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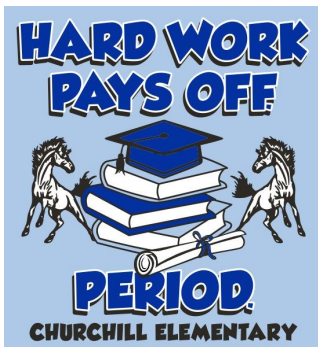
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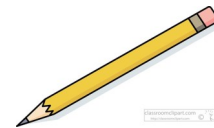


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Principal Notes

Hello Churchill Families!



I hope everyone had a relaxing, fun Spring Break!!

March was a busy month here at Churchill. Our students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades completed the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. The students I spoke with told me they did their best!!

Our Home and School Association provided Shamrock Shakes to our staff. Thank you HSA! Our HSA also had a successful Fun Fair. Thank you to all the parents who coordinated this!

Staff and students wore green to increase awareness about Cerebral Palsy and wore bright socks to heighten awareness about Down's Syndrome.

Thank you to parents who came in for Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is always our goal to communicate as effectively as possible with each of you and work together to support your son or daughter.

Mr. Piatek, Principal, Churchill Elementary School

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 11 — Third Grade Musical 7:00 pm

Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18 — Book Fair 8:30 am-3:45 pm

Tuesday, April 16 — Home and School Assoc. Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday, April 19 — No School

Monday, April 22 — No School

Tuesday, April 23 — Book Fair 8:30 am-11:00 am

Tuesday, April 23 — Grandparents' Day Open House 7:30 am-9:00 am

Wednesday, April 24 — Kindergarten Registration 9:00 am-1:00 pm

and 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at District Administration Center

Wednesday, April 24 — Culver's Night, Second Grade Team Serving

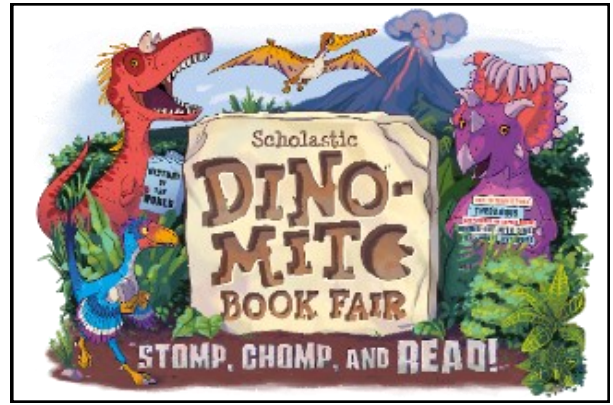
Thursday, May 2 — Rosati's Night

Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10 — Teacher Appreciation Week



Spring Book Fair Fast Approaching

You're invited to Churchill's Scholastic Book Fair! It will be open April 15 through 18 from 8:30 am until 3:45 pm. And on Tuesday, April 23, from 7:30 am until 11:00 am. Mrs. Caffarello is looking for volunteers to help out--especially during the Grandparents' Day Open House on Tuesday, April 23 from 7:30 am-9:00 am. Please use the link below to access the SignUp Genius. In addition, the book fair will offer a new digital payment option called eWALLET! Details will be posted to the Churchill website.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CAFAB29A4FB6-dinomite>

Box Tops Program Update

Congratulations to Miss Huddleston's 2nd grade class for winning the second Box Tops contest of the school year! They submitted 240 Box Tops!! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and a game for their class!



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!

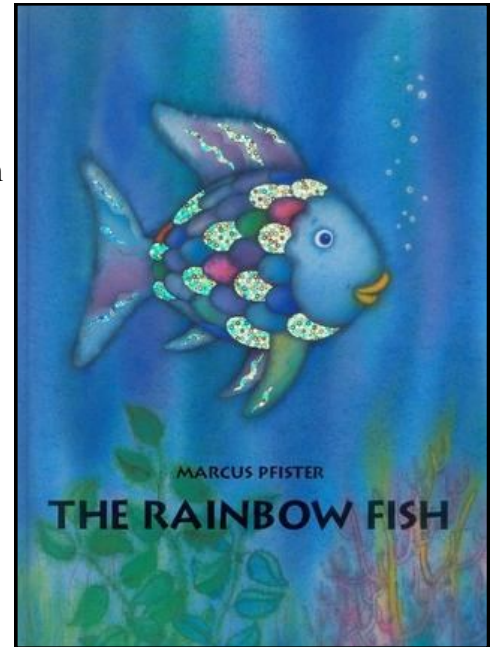
Every little Box Top counts! As a school, we've submitted 7,623 Box Tops so far this year. That's \$762.30 for our school! We are getting close to our goal of 10,000 Box Tops or \$1,000!! Can you help us reach our goal?

The last contest of the school year ends on **Friday, May 24**. Thank you for your continued support of our Box Tops program and happy clipping!

*Amy Danison
Label Redemption Chair*

From the Art Room

K **Kindergarten** students kicked off spring by creating spring birds in nest paintings. Coming up in April students are creating colorful underwater fish artwork, combining both watercolor and pastel techniques. These beautiful fish are inspired from the book 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister.



1 **First grade** students created their very first ceramic 3D art pieces, learning new exciting art skills and techniques as well as using new materials. Students created their first pinch pots. Students learned how to work with their hands to form the small pot and how different types of clay tools can be used to create interesting designs and textures to their own unique ceramic creation.

2 **Second grade** students are learning new clay hand building techniques by creating their own spring birds in a nest. Students are learning how to create a pinch pot and build add on details to transform their simple pot into a cute spring time bird and nest.



3 **Third grade** students are stretching their creativity when working with clay to make their own clay monsters. Students put a twist on what they have learned in the past two years with working with clay, starting with a pinch pot, and placing it on its side to create the big mouth of their monster. They then used different hand building techniques to create all the add-ons to their monsters and added the final touches and details with the clay texture tools.

4 **Fourth grade** students learned about the famous artist Claude Monet and his wonderful paintings of water lilies for their inspiration for their ceramic projects. Students created lily pad dishes with their choice of decorative lily pad theme item to add to their creation. Students could add a lily flower, frog, or turtle to their lily pad dish to create one-of-a-kind ceramic artwork.



5 **Fifth grade** students have been working with clay and learning new clay building skills in the art room. Students created clay sweet treats that look like real food. These ceramic pieces serve as a functional item as well as a decorative piece of art. Students worked with hand building techniques and learned new slab building techniques to create their unique ceramic pieces.

PE Update



Our PE activities have really helped us improve our skills this year. Now that spring has arrived, many of the students practice putting in Churchill's mini-golf course which involves an 18 hole course in the gym. Later this month we will be participating in kickball, T-Ball, and Softball. We will also be practicing some throwing with the game "The Great Escape."

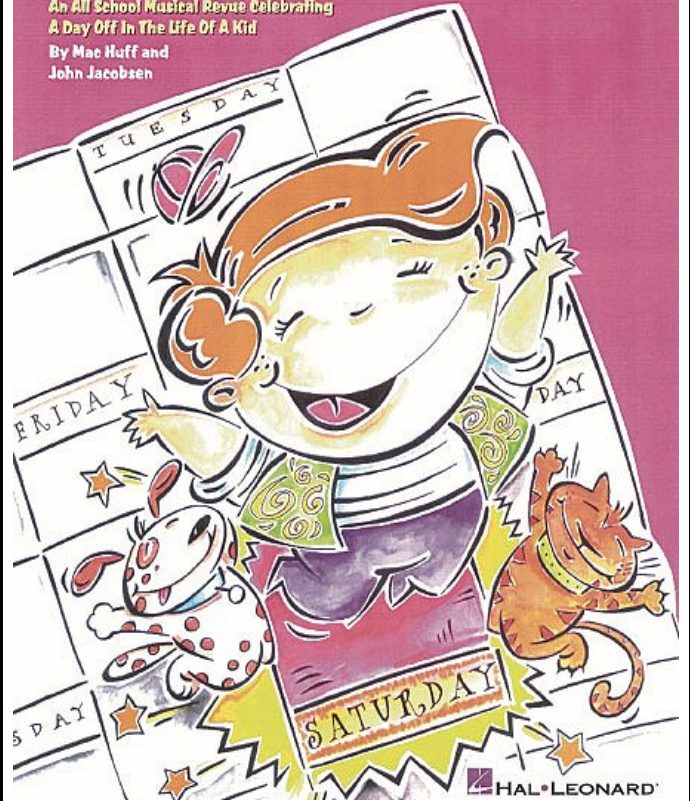
Mark your calendar for Churchill's Annual Field Day on Tuesday, May 28th! With the great support of our Home and School, staff, administration and parent volunteers, our annual field days have been a huge success. Volunteer information will be coming home shortly. We hope to see you this year!

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

**The Third Grade Classes of
Churchill Elementary present**

It's Saturday!

An All School Musical Revue Celebrating
A Day Off In The Life Of A Kid
By Mac Huff and
John Jacobsen



Thursday, April 11, 7:00 pm

Character Counts

The month of April celebrates the Character Counts pillar **Responsibility!** To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **green** on Wednesdays. We remind students to do what they are supposed to do, keep on trying, always do their best, use self-control, think before they act, be accountable for their choices, and participate in class.

Here are some things you can talk about with your children to encourage them to be responsible!

- ⇒ Do what you are supposed to do
- ⇒ Plan ahead
- ⇒ Persevere: keep on trying!
- ⇒ Always do your best
- ⇒ Use self-control
- ⇒ Be self-disciplined
- ⇒ Think before you act, consider the consequences
- ⇒ Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- ⇒ Set a good example for others

