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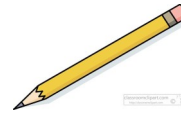
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Principal Notes



Dear Churchill Families:

It's hard to believe that it is already November and the last day of the first trimester!! Our school year is going very well. Below are some highlights from the month of October.

The 5th graders volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. Way to go 5th grade!

We had a very successful, fun Home & School Association Color Run on Saturday, October 5th. Thanks to everyone for the great job fundraising and coming to the event!

Each week, the class who is assigned to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance will also have the Food Drive trophy we earned in their classroom! Churchill earned this trophy by raising the most amount of money/items in the six years of the food drive (over 48,000)! Way to go Mustangs!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Culver's Night on October 23rd, and thanks to the 5th grade teachers for serving!

Thanks to the Home & School Association for putting on a fun Trunk or Treat and Fall Fest on October 25th!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. 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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PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*

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PRaise FOR

- EFFORT
- STRATEGIES
- PROGRESS
- HARD WORK
- PERSISTENCE
- RIsing TO A CHALLENGE
- LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR

- TALENT
- BEING SMART
- BORN GIFTED
- FIXED ABILITIES
- NOT MAKING MISTAKES

THE POWER OF "YET" SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."
"IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

BRAINS can GROW

VS

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY THAT WAS HARD TODAY?"

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Notes from the Music Room

Our big news for the month of November is our Veterans Day Celebration and Fifth Grade Musical. On Monday, November 11th, we will be hosting quite a few veterans for an activity with their Churchill student at 9:15 a.m. and a musical presentation by our fifth grade students for the veterans and our student body at 9:45 a.m. There will also be an evening performance **at 7:00 p.m.** for family members, friends, and any veterans who are unable to come in the morning. The fifth graders are doing a phenomenal job—you won't want to miss it! **RSVP's for veterans to attend and star wreaths for students to decorate for any veterans that they know will NOT be accepted after Wednesday, November 6th.** If you have misplaced the forms, they are available in the office or for download on the Churchill Elementary website.

During the first week of November, all grade levels will be learning to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" so that they can join in during the Veterans Day program. All grade levels K-4 have will begin learning about expressive elements in music such as tempo, dynamics, and instrumentation, and about how music is used in film to establish time period, location, and create mood and atmosphere. We will also be singing some Thanksgiving songs to highlight thankfulness at the end of the month.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Churchill music program and your child's individual musical endeavors! I would also like to wish all of our Churchill families a wonderful Thanksgiving season. We do indeed have much for which to be thankful!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

PE Update

The month of October was very busy in Physical Education. We have been running and keeping track of our personal best with the PACER. We continued to work on team work with Sling Shots and Dude Perfect. The end of October was devoted to some fun Halloween games including a spooky dance, Boom City, knocking down witch hats, and playing Ghost in the Graveyard.

In November the students will participate in gymnastic stations, working on several types of health-related components such as strength, endurance, and flexibility. We will then focus on fitness with Muscle Mania and The Body Brain Game. Towards the end of November we will be turning our focus to Thanksgiving and talking about healthy eating over the break.

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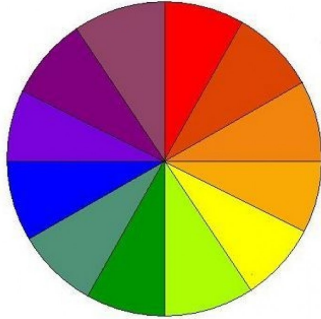
November Dates to Remember

- Thursday, November 7 — Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
- Friday, November 8 — Parent Teacher Conferences, no student attendance
- Monday, November 11 — Welcome Veterans 9:15 am
- Monday, November 11 — Veterans Day Musical 7 pm
- Thursday, November 14 — HSA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm
- Friday, November 15 — Picture Retake Day (rescheduled from October 22)
- Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29 — Thanksgiving Break



Art Room Update

K Coming up in November kindergarten students will be learning about the primary and secondary colors groups found on the color wheel. They will be creating colorful chameleon friends using the primary and secondary colors. Kindergarten students will also be creating eye catching pattern turkeys getting excited for Thanksgiving in November.



1 First grade students are creating their own fall scarecrows standing in a field. Students learned how to draw using shapes and adding details to create their scarecrows as well as using landscape lines to fill their paper with amazing fall and farm details.

2 Coming up in November second grade is learning about the famous artist Henry Rousseau and his imaginative jungle paintings. Students will be creating Rousseau inspired jungle paintings featuring sneaky jungle cats.

3 Third grade students are creating colorful artwork based on the bright eye catching artwork from Mexico. Inspired by Talavera pottery designs, students are creating their own warm and cool color sun and moon designs.

4 In November students are learning about landscape artwork of Grant Wood. Using his well-known styles of repetition and patterns in his landscapes, students are creating their own fall and farm inspired colorful landscapes.

5 In November fifth grade students will be preparing for their Veterans Day musical. In honor of Veterans Day, students will be creating red, white, and blue designs for the hallway to go along with the musical. Later in November students are going to be creating eye catching Arctic Northern Light inspired landscape art pieces, just in time for the winter season.

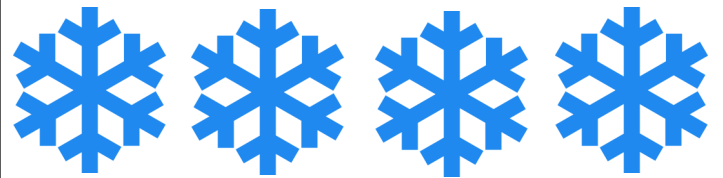
Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU

From the Nurse's Office



The winter weather is here too fast. I would like to take a moment to remind everyone that the season for germs is upon us. Please review good hand hygiene practices with your children. Often, older students tend to be out of practice as much as the younger ones. Washing hands well and often will reduce the spread of germs. Additionally, please help reinforce the technique of coughing into elbow or shoulder. If a student has a fever of 100 or more, they must be fever free without the use of a fever reducer for 24 hours before returning to school. If the student has had a cough that wakes them at night, they should stay home until the cough resolves, or has been seen by a doctor and cleared to return to school.

I hope everyone stays happy and healthy this winter!

Tracey A. Dawson BSN, RN Churchill Building Nurse

Character Counts!

The month of November celebrates the Character Counts pillar of **Caring!** Students are encouraged to wear the color **RED** on Wednesdays, to show support for the pillar. Churchill students continually demonstrate the pillar of caring both in school and throughout the community.

There are many ways to encourage your children to be caring individuals. Some ideas that you can discuss with your children include taking care of your school and community, helping others who are in need, and completing random acts of kindness.

Some of the ways Churchill students and staff are practicing the pillar of caring so far this year are, participating in service learning projects and collecting food for the district wide food drive in October.

Heidi Miller, Character Counts!



Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy's 3rd grade class for winning the first Box Tops contest of the school year! They submitted 335 Box Tops!! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and a gift card for their class!

Box Tops Program Benefits Churchill

Please continue to send in your Box Tops for a chance to win the traveling trophy for your child's class. Please submit Box Tops taped to a collection sheet or in Ziploc bags of 50 or less. Bonus certificates will count towards the class totals, but please **DO NOT** tape them to the collection sheets. Any incomplete or expired Box Tops will not count. Make sure you include the teacher's name so the class gets credit!

Also remember to use the Box Tops app to scan your receipts to earn digital box tops and "give credit" to your classroom! Every little Box Top counts! As a school, we've submitted 2,094 Box Tops so far this year. That's \$209.40 for our school!

The next contest ends on **Friday, February 21**. Thank you for your continued support of our Box Tops program!

Amy Danison, HSA Box Tops Chair