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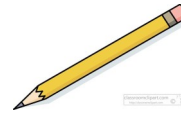


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Principal Notes



Dear Churchill Families:

It's hard to believe that it is already October! Our school year is going very well. Remember the district's annual Food Drive is currently taking place. We won the trophy for elementary schools last year by bringing in over 30,000 items! Let's keep the trophy again!

We are excited for our Home School Association Color Run this Saturday. We hope to see all of you there!

Please remember to review the document I sent out with Halloween costume guidelines.

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. We are going to have a S.H.I.N.E.tastic year!!

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

Now through Wednesday, October 9 — Support our Food Drive
Saturday, October 5 — HSA Color Run 10 am
Thursday, October 10 — HSA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm
Monday, October 14 — No School, Columbus Day
Friday, October 18 — Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25 — Scholastic Book Fair in LRC
Tuesday, October 22 — Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, October 23 — Culver's Night
Friday, October 25 — Fall Festival: Trunk or Treat/Dance 5-8 pm
Thursday, October 31 — Halloween Parade & Class Parties 2:15-3:45 pm



Character Counts Wear for Sale

The Character Counts Coalition is offering Character Counts! t-shirts to any students and families who are interested. This year three different one-of-a-kind designs are available that were created by three students from SD308. Designs were chosen from elementary, junior high, and high school submissions. The order deadline is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16!** Please visit the website below to check out the designs, colors, and styles available in youth and adult sizes.

<https://charactercounts19.itemorder.com/>

The money raised from the t-shirt sales goes towards continuing Character Counts! programs throughout Oswego 308 and the community of Oswego.



From the Nurse's Office

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Miles of Smiles dental program. This program will run yearly with Churchill. Therefore, look for them again next year at the start of the school year. The nurse's office will send out permission forms at the start of the year.

October 15th is exclusion day for health requirements for 2019-2020. Letters and calls have gone out regarding what missing information is needed for your student. If you have questions please call the nurse's office.



Also, October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month, a chance to spread **awareness**. During the **month** of October, we celebrate people with Down syndrome and make people aware of their abilities and accomplishments. It's not about celebrating disabilities, it's about celebrating abilities. Please visit <https://www.upwithdowns.org/down-syndrome-awareness> for more information.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Tracey A. Dawson BSN, RN Churchill Building Nurse



PE News

We are delivering nothing but the best in PE. Kicking off the first week of October we celebrated the food drive with some Risky Business in the gym. The students ran with partners to collect points for their total laps. The winning classrooms received an extra 48 food items for their hard work. We then jumped into stations to practice a wide variety of skills. After the stations we will be running the PACER. For a week we will be delivering packages and items as delivery drivers. We wrap up the week with Dude Perfect by throwing and challengers other players to the perfect shot. 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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Book Fair in the LRC

Churchill's Scholastic Book Fair runs from October 21 through 25, between the hours of 8:45 am - 3:45 pm.

It is also open during the Fall Festival on Friday, October 25, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

See Mrs. Caffarello to pre-order the new Wimpy Kid and/or Dog Man book!

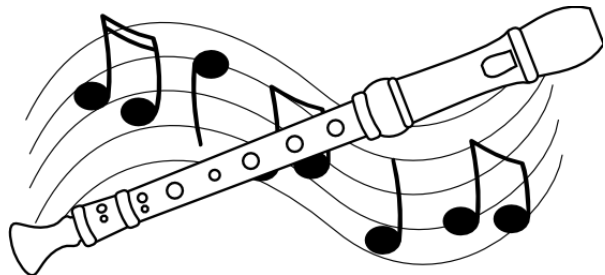
Sarah Caffarello, Library Media Specialist

Notes From the Music Room

The school year is off to a great start—I can't believe that October is here already! It's starting off pretty warm, but I'm looking forward to the cool, crisp fall weather!

The students in Kindergarten through 4th grade have been having 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 have been continuing with their recorders from last year and have begun working on their Veterans Day musical. After the musical in mid-November, we will resume recorders for a few more weeks.



During the month of October, the Kindergarten classes will continue learning some fun songs and experiencing early music concepts through movement, dramatizing stories, and playing instruments. The 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 1st grade notes and rests and adding half notes and whole notes. The third grade students 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.

The 5th graders have just begun working on their musical which is a tribute to our nation's veterans and will be performed for family and friends on Monday, November 11th at 9:30 a.m. for staff, students and veteran guests, and at 7:00 p.m. that evening for family, friends, and any veterans who 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 11th. 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. This is such a great event to honor those who have served or are serving our country to protect the freedoms we enjoy. I hope that you will all mark November 11th on your calendar and plan to attend. Please watch for the details to come home with your child by the middle of the month!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

October Updates

From the Art Room



The beginning of fall brings bright colorful fall theme artwork to the art room. Classes are enjoying learning about all different kinds of portraits in art as well.

K Kindergarten students are learning and practicing how to make many different types of lines in art. Coming up in October students will be discussing how to combine lines and shapes to create colorful patterns.

1 First grade students are going to be learning about the art of portraits. Students will be creating their own artist self portraits. Students will also be creating fall inspired artworks of scarecrow inspired portraits.

2 Second grade students are creating their own unique portrait art through using their imagination and creativity in their Alien portraits. These out-of-this-world portrait will definitely catch the viewer's eye.

3 Third grade students are learning about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and his most famous artwork Starry Night. Students will be putting a fall twist on this iconic art piece by creating a beautiful fall pumpkin patch under the starry sky.

4 Fourth grade students are learning about the culture and traditions of Mexico while creating beautiful art pieces inspired by the well known celebration of The Day of the Dead. Students are designing their own traditional sugar skull design art pieces.

5 Fifth grade students are creating artwork inspired by the world famous artist Pablo Picasso and his wacky mixed up cubist style portraits. Going along with the fall theme, students are going to be mashing up the portraits of traditional Halloween cartoon characters.

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

Character Counts!

Get ready for another phenomenal year here at Churchill Elementary School! 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.

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 highlights 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.

Heidi Miller, Character Counts!

