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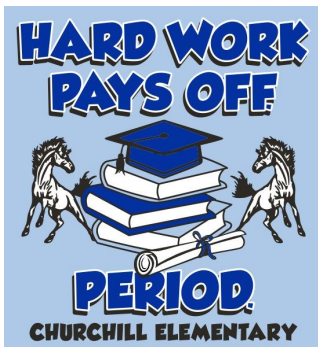
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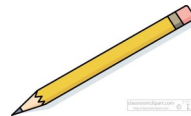
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Principal Notes



Hello Churchill Families!

It's hard to believe that it is already October! Our school year is going very well. As I write this, we are finishing up the counting of all the items for our "Tackle Hunger" food drive. As of right now, we have collected over 30,000 items!! That is truly an amazing number, and it's a credit to all of the students, staff and parents. It really was a community-wide event that brought us all together.

We are excited for our Home School Association Color Run on Sunday, October 21st at 11:00 am. We hope to see all of you there!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are approaching. You will be receiving information about signing up from your son or daughter's teacher.

Remember that we strive to be a partnership in working with you and your son or daughter. Please feel free to email or call me as needed. I look forward to making this year the best ever at Churchill through partnering with all of you!

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October Dates to Remember



Monday, October 8 - No School, District Closed

Thursday, October 18 - The Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

Friday, October 19 - SIP Day Early Dismissal at 12:30

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 am - Home & School Assoc. Color Run

Monday, October 22 through Friday, October 26 - Scholastic Book Fair in LRC

Tuesday, October 23 - Fall Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 24 - Culver's Night, Life Skills Team Serving

Friday, October 26, 5-8 pm - Home & School Assoc. Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 30 - Mix It Up at Lunch Day

Wednesday, October 31, 2:50-3:50 pm - Halloween Classroom Parties

From the Art Room

K Kindergarten students have been practicing making many different types of lines in art.

Students will be using a variety of lines in their art work as they create colorful line design magic carpets. Students have been practicing their painting techniques as well as learning how to use oil pastels in the art room.



1 First grade has been learning about the abstract artwork of Piet Mondrian. After examining his many artworks using lines, shapes, and colors, first graders are making their own primary color Mondrian inspired art pieces.

2 Second grade is creating Jungle theme art inspired by the well-known artist Henry Rousseau. Students learned about the artist's life and his many Jungle paintings. Students are creating their own jungle cat theme artwork, using painting and collage techniques.

3 Third graders were inspired by the famous abstract painter Wassily Kandinsky. Third grade students will be creating a colorful fall tree artwork by incorporating the famous circles found in Kandinsky's artwork as the leaves in their bright colorful fall trees.

4 Fourth grade students learned about the festive celebrations and traditions of Mexico's Day of the Dead taking place in the beginning of November. Students created their own sugar skull design artwork that focused on the symmetrical and very detailed designs of the traditional sugar skulls that are found only around this special time of year.

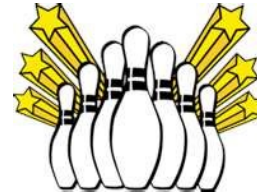
5 Fifth grade students are learning about the traditional artworks of Mexico and will be creating their own Mexican inspired Amate Paintings. In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, students are learning what makes up heritage and how art is important to many cultures. The students will also be perfecting their painting skills through the many detailed aspects of these wonderful types of artwork.

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

PE Update



We are rolling, throwing and running in PE. Kicking off the first week of October we will be using Sling Shots to target equipment in the gym. The students will use partners to pull bands back and sling a ball at buckets, towers, and hula huts. Points will be counted and added through-out the week. We will then turn to our rolling skills with bowling and follow up with a written and skill assessment. After bowling we will do some running in the PACER. At the end of October a whole



week will be devoted to some fun Halloween games including a spooky dance, knocking down witch hats, and playing Ghost in the Graveyard.

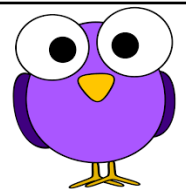
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Churchill P.E. Teachers*

First Grade has been working hard to settle in and add to our routines. We



finished reviewing our kindergarten high frequency words and began working on the first grade high frequency word list. We will continue to build words using short vowel sounds, as well as reading words with beginning blends and adding endings to words. In math we have been building/adding numbers to 10. In October we will be subtracting numbers from 10. We were excited to celebrate the birthday of Johnny Appleseed at the end of September by making a cooking pot crown and doing various apple activities.

Keep an eye out for SQUARE 1 Art Fundraiser



• Packets will be coming home in the next few weeks. Every grade level has been working hard these past few weeks creating wonderful and beautiful art pieces exclusively for this project. Square 1 is a great way to order your child's art creations on a variety of different items that make one-of-a-kind keepsake that will last for years. The holiday season is approaching so why not get a jump start on the gift getting process and help out Churchill's Art education program as well. The art fundraiser benefits the Art Education program at Churchill and helps in covering the supply costs for new art tools and educational items throughout the year.

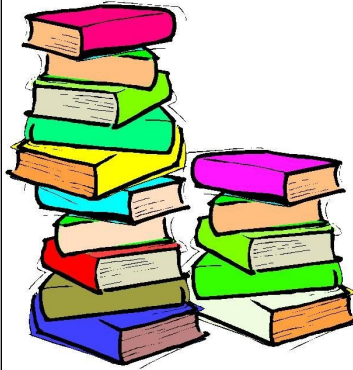
5th Grade at FMSC



The Fifth Grade Team is excited to report that more than 120 Fifth Graders and their family members joined forces at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on September 19th. Together we packed enough meals to feed more than 25,000 hungry children around the world! Serving at FMSC is the fifth grade Service Learning project. We learn about "giving back" by working in teams for the benefit of those kids who are not as fortunate as we are. Our next event at FMSC will be in February.

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon

Churchill's fall Enchanted Forest Book Fair will take place October 22-26. All students will have a chance to shop the book fair and/or create a wish list during their regular weekly library visit. In addition, the book fair will be open during the Fall Festival, October 26th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Finally, we are looking for parent volunteers to help with the set-up and running of the book fair. If you're interested, please use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CAFAB29A4FB6-enchanted>. See the flyer in Peachjar.



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Calling all Wimpy Kid Fans!



The new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, The Meltdown will be released on October 30th! In conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair, we are offering you the opportunity to pre-order the book, at the special paperback price of \$8.99 + \$0.76 tax, and the profits will be credited to our book fair! See the flyer in Peachjar for details!

When should my student stay home from school?

✓ Your child is too ill to go to school if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- ◆ Vomiting and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- ◆ Shortness of breath or wheezing (not controlled with an inhaler if they have asthma)
- ◆ A cough that interrupts his/her normal activity or wakes them, or other family members at night.
- ◆ An undiagnosed rash unless cleared by a physician's note
- ◆ Drainage from the eye
- ◆ Severe sore throat
- ◆ Fever- If your child has a temperature of 100° (or higher) in the past 24 hours they cannot attend school. Children are to be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, before returning to school.
- ◆ A contagious illness that is treated with antibiotics, such as strep throat or pink eye, and has not been taking the antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school.



Tracey Dawson, School Nurse

CHARACTER COUNTS!

We are so excited to see our students continuing to show the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. During the school year, we will be focusing on a different pillar each month. This year, we will be celebrating the pillars with four quarterly assemblies focused on multiple pillars of character and students will be receiving Character Counts! lessons in various classrooms each month. The Character Counts! Assembly for this quarter is highlighting the pillars of Respect (October) and Caring (November).

The month of October will highlight the pillar of **RESPECT**. The CHARACTER COUNTS! program teaches us that respectful people display the following behaviors:

- They treat others with respect.
- They follow the Golden Rule (Treat others the way you want to be treated).
- They are tolerant of differences and consider people's feelings.
- They use good manners, not bad language.
- They don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone.
- They deal peacefully with anger and disagreements.



We would also love for you to help us by reinforcing the pillars of good character at home through using the language of CHARACTER COUNTS! and providing positive reinforcement when you notice your child displaying good character. The Churchill Behavior Expectations Handbook has a "Character at Home" chart in the back that you can use as a reference if you are unfamiliar with the language. Also, students can show their CHARACTER COUNTS! support by wearing yellow each Wednesday for the month of October.



Mix it Up at Lunch is an international campaign that encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Churchill students will participate in activities that teach tolerance during their lunch times on Tuesday, October 30.



Notes from the Music Room

Kindergarten through 4th grades had lots of fun learning to keep the steady beat during the month of September by playing instruments, creating hand jives, playing movement games, and singing many fun songs. The 5th grade students worked on learning to count rhythms like they will do in band and choir in junior high and have begun working on their Veterans Day musical.

During October, the Kindergarten classes will continue learning some fun songs and experiencing early music concepts through movement, dramatizing stories, and playing instruments. First graders are working on creating, performing and notating rhythms using quarter notes, paired eighth notes, and quarter rests. The second grade classes are learning how to create, perform and notate rhythms using first grade notes and rests and adding half notes and whole notes. Third graders are also reviewing the rhythms that they learned in second grade and adding dotted half notes, half rests and whole rests. The fourth graders are going even further and adding sixteenth notes and eighth/sixteenth note groupings. Second through fourth graders are also learning and refining their knowledge of traditional notation on a staff with measures and time signatures as they write their own rhythms.

Fifth grade has just begun working on their musical which is a tribute to our nation's veterans and will be performed on Monday, November 12 at 9:30 am for staff, students and veteran guests, and at 7:00 pm for family, friends, and any veterans that are unable to come in the morning. Each family is encouraged to invite any veterans or active duty members of the military that you know to the morning activities on November 12. We will also again be collecting donations for Operation Care Package to support those members of our military who are currently serving overseas during the holidays. Detailed information about these activities will be sent home with your students during the month of October.

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher