

CONWAY POST

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ASB float during the back to school parade

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT JEFF CRAVY

Welcome students, families, staff and community to another year of learning at Conway School. We have been very fortunate this year as one of the few school districts that has not had to make major cuts to our budget. The Board of Directors, administrators, and staff are very thoughtful about the budget and spending to ensure we can have high quality programs for our students.

We continue to leverage grants and other partnerships to bring opportunities to our students. This year we added a Lego Robotics Team to our STEM Program, our ELL students participated in the Paramount Theater Cultural Program, we continue to expand our gardening program with the help of the PTO, and are looking forward to a new science partnership to explore the new salmon stream restoration project next to the school.

As part of our continuous improvement process, our District Leadership Team (DLT) has been busy this year reviewing our school improvement plan. The data that is included in this report helps determine where we need to improve our instructional supports and programs to ensure our student's success. In the spring we will once again survey our students, staff, and families to gather their input on the school operations, this data will be incorporated into our improvement plan. As we work through the school improvement process, the school board will be using the information and data to update the board's goals and promises to the community.

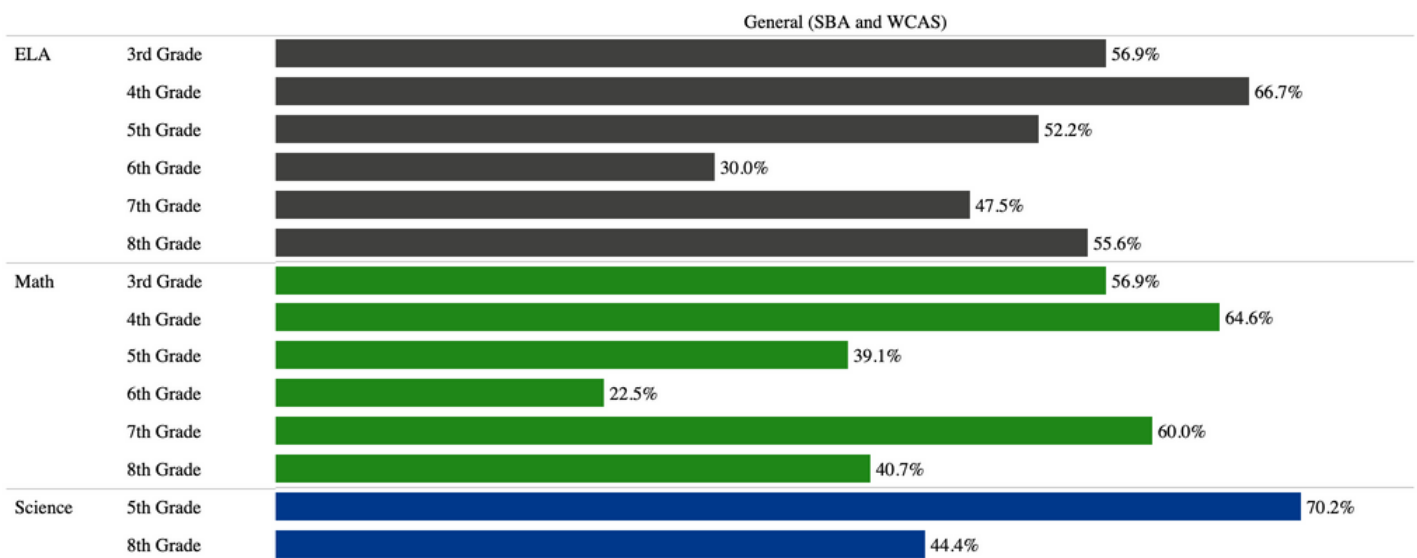
Thank you to the community, students, families, and staff. Because of your support through the years we have created a great place where we empower our students to courageously embrace learning opportunities, explore their passions and take ownership of their learning.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Conway School District uses a number of student assessments to ensure we are on track with student academic growth and improvement. On a day-to-day basis we use iReady reading and math as well as classroom-based assessments. Once a year students take Washington State assessments to assess their growth on state standards.

The following data are the results of our state Smarter Balanced Assessment. The state tests focus not only on the current year, but standards taught during previous years, therefore we are still rebounding from the effects of modified instruction during remote learning. Part of our school improvement goals are to shore up learning in all grades with classroom practices that focus on the core areas. Over the last year we have also revamped our intervention programs to give students more focused instruction in areas of need.

What percent of students met grade level standards?



Student Demographics

Year	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Enrollment	447	454	447	456	450	450	469
Ethnic Minority	13.5%	16.5%	13.3%	14.5%	15.7%	15.5%	17.9%
English Learner	4.5%	4.9%	5.5%	2.9%	3.4%	5.4%	7.5%
Low Income	24.8%	21.3%	19.5%	16.8%	18.7%	19.9%	27.3%
Migrant	4.3%	4.0%	5.3%	4.3%	4.0%	2.5%	2.6%
Section 504	3.6%	3.6%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	5.2%	4.7%
Special Education	10.7%	11.0%	11.0%	9.0%	10.4%	9.8%	11.5%

SUPPORT PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

Counselling Spotlight - Sallie Miller

Alliance for a Healthier Generation recently announced that Conway School has been recognized as one of America's Healthiest Schools. Conway School is one of 781 schools across the country recognized as one of America's Healthiest Schools for our dedication to supporting the health and well-being of students, staff, and families.

For over 15 years, Healthier Generation's prestigious, national recognition program has honored schools that have demonstrated remarkable efforts to prioritize the essential health needs of students and staff.

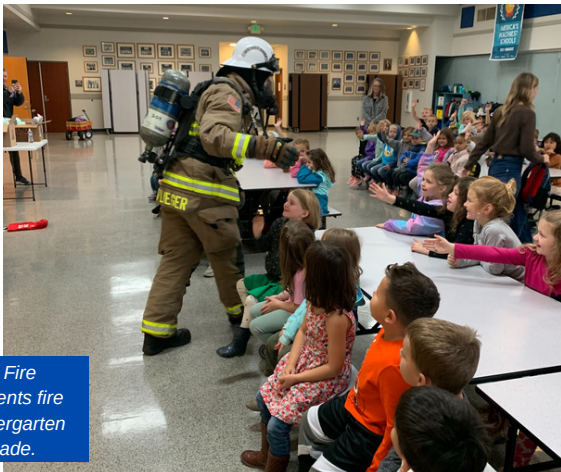
To achieve this distinction, Conway School demonstrated best practices in 4 of 9 areas last year. Special recognition goes to Conway's PE Specialist, Kim Turner, for her Physical Education program, Conway's Nutrition Lead and Chef, Patrick Seaman, for promoting access to healthier meals, and Conway's School Counselor, Teaching Staff and Admin for promoting Social-Emotional Learning for Student and Staff Wellbeing!

Conway School representatives were invited to a Recognition Dinner and Conference sponsored by Alliance for Healthier Generations that took place on October 13th-14th, 2023 in Washington DC!

Are you a student, parent, caregiver, or school staff member interested in getting more involved with Conway's health efforts? Contact Conway's Wellness Committee to get involved! Check out our Conway Wellness Website to learn more about ways we keep Conway healthy!
<https://sites.google.com/conway.k12.wa.us/conwaywellness/home>

Title I & LAP

For the 23-24 school year, our state funded Learning Assistance Program (LAP) provides literacy support for students in grades 1-3; our federally funded Title I Program provides math support for students in grades 3-4. Melissa Brown is the coordinator of these programs and Joy Patterson is an intervention teacher, working with small groups of students four days per week. We also have several paraprofessionals providing in-class math support for Title I. Lessons are tailored to students' learning needs with input from classroom teachers. Two key goals of these programs are to provide students with the skills they need to be successful in the classroom and to involve parents in planning and decision-making as the programs work toward improved student achievement.



Skagit County Fire District 3 presents fire safety to Kindergarten through 3rd grade.



Conway School Counselor, Sallie Miller (left), and PE Teacher, Kim Turner (right), accept the America's Healthiest Schools Award in Washington D.C.

Multilingual Education

Our multilingual program provides support for students in grades K-8 who are working toward proficiency in English. We currently serve students from a wide range of linguistic backgrounds: Hindi, Kiswahili, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Ukrainian. Students receive ELL (English Language Learner) support through what's called a "supportive mainstream" model, in which students are provided help within the classroom by their teacher and paraprofessionals. This year we welcome our new district translator: Charlotte Pettersen!

Highly Capable Program

The Highly Capable Program provides accelerated and enhanced learning opportunities. Highly Capable students typically represent the top 5% of the school population. Students can be nominated for the program at any time; additionally, we assess all 2nd grade students with the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT-7) each winter to provide equitable identification opportunities. Students who qualify for the program receive differentiated instruction by classroom teachers, as well as monthly enrichment opportunities provided by Katelin Benoit (grades K-3) and Jason Rounds (grades 5-8). If you have questions about Highly Capable, please contact our program coordinator, Melissa Brown.



7th Graders planted trees at Starbird Creek.

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ANDREA CLANCY

Conway School is so fortunate to have a remarkable community that recognizes the importance of education and our students that we serve. Within our community we have a mighty PTO that works tirelessly to extend fun and joy to our students.

This year the Conway PTO brought back the auction. Countless volunteer hours and generous donations made the night quite the success! With 245 in attendance, the auction netted \$94,619.92 which includes \$15,192 for the enhancement and revival of the music and band program!

We'd like to thank the Red Carpet sponsor -TRICO Golden Globe Sponsors- 12th Van Carpet Cleaning, Elizabeth Miller-Windermere, Menzel Lake Gravel and Snowgoose Produce Oscar Winning Sponsors- Hawthorne Funeral Home, Skagit Hand Therapy, Snelsons & Conway Feed.

We had so many donors and volunteers who gave so much to help this event be successful. \$79,427.92 will go to the PTO general fund to support Conway students and families in need, pay for PTO sponsored educational and enrichment events like Missoula Children's Theatre, educational field trips, after school activities, assemblies, classroom support, holiday baskets, teacher and staff appreciation and more! Thank you!



Conway School Staff Members pictured at the PTO Auction.



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Thank you to Robert Desmarais with Sound Cedar for a \$1,000 donation for the Conway School library.