



# Conrady Courier

## Administrator's Table

It's amazing how quickly the school year passed and what little time we have left. The cold, winter days are behind us and summer break is almost here again. We are delighted with how well the school year has progressed thus far. Our hopes are that students remain focused and well behaved and continue to take their academic responsibilities seriously in attending school and learning. Students are working hard and it shows. We are pleased with their progress and we applaud your success as parents. We had a great year and you have been an important part of it all. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

The week of May 3rd is Teacher Appreciation Week and we would like to take this opportunity to share out gratitude for the Conrady Staff. Their hard work and dedication to the community and students of Conrady and District 117 is clearly apparent and their recognition is well deserved. Both teachers and paraprofessionals help maintain routine and structure within the building, support all students in the classroom, and maintain a safe learning environment for all students to be and remain successful on a daily basis. Without the continued support of these two groups, Conrady would not be as successful as it is. Our teachers and support staff have been working hard all year to ensure that each student has a successful and rewarding academic year. We think they have done a great job and are proud to say "Thank you!" to them.

The encouragement of our community is essential for the success of our school and is greatly appreciated. We look forward to the continued community support the following school year and wish you all a wonderful summer! Enjoy!

### Important Dates:

- **April 2:** No School
- **April 5:** No School
- **April 7:** TEAM Day
- **April 14:** Culver's Night 5-8 pm
- **April 20:** PTSA MTG @ 6:15 pm  
Parent Orientation @ 6:45  
BOE MTG @ 7:30
- **April 22:** Last day of ASSETS
- **May 5:** TEAM DAY
- **May 6:** 8th Grade—Constitution Test
- **May 18:** PTSA MTG @ 6:15 pm  
BOE MTG @ 7:30 pm
- **May 26:** Last day for 8th grade
- **May 27:** 8th gr. graduation @ 7:00
- **May 27:** Last day of School 6th & 7th grade/ Report card distribution
- **June 7-July 2:** Summer School

## Fifth grade parent orientation

Conrady is welcoming all 5th grade parents from Glen Oaks and Oak Ridge to the Incoming 6th Grade Orientation Night on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:15 pm in the Media Center. We will begin with our usual PTSA meeting from 6:15 to 6:45 pm. We welcome and encourage all parent to come to our PTSA meeting to speak with current Conrady parents regarding the transition to Jr. High School. Immediately following the PTSA meeting, Mrs. Coughlin and Ms. Albans will be meeting with parents to discuss the transition to Conrady, get an overall understanding of the school and a brief description of the academic and extracurricular programs offered. Parent will have an opportunity to get questions answered and receive a tour of the building.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

On May 12th fifth grade students from Oak Ridge and Glen Oaks will have the opportunity to visit Conrady Jr. High during the school day. Mrs. Coughlin, Ms. Albans, and Mr. Green will speak with incoming 6th graders about the academic expectations, fun clubs, athletic teams, and other activities students can get involved with. Fifth graders will get a tour of the building from Conrady student guides after the presentation to view different classrooms and student centered areas of the building.

## 8th grade graduation info

8th graduation is on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 at Moraine Valley. Only students meeting the requirements for promotion to high school will be participating in the graduation ceremony.

Each graduate will receive 4 tickets for the ceremony the day before graduation. All guest, including children and elderly, must present a ticket at the door for admittance. Additional tickets are not available. Further information in more detail will be sent home with your child regarding graduation.

Graduation practice will be held at Moraine Valley on Tuesday, May 26th from 11 am—1 pm. Students should report to Conrady as they would regularly and will travel by bus to the college. Students will be

dismissed after practice and will be transported home by bus even if they are not a regularly scheduled bus rider. The 8th grade dance will follow later that evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Conrady. Entertainment will be provided along with beverages and snacks. Appropriate attire is required. Appointments for dance necessities should be made for after 1:00 pm when 8th grader are dismissed. Per our students handbook, anyone absent from school on this day cannot attend the graduation dance, as this is a regular scheduled school day.

Graduating 8th graders will not be in attendance of school on May 27th, the day of graduation. Student should arrive at Moraine Valley Community College at 6:15 pm and report to their section leader.

# Dress Code

As the weather continues to improve, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about the dress code outlined in the Conrady Handbook on page 16.

A decent and presentable coverage of the body is expected. All students must refrain from forms of dress that might disrupt the educational process or pose a hazard to themselves or other students.

- pants/shorts must be fitted at the waist.

