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Dear CEA Family,

In Conchita we firmly believe in learning, growing, working, and celebrating life to its fullest. Next week is Spirit week – a time to ponder and reflect on the uniqueness of CEA.

As I sit to write this, I have awesome pictures in my mind of all we have accomplished and all we are accomplishing this year. We have a magnificent faculty and staff. We have intelligent, generous, and supportive parents, and our students are our greatest gifts. From the youngest to our oldest alumni, they exemplify the philosophy of an extraordinary woman born over 100 years ago.

As we celebrate Spirit Week, we think about the extraordinary opportunities given to our children – the integration of a rigorous math, science, literature general studies program with the arts, with the acquisition of different languages, with the cultural experiences, and with the social skills and values. These are magical tools for living a full life – tradition and values.

We celebrate :

- our K3 and K4 students beginning their academic careers founded on social skills and community building experiences;
- our pre-primary students reading, writing, adding, and subtracting –discovering the world of letters and numbers;
- our 1st graders traveling back in time to explore the Middle Ages;
- our 2nd graders using their creativity and imagination to create their own works of literature;
- our 3rd graders discovering their passions as they work with older children in the masteries;
- our 4th graders connecting what they learned in history to reality and connecting with their spirituality through active participation in their faith;
- our 5th graders delving deeper into science experiments and experiences, critical thinking and problem solving, and becoming aware of the intangibles – loyalty, responsibility, compassion, and a sense of belonging;
- our 6th graders using technology as an efficient tool allowing it to support and enhance their ideas and creativity while becoming good researchers;
- our 7th graders working hard at getting it all together, juggling demanding academic, athletic, artistic, and social lives, and
- our 8th graders, our pride and joy, ready (with trepidation, but ready nonetheless) to face the challenges and rewards of high school life and beyond. Every minute in Conchita is a meaningful, joyful, and growing minute.

As the Conchita family – parents, teachers, and staff – we give our children the time and resources to be children so they can grow into secure, successful adults. Let’s all join together and make this our most meaningful Spirit Week and support with words and actions our CEA World.

