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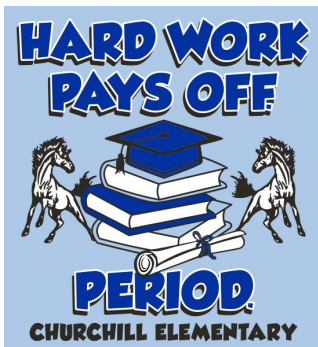
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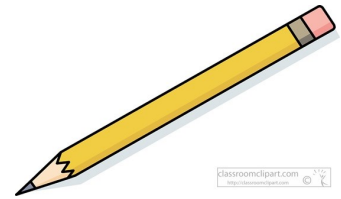
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Principal Notes

Hello Churchill Families!

I know it's hard to believe, but it's May! April was a busy month here at Churchill. Here are a few highlights:



- * Our staff wore "Autism Awareness" shirts on April 3rd.
- * We had our Spring Picture Day.
- * Our 3rd Graders did an outstanding job in their musical performance under the guidance of Mrs. Van Camp.
- * The Life Skills students went swimming at the Rush Copley complex.
- * Many Churchill staff members attended the District Retirement Dinner, celebrating our very own Beth Boss and Jean Rempala.
- * Students in 1st through 5th grades have taken or will take the spring STAR assessment.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 2 — Rosati's Night
Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10 — Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday, May 8 — National School Nurses' Day
Thursday, May 9 — Multicultural Night 6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 21 — Home & School Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 22 — Culver's Night, Kindergarten Team Serving
Monday, May 27 — No School, District Closed
Tuesday, May 28 — Field Day
Friday, May 31 — Last Day of School, 12:30 pm Dismissal



Enjoy Summer Break!

From the Art Room

Wow how time flies when you are having fun! The 2018-2019 school year was a busy, exciting, and a fun time in the Churchill Art Room. Students learned about new drawing, painting, sculpting, and many other art creation techniques, as well as learning about many new artists, art styles, and cultures from around the world. In the art room we also discussed many topics related to different school subjects like science, math, and history. Students discovered that art can be found anywhere, and no matter what level of artistic skill you may have, everyone can use their creativity to create something amazing!



Summer Art Camp and Art Workshop Opportunities

Looking for something to do this summer with all your extra free time? Why not stretch your creativity while learning about fun new art techniques, styles, artists, and art tools through the many local art enrichment camps and summer workshops available in Oswego and surrounding areas. There are many great camps and classes available with fun themes and art making techniques to appeal to students at any level.

The Fox River Academy of Music and Art in Oswego:

The Fox River Academy of Music and Art, located in downtown Oswego on Van Buren St. offers many different summer art camps and classes for students of any age. All summer long different art theme camps are being offered through the Fox River Academy to students interested in continuing and exploring their love of art over the long summer months. All of the classes provided are taught by experienced artists and certified art teachers, many of whom are teachers in Oswego School District.

<http://www.foxriveracademy.com> Phone: 630-551-4321.

Nido Art Studio in Aurora

Nido Art Camp is for students 5-14 years old. Each week of camp will explore a different theme; no two weeks will be alike. Art Camp is a chance for kids to work in a variety of mediums. Every week campers will create with paint, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, fibers, mixed-media, & tie-dye. Look no further for an individualized summer art making experience. Each week's theme provides direction for larger and shorter projects. Every project is offered as an invitation to create, meaning we value the way children interpret the project and play with new ideas. We also value a mixed-age group as younger and older children can learn so much from working side by side and collaboratively on projects. We encourage risk taking, play, collaboration, problem solving, self expression, and imagination.

http://www.nidoartstudio.com/Nido_Art_Studio/Summer_Art_Camp.html Phone: 630-730-1028

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

PE Update

Spring is here and we are again at the end of another school year! We want to thank the kids for their hard work and all the exciting activities they have participated in this year. Students wrapped up the month of April with a week of soccer and T-ball. In May, the classes will practice kicking skills with soccer and prepare for all of the Field Day activities. We will wrap up the end of the year with some of our favorite games.



Mark your calendar for our annual **Field Day on Tuesday, May 28th**! With the great support of our volunteers, staff, and administration, our annual field days have been a huge success. We would also like to thank our amazing Home and School Association for their support of our Field Day events. Information about online volunteer sign up and a detailed Field Day schedule of events will be sent home shortly. Or check out- <https://signup.com/go/WGUdiZc>

Brittany Lindeman and Tom Clason, PE Teachers



Notes From the Music Room

Wow! It's May already. Where has the school year gone? We are going to be very busy in the music room this month finishing up all

of our units for the year. All classes will have a class talent show during their final music class of the year. This is a great time for them to think about and highlight a variety of talents in many areas of their lives (not just music)!

The District Choral Festival at OEHS will be held in the main gym on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. We have 31 students in our Honor Choir that will be performing that evening! We will be joining the Honor Choirs from 5 other elementary schools, as well as groups from Plank, Murphy and Bednarcik Jr. High Schools and OEHS. You are all invited to a great evening of music!

Here's what's in store for music classes for the remainder of the month of May:

K Kindergarten: We have been practicing our solfege syllables of sol and mi with the corresponding hand signs. We have also been discussing sounds around us and how sounds are different in different environments. We just began learning about our classroom instruments and will continue to play those for a couple of weeks. At the end of the month, we will look at a couple of musical stories and stories to which we can add sound effects.

1 First grade: Note Reading—We have been working on singing, composing, and identifying melodic patterns using the solfege syllables of sol, mi, and la. We will continue to work on these skills and assess them by the second or third week of May and will then look at how music can tell a story for the remainder of the year, focusing primarily on “Peter and the Wolf.”

2 Second grade: Note reading and Composing—Second graders have been playing songs on the xylophones and glockenspiels by reading the notes on the staff and also by using the solfege syllables of do, re, me, sol, and la. Before the end of the year, they will be composing a short song of their own and performing it on a xylophone for the class. Students are also learning how to give “warm” (positive) and “cool” (suggestions for improvement) feedback to a partner to help them refine their performances based on stated criteria.

3 Third grade: The third grade classes will be focusing on singing and composing using the solfege syllables of do, re, mi, sol, and la. They will be assessed on their composition being accurately written using standard notation and their performance of their composition using correct solfege pitches and appropriate technique, volume and behavior.

4 Fourth grade: Recorders and Composing—The fourth graders have been learning to play recorders and are doing a great job! This month we will take some time for each student to compose a short song using the notes they have learned and perform it on their recorder for the class.

5 Fifth grade: Composing—The fifth graders have begun working on a group composition and performance that includes a verse, chorus, and bridge. Each person in the group must be musically involved in either singing or playing an instrument for the performance.

Thank you all for your support of our music program here at Churchill this year! I would especially like to thank all the parents who helped out with the 5th and 3rd grade musicals and Honor Choir this year. You are appreciated!!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher



Last Box Tops Contest of the Year

The last Box Tops contest of the year is underway! A flyer with details and a collection sheet was sent home via Peachjar. Churchill has submitted 7,623 Box Tops so far this year. Please help reach our goal of 10,000! The contest ends Friday, May 24.



Our spring book fair was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped set up, run cash registers and pack up. The total number of books sold in the fall and spring book fairs was 2,518! That translates to 453,240 minutes of independent reading! Did you know that a student who reads 20 minutes/day will be exposed to 1.8 million words per year and is more likely to score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests! Keep on Reading!!

From the Nurse's Office

The end of year is coming! If you have a child with medications please come by and pick those up on the last day of school. I cannot give them to the students to take home per District policy, but any adult you designate can pick them up. Any medications left behind **will not** remain in the nurse's office after the last school day. Additionally, If your student is returning to the school district and will be needing medication, please have the doctor fill out a medication order form for the 19-20 school year. Students need a new one every year. This includes emergency meds like Epi and Inhalers for Asthma.

The dental van is returning on May 9 for anyone interested. Paperwork will go out soon.

Students going to **6th** grade next year will need a new physical a TDap and meningitis vaccine before they can get their schedule for school year 19-20. Dental exam before May 15, 2020. If you have those done before the end of this school year you can turn them into my office to be entered into the system and will be in the students file and transferred over to their school.

Ramadan will begin in May. If you have a student who will be fasting please send a note to the nurses office so we can take the proper considerations.

Tracey A. Dawson BSN, RN Churchill Building Nurse



Our Churchill students have been continuing to show TeRRiFiCC character this year! They have been demonstrating the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship) every single day. We have focused on one pillar a month for the last six months and during the month of May we will be celebrating and practicing all six pillars.

We would love for you to help us be reinforcing these pillars of good character at home through using the language of CHARACTER COUNTS! and providing a positive reinforcement when you notice your child displaying good character.

TRUSTWORTHY people are honest, reliable, loyal, and have the courage to do the right thing
 RESPECTFUL people appreciate differences in others, deal peacefully with anger and disagreements, and treat others the way they want to be treated.
 RESPONSIBLE people do what they are supposed to do, always do their best, consider the consequences of their actions, and are accountable for their choices.
 FAIR people play by the rules, take turns and share, listen and are openminded, and don't blame others carelessly.
 CARING people are kind, express gratitude, are compassionate, and help people in need.
 GOOD CITIZENS are good neighbors, obey laws and rules, respect authority, protect the environment, and make their schools and communities a better place.

Thank you so much for your support of our Character Counts! program here at Churchill this year! Many of you have donated prizes and incentives and have supported the program in your homes. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! It has been a great year, and the students have been TeRRiFiCC! We hope the students will remember that Character Counts! all the time... and especially over the summer!

Mrs. Miller, Character Counts Chair