- shorts/skirts should be conservative dress and length
- other extremes of brevity are also inappropriate such as crop tops, halter tops, and midriffs.
- Sleeveless shirts are permitted, however, low-cut necklines or exposed backs are not allowed.
- Spaghetti strap shirts/dresses or jerseys are

acceptable only if a t-shirt is worn underneath.

- A reasonable coverage of the shoulder area is expected.
  - Clothing which allows the exposure of undergarments is considered disruptive.
- Offenders of this policy will be required to change into their PE uniform or will be required to have appropriate clothing brought to school.



## Green Hills Library: Summer Reading

The Green Hills Library is kicking off their Summer Reading Program with free ice cream and a program called Bubble Wonders! This summer's themes are "Dewey's Diner" for adults and "Make a Splash @ Your Library!" for children and young adults.

Bubble Wonders starts at 2:00 pm on Monday, June 7th. The Original Rainbow Cone will be giving out free ice cream cones to everyone who signs up for the Summer Reading Program and uses a self-checkout machine! The event will take place on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. The library is greatly encouraging all readers to dive into the summer by reading by handing out prizes! The program ends at 5:30 pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>. A grand prize will be granted to someone who reached their goal on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the "Make A Splash Bash"! You don't want to miss this event!!!

The kids will be able to log their own books this summer from home or at the library. The following is the website where students can log their books: <http://host4.evanced.info/greenhills/sr/homepage.asp> Click on Daring Dolphins and use the username: sample and password: sample you can try out the summer reading website.

A Green Hills Library representative will come to Conrady Jr. High on April 27<sup>th</sup> to speak with all students about the program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Green Hills Library at 708.598.8446 with your concerns.



## Constitution & Illinois Test: Study Sessions

Passing the United States Constitution Test is graduation requirement for all 8th graders. To successfully prepare students for the test, all 8th grade social studies teachers will be providing in-class study sessions on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> during students' regular social studies class. It is strongly encouraged that students attend school both days to ensure they do well on the test. Students will be provided with study guides, one-on-one and small group assistance, flashcards, and any other material necessary to help them learn and retain the information. The US constitution test is during student's regular social studies class on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.



All 8<sup>th</sup> grader are also required to take the Illinois State Test. In-class study session will be on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Again, teachers strongly advise that students are in attendance both days to prepare student for the exam on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 2010-2011 School Year Registration

The School Board approved the following student fee for the 2010-2011 school year. If fees are paid before July 8, 2010 the discounted rate will apply which are represented below. If fees are paid after July 8th, an additional cost of \$50.00 will be added.

Early Childhood	\$45.00	
Kdg.—1st grade	\$55.00	
2nd—5th grade	\$90.00	
6th grade	\$124.00	\$82.00 (instructional) + \$33.00 (activity) + 49.00 (locks)
7th—8th grade	\$115.00	\$82.00 (instructional) + \$33.00 (activity)

Bus transportation and all other student fees remain the same for the 2010-20100 school year.

Bus Transportation	\$200.00	(if less than 1.5 miles from school)
Band Program	\$35.00	
Locks	\$4.50	
Uniform rental fee	\$20.00	(paid to the Band Director)



# PTSA News

**Culver's Night is on Wednesday, April 14th 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.**



We are encouraging all families to have dinner and ice-cream at Culver's at 9229 S. Harlem Ave in Bridgeview to help raise money for Conrady students. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to the Conrady PTSA which will help support students in school and in the community.

All students will receive a Culver's Family Night slip during homeroom prior to Culver's Night. They will need to bring that slip to Culver's in order for Conrady to receive a donation of sales. Conrady teachers will be serving food to attending families!

To add to the excitement, the homeroom with the most money raise will receive an ice-cream party given by Culver's.

This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your family and meet others in the Conrady community. Our hope is to continue this tradition by getting all community members involved. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on May 14th!

## From the Hickory Hills Police Department

### **Prevent Pedestrian Crashes:** Parents and Caregivers of Elementary School Children

Elementary school children are very active and impulsive. Although they are learning and growing, school-age children 10 and younger still need guidance and supervision when playing and walking near traffic.

#### **Did you know?**

- Fatalities among young pedestrians most often occur during the after school hours.
- The majority of the young pedestrian fatalities are boys.

Here are some common myths that children may believe about being a pedestrian. Make sure your child knows the facts.

**Myth:** A green light means that it is safe to cross.

**Fact:** A green light means that you should stop and search for cars. Before you step off the curb, look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for traffic, and if it is safe to do so, cross and keep looking left and right as you do so. Be alert for vehicles making a right turn on red.

**Myth:** You are safe in a crosswalk.

**Fact:** You may cross at a crosswalk but before you do: stop at the curb and look LEFT-RIGHTLEFT for cars. When it is clear, cross and keep looking left and right for cars.

**Myth:** If you see the driver, the driver sees you.

**Fact:** The driver may not see you. Make certain the driver stops before you cross the street.

**Myth:** The driver will stop if you are in a crosswalk or at a green light.

**Fact:** The driver may not see you. The driver may run a traffic light illegally. The driver may turn without looking for pedestrians.

**Myth:** Wearing white at night makes you visible to drivers.

**Fact:** White does not make you more visible at night. You must carry a flashlight and/or wear retro-reflective clothing to be more visible to drivers. Always walk facing traffic.

#### **When crossing a street your child should always**

- Cross at the corner or at an intersection.
- Stop at the edge of parked cars, the curb, or other vehicles.
- Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for moving cars.
- Cross when clear, and keep looking left and right.
- Walk, don't run or dart, into the street.
- Look for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust smoke, sound of motor, wheels turning).
- Walk alertly; use your eyes and your ears to increase your safety.





# APRIL 2010






MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
5 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	6	7 <b>TEAM DAY:</b> Students dismissed at 1:00	8	9
	ASSETS →	Track Meet @ Andrew		
12 Track Meet @ Stagg	13 <b>Soccer:</b> Palos South @Conrady Girls play at 4:00 pm Boys play at 5:00 pm	14 Track Meet @ Andrew Culver's Night 5-8 pm		
ASSETS →				
19	20 <b>PTSA Meeting</b> 6:15 pm <b>Incoming 6th grade Orientation</b> 6:45 pm <b>BOE Meeting</b> 7:30 pm <b>Soccer:</b> Conrady @ Liverty Girls play at 4:00 pm Boys play at 5:00 pm	21 Track Meet @ Oak Lawn	22 <b>Soccer:</b> Conrady @ Palos South Boys play at 4:00 pm Girls play at 5:00 pm	23 <b>Conrady Idol</b> 7:00 pm
Special Notice →				
ASSETS →				
26	27 <b>Soccer:</b> OLHMS @ Conrady Boys play at 4:00 pm Girls play at 5:00 pm	28 NJHS Practice 2:30-4:30 Market Day pick up Track Meet @ Oak Lawn	29 NJHS Induction 7:30 BAND TRIP 2:30-4:30 <b>Soccer:</b> Liberty@ Conrady Boys play at 4:00 pm Girls play at 5:00 pm	30 Track Meet @ Sandburg
Science 4th Quarter Assessments →				



# MAY 2010



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>3</b>  <b>Lang. Arts 4th Quarter Assessments</b> →	<b>4</b> <b>Soccer: #1 vs. #4 Boys @ Conrady/Girls @ Palos South 4:00 pm</b> <b>#2 vs. #3 Boys @ Conrady/Girls @ Palos South 5:00 pm</b> <b>Band Trip 2:30-4:30 pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>TEAM DAY:</b> <b>Students dismissed at 1:00</b>  <b>7th/8th grade Band and Choir Concert @ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>6</b> <b>8th grade: Constitution Test</b> <b>Band Trip</b> → <b>Soccer: Boys Championship @ Conrady 4:00 pm</b> <b>Girls Championship @ Palos South 5:00 pm</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>Math 4th Quarter Assessments</b> →	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> <b>5th/6th grade concert @ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>School Play Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>14</b> <b>School Play 7:00 pm</b> <b>Romeo and Winifred</b>
<b>17</b> <b>BAND Awards Banquet @ Sabre Room</b>	<b>18</b> <b>PTSA Meeting 6:15 pm</b> <b>BOE Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Principal's Breakfast</b>  <b>8th grade: Illinois State Test</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7th grade Trip: KY</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>8th grade Dance 6:00-8:00 pm</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Graduation Practice 11-1</b> <b>Market Day pick up</b>  	<b>27</b> <b>8th Gr. Graduation @ Moraine Valley 7:00 pm</b>	<b>28</b> <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-REPORT CARD</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  	<p><b>Have a safe and exciting summer vacation.</b>  <b>School resumes on Wednesday, August 17th</b></p>			