arms. Here are our new additions and changes:

Mrs. Cortney Christoforetti – Music

Mrs. Robin Grantz – Art

Mr. Aaron Kniess - Gym

Mrs. Sharissa Shatten – School Counselor

Mrs. Laura Fields – Health Tech Ms. Morgan Goldinger – Leave Replacement for Anna Audino

# **Grounds Additions**

In addition to our staff changes, we are so appreciative of the Butler Garden Club, especially Hal and Karen Faust, who have given their time and hard work to revamp our courtyard. It looks amazing!

I would also like to thank the Eagle Scouts and Andrew Wallis who created an outdoor amphitheater for our classrooms. We look forward to learning experiences in an outdoor environment.

# **Dates**

Due to district calendar revisions, please refer to the Conno Calendar sheet that will be passed out in the next few days for any changes in planned activities.

