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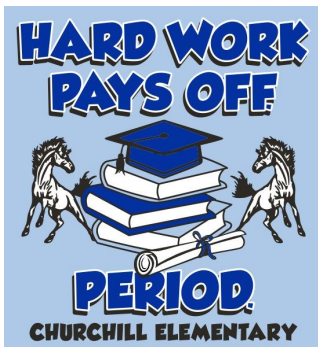
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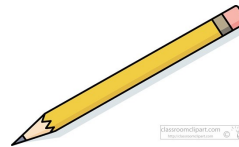


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Principal Notes

Hello Churchill Families!



I hope everyone had a relaxing winter break: Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! It is always great to have the break and regroup, but it's also very nice to get back into a routine. Good luck to those of you who are working on New Year's Resolutions!

All of our students did a great job during the winter "Sing-Along" on Friday, December 21st. We all had fun, and it was a great way to kick off the holidays. Thanks to Mrs. Van Camp for all of her hard work! Thank you to all parents who volunteered during the classroom parties. Everyone had a lot of fun!

With January upon us, we are officially halfway through the school year.

Please remember to complete the 5 Essentials survey to give us input on our school and ways we can improve. Here is the link: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/>. Once you get to the website, you will need to enter your email, the county (Kendall) and the school. Once you start typing "Churchill" the school will be listed. 4th and 5th graders and staff will also be completing the survey in January.

We've started our "One Book, One School" for the year. The book is The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate. Please talk to your son or daughter about it, or (even better) read it with them.

Mr. Piatek, Principal, Churchill Elementary School
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January Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 15 — HSA Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday, January 18 — Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm

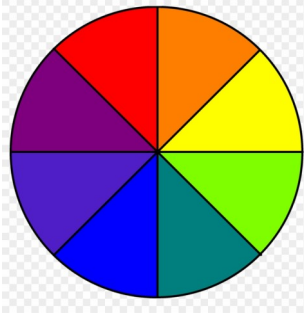
Monday, January 21 — No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 23 — Culver's Night, 3rd Grade Team Serving



From the Art Room

K Students in Kindergarten will be learning about the color wheel and the two main color families found on the color wheel, the primary colors and the secondary colors. Kindergarten students will be creating colorful primary and secondary color chameleons.



1 First graders are creating winter inspired landscapes, through the use of oil pastels and watercolors in their art pieces. In January students will also be creating their own helpful robot designs, adding visual details that show the tasks and jobs that their special robot will help them with.

2 Second grade students are learning about the unique views from porthole windows that are found on ships and submarines. Students are creating realistic underwater artwork from the point of view of their own porthole windows, adding underwater details, fish, and other interesting underwater animals.

3 Third grade students are celebrating the Chinese New year by learning about the long cultural traditions of this holiday, and how the Chinese New Year traditions are similar to the New Years traditions celebrated in America. Third grade students also learned about the cultural importance and symbolism of the Chinese dragon in the Chinese culture and art. To ring in the upcoming Chinese New Year students are creating their own colorful Chinese Dragon art pieces.

4 Fourth grade students are expanding their art making skills by creating colorful eye catching and eye tricking optical illusion art. Fourth grade students are discovering how lines, shapes, and colors can be used to create optical illusions in art that play tricks on the eyes of the viewers.

5 Fifth grade students will be creating artwork that ties in with the One Book One School reading night that is coming up in February. Students will be creating different habitat landscape artworks that represent different environments throughout the globe that will be used for the exciting art project the night of the One Book, One School event. Fifth grade will also be learning about the printmaking process later in January by creating printed animal designs.

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

January Gym News

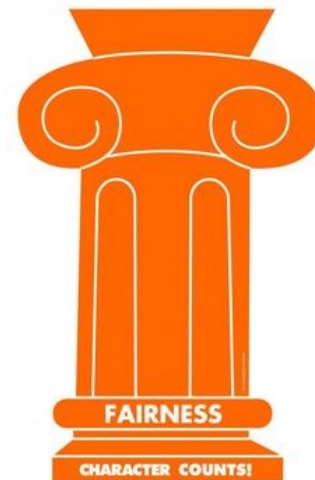
Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and time spent with family! We are starting off the year with some fitness stations and games while working on identifying muscles in our body! As we gear up to February we will be talking about Jump Rope For Heart. Look for more information to come on that event! Our students will participate in our Heart Obstacle Course and practicing our jump roping skills.



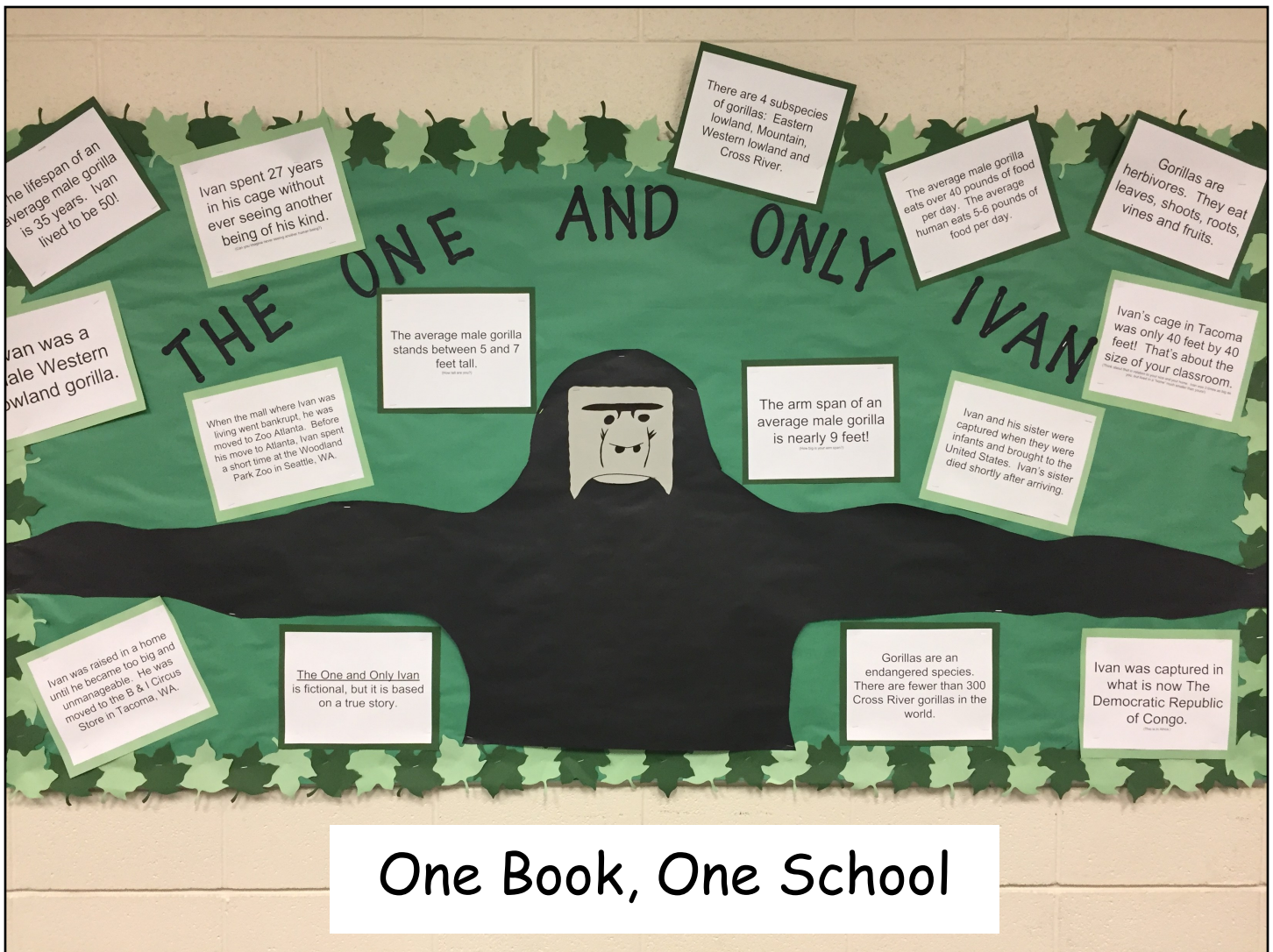
As always, if you have any questions let us know!

