

# **CONCRETE ELEMENTARY NEWS**

*By Barbara Hawkings, Concrete Elementary School Principal & Superintendent*

Concrete Elementary Families & Students:

I'd like to welcome you back for the 2014-15 school year. Our staff is eager for the school year to begin, and they have a strong commitment to the students here in Concrete. I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer break and are ready for another great year.

With the paving project going on at the elementary campus, new registration for the elementary will be handled at the district office. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. The paving project will be completed before school starts in September, but between now and then we have to deal with the construction. This means limited access to the elementary school, the ball fields and the bus garage. These inconveniences will be a small issue when we can drive on smooth pavement to the elementary and park without concerns of parking in a large puddle.

School hours next year will be: 8:00am to 2:30pm. Students will be in class 10 minutes longer than last year.

Kindergarten interviews will take place September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> with the kindergarten classes beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have not completed your registration for kindergarten please come in as soon as possible so we can schedule an interview time.

The elementary Open House will be September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We look forward to meeting all our families. We had to change this date from the original date due to the pavement project.

This year we will be using standardized report cards at the elementary. What that means to you is that students receive a score of 1 – 4 based on their ability to meet the state standards. We will no longer be issuing letter grades. We will be sending a letter out after we get the school year started with more details on the report cards.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the elementary office at 360-853-8145. School supply lists are posted on our new web page and at the Lotto counter at Albert's Red Apple.

I look forward to working with you to make this a great school year.