

MAY:

May 24: PD Day - Dismissal at Noon

May 27: Memorial Day - No School

May 31: Family Lunch at 12:00p.m.

JUNE:

June 01: Murder Mystery Dinner at Blackburn Inn (see details below)

June 06: Dungeons and Dragons 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

June 08: Art Reception at Worthington Library - 1:00p.m.

June 10: PTO Meeting at 3:30p.m. in the library

June 12: Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 a.m. in library

June 13: Field day for all students (Details to come.)

June 14: Last day of Preschool

June 20: Sixth Grade Graduation (Details to come.)

June 21: Last day of School - Dismissal at Noon



Hello Conwell Families!

My name is Timothy "Mr. K" Kosuda, and I am a first-year teacher in the first and second grade classroom. I have also had the amazing opportunity to work with all the other classes throughout the year.

Recently, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes had "Wild Day", which was an opportunity to spend an entire day outside in the woods. Wild Day was an incredible experience for both students and teachers, despite the gloomy weather. The students had the chance to enjoy a variety of hands-on activities based in environmental science and wilderness skills. The activities included:

Forestry, Geology, Orienteering, and Campsite cooking. Wild Day proved to be a fantastic experience for all the students by allowing them to step out of the classroom, and enjoy memorable lessons with peers that they do not normally have the chance to learn with.

With outdoor learning in mind, as the weather continues to improve please keep in mind that having a pair of mud boots at school is highly recommended. The recent rain has turned many of our trails into a marshy mess, and best footwear for students in the woods are mud or rain boots.

News from the library: Get ready for summer with an end of the year book swap. Clean out your bookshelves and get some "new" books to read over the summer. Bring in up to five gently used books and swap them for "new" books on Tuesday, June 11. Books will be collected May 28 - June 7 in the library. A flyer will be going home to students on Tuesday, May 21.

Notes from Nurse Meghan:

It is finally spring time, and eventually the sun will be shining! As we move into the warmer weather your students will be spending more time outdoors learning, planting, exploring, and playing. With increased time outdoors, I wanted to touch base about skin protection and sunscreen. Practicing sun safety during childhood and adolescence plays an important role in the prevention of skin cancer. Sunscreen is considered a medication. Due to the wide range of sunscreen options and ingredients, and possible individual reactions, families should be aware the Health Office does not stock or dispense sunscreen. Sunscreen will not be applied to your children while they are at school.

To provide the best possible sun protection for your child, we encourage:

+Prior to leaving for school, a thorough application of sunscreen that offers protection from UVA and UVB rays with an SPF of 15 or higher.

+A lip balm with SPF of 15 or higher (this also needs to be applied before school and should not be sent in with your student).

+A wide-brimmed hat to protect your child's face, neck, and ears (baseball caps do not shield their neck, ears, or cheeks).

In addition to sun safety, bug bites and ticks are another concern this time of year. As you know, your students spend time in both the field and the woods. For the same reasons as sunscreen, bug spray is not stocked in the Health Office and cannot be applied while at school. Therefore, we also encourage:

+Clothing that will cover your child's skin: long pants/long sleeve shirts when possible.

+Prior to leaving for school, an application of bug repellent.

Don't forget to thoroughly check skin for ticks every night. If a tick is found on your child it will be removed following our standing protocol and you will be notified. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

School Committee Meetings: The School Committee holds their monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the school cafeteria. All are invited to attend.

PTO NEWS: Next meeting is Monday, 6/10/19 at 3:30 p.m. Please come if you can, we are going to discuss field day and the volunteer opportunities. We hope you can join us but if you can't you can still be a part of the PTO. Contact Jaime Ricci at jaimericci@verizon.net.

NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY: 6 potato sacks, and at least 3 volunteers to assist at the stations.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER: Come out and support the school and the PTO on June 1 at 5:30PM at the Blackburn Inn. This will be an evening of amazing food and mystery. This show is for adults and the cost is \$50. A flyer with more details is going home today in the student's folders. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or by contacting Jaime Ricci at 413-372-3943 or jaimericci@verizon.net.

SAVINGS MAKES CENTS: Please send in those pennies and dollars! Mrs. Chase will be at the school each Thursday morning to collect deposits. We have some new goodies in the box!

Community Announcements

Community members are encouraged to forward their news and announcements to louellet@hr-k12.org. Entries must be received by Friday at noon to be included in the following week's newsletter. Please include the words "newsletter entry" in the subject of your email.

Art Reception at the Worthington Library - June 8 at 1:00

Meet the artists of the future at the library. The talent of the R.H. Conwell Elementary School is on display throughout the library. There will be a reception at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 8 so you can meet the artists and see their work. Refreshments will be served.

If any parents are interesting in bringing some refreshments to this event or to otherwise help out, we would be very grateful. Please contact Leona at [413-238-5565](tel:413-238-5565).

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Please check out the link below from our friends at Hilltown Families. It is a list of over 60 summer camps and programs!

<https://hilltownfamilies.wordpress.com/2019/05/08/over-60-summer-camps-programs-in-western-ma-beyond/>