*Brittany Lindeman
Tom Clason
Churchill P.E. Teachers*

Character Counts



January is the month when our Churchill community celebrates the Character Counts! pillar of **FAIRNESS!** After winter break, each classroom will do a lesson to introduce fairness. We find it important that students understand fairness in the context of the classroom and school. Our students at Churchill show fairness by: showing respect to all students and teachers, taking turns, following the rules, including others, giving help to those who need it, standing up for what is right, never making someone feel left out. To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **ORANGE** on Wednesdays during the month of January.



We are so excited to announce the beginning of our 2019 One Book, One School event which will run from January 9 through February 7. This year we are reading the highly acclaimed and 2013 Newbery Medal winner, The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. We'd like to extend a big huge thank you to Weichert Realtors, Your Place Realty of Oswego, for their generous donation of one book for EVERY student and staff member at Churchill! Thank you so much! While we will be doing the majority of the reading at school, we encourage families to read it together at home as well. It is definitely a book that parents AND students will enjoy! In addition, please mark your calendars for our family night on Thursday, February 7 from 6:00-7:30. Watch the weekly Churchill Connections from Mr. Piatek for details on this evening event, as well as a reading schedule.

Sarah Caffarello, LRC Director



Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's 3rd grade class for winning the first Box Tops contest of the school year! They submitted 505 Box Tops and were presented with the traveling trophy to proudly display in their classroom!



The second contest is already underway. The class that submits the most Box Tops will win the traveling trophy, which contains prizes for the class.

Get clipping and involve family and friends! The contest ends on **Friday February 22.**

*Amy Danison
HSA Label Redemption Chair*

News from the Nurse

Please encourage your child to have good hand hygiene this season. The flu season is picking up and will continue until March or even April, and usually peaks in February. If your child has a fever, please keep him/her home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducers. Thank you!



*Tracey A. Dawson RN
Churchill Building Nurse*

Flu vs. Cold

Signs and	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual; lasts 3-4 days	Rare
Aches	Usual; often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common; can be severe	Mild to moderate; hacking cough
Headache	Common	Rare



Notes from the Music Room

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break. The new year always brings a feeling of fresh beginnings and excitement for all the new things that will be coming our way. We're going to be learning a lot of new things in music class over the next few months as well!

Students will be improvising rhythms using expressive qualities such as piano/forte and allegro/largo. We will also be learning about high and low sounds and how notes can move upward and downward. We are continuing to sing melodies using So-mi-la, and students will be making up their own melodies as well.

Second grade Students will be improvising more complex rhythms and adding expressive qualities including pianissimo and fortissimo. We will be working throughout the rest of the year on solfege using so-mi-la and adding do and re. Students will create their own melodies and also identify notation of performed melodies using the solfege syllables.

Third grade students will also be improvising rhythms using the notes and rests learned during 1st trimester and adding expressive qualities learned previously, as well as mezzo piano and mezzo forte, and andante and moderato tempi. We will also be playing the melodic instruments and discussing and performing melodic shapes while using good mallet technique.

Fourth grade students are also improvising more complex (8-beat) rhythms using expressive qualities. We will be reviewing solfege syllables and adding fa and ti to complete a major scale. By the beginning of February we will review the letter names of the notes on the staff in preparation for learning to play recorders during the 3rd trimester.

Fifth grade classes will be working on reviewing the characteristics of each orchestral instrument family and their corresponding instruments. The band director from Plank will be coming sometime this month to talk to the students about joining band and/or choir next year in 6th grade. We will also be working on reviewing/learning solfege with all major scale syllables.

I'm excited to do more improvising and composing with the students this year! I've found that creating their own music and learning to play it really gives them a sense of accomplishment, strengthens their interest in music, and gives them another creative outlet! I'm looking forward to seeing all of their musical creations during the remainder of the year!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher