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**Welcome to a new
school year!**



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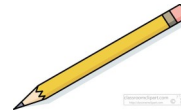
"Churchill Chatter" is a monthly publication for all students, parents and staff of Churchill Elementary School.



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Principal Notes



Hello Churchill Families! Every month you will receive a newsletter from the school called The Churchill Chatter. This will be another form of communication. (As you know we also communicate through Facebook, a weekly email called Churchill Connections and the website.) The purpose of the monthly newsletter is to include information from other groups of people, particularly Specials teachers and our school nurse. The Churchill Chatter will be sent out the first Friday of each month through our Peachjar program.

We've gotten off to a great start this school year! The teachers spent the first few days of school building relationships with students, getting to know them and having them do fun activities to get to know their classmates. At this point, the teachers have begun the curriculum. Hopefully you were able to make it to our Curriculum Night in order to learn some specific information about the different subjects your son or daughter will be learning this year. If you weren't able to make it, please know that our teachers will always do their best to answer any and all questions you have. Feel free to email or call us at any time. We have a 24 hour communication policy, so expect an email response or a phone call within 24 hours of your initial email or call.

As I've said many times, being a parent is the most important (and hardest) job in the world. I know from my own experience as a father that it can be challenging, but it's also extremely rewarding to be a part of your kids' lives!! I mention this because I want you to know that we will always do our best to keep your son or daughter safe, while helping them grow academically and socially.

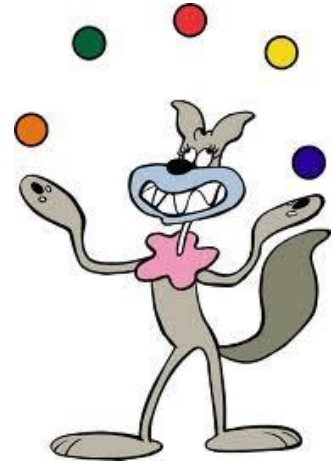
At Churchill we have a "Why?" in regard to why we all come to work at Churchill Elementary every day. It is: ***"We believe in utilizing a system of effective instructional strategies at Churchill to help our students become goal-oriented individuals who are focused on becoming productive members of society through furthering their education beyond high school."*** We will always work to maintain this as our focus when working with our students. Further, this philosophy or mission supports our implementation of AVID. This will be our first year implementing AVID in all grade levels.

I look forward to making this year the best ever at Churchill through partnering with all of you!

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

Thursday, September 5 — Fall Picture Day
Thursday, September 12 — HSA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm
Friday, September 20 — No School, Teacher Institute Day
Wednesday, September 25 — Culver's Night
Saturday, September 28 — HSA Color Run 10:00 am



PE News

Welcome back to a new, exciting, and fun-filled school year. During the first month of school we have already covered some interesting activities. We started the year off by moving in our own space and exercising safely around others. After we learned the basic procedures in class we discussed new units and activities that will be added this year. Please check to make sure all kiddos have their PE shoes at school to be better prepared for class.

Recently 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have learned the rules of flag football. We covered how to pass and catch the ball effectively and ended the unit with throwing games. K, 1st, and 2nd grade have learned how to catch scarves, eventually working up to trying to juggle. All students participated in a throwing unit with activities like Hula Hut Throw Down, Backyard Bash, Champion and Challengers, Make It- Miss It- Move it!, and the Ladder Game.

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From the Nurse's Office

September 11th and 12th are the annual vision and hearing screening days. The following students will be screened for hearing and vision:

- All Kindergarten, hearing and vision
- All 1st grade hearing
- All 2nd grade hearing and vision
- 3rd grade vision
- All students with an IEP
- Teacher referrals
- Students new to the district

The district also has a new dentist for our dental program. We are very excited about this new partnership with Miles of Smiles. If you have not already seen the letter, please keep an eye out for it. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible. They are looking to come to our school this September.



Also, as a reminder **Kindergarten and all students entering into Illinois school for the first time must provide proof of a physical exam and immunization record by Oct 15th, 2019, or WITHIN 30 day of registration.** The exam MUST be dated after **August 14th, 2018.**

In addition:

Vision exam for Kindergarten is due by **October 15th, 2019.**

Dental exam is due by **May 15th, 2020.**

2nd grade dental exam is due **May 15th, 2020.**

Please follow the links for more detailed information.

<https://www.sd308.org/Page/17760>

https://www.sd308.org/cms/lib/IL01906463/Centricity/Domain/172/19-20_Health_Requirements%20Chart.pdf

Tracey A. Dawson BSN, RN Churchill Building Nurse

Check these out!

The LRC has new nonfiction books which are very popular. Students LOVE the Extreme Animals series and our new biographies. More new books are featured on page 4 of this newsletter.

Sarah Caffarello, LRC Director



Notes From the Music Room

forward to some cool, crisp fall weather!

The students in Kindergarten – 4th grades have been having lots of fun keeping the steady beat during the last couple of weeks by playing instruments, creating hand jives, playing movement games, and singing many fun songs. The 5th grade students have been continuing playing the recorders and building on what they learned in 4th grade. During the month of September, the Kindergarten classes will continue learning some fun songs and experiencing early music concepts through movement, dramatizing stories, and creating sound effects with instruments. The first graders will be finishing their unit on steady beat and beginning to learn about quarter notes, paired eighth notes and quarter rests. The second grade classes will be reviewing the notes/rests learned in first grade and learning how to create, perform and notate rhythms using half notes and whole notes.

The third grade students will also begin reviewing the rhythms that they learned in second grade and adding the dotted half note, half rest and whole rest. The fourth graders will be going even further and adding sets of four sixteenth notes and combinations of sixteenth and

The school year is off to a great start, and September has arrived! It's starting off pretty warm, but I'm looking

eighth notes. Fourth graders will also be learning traditional notation on a staff with measures and time signatures as they write their own rhythms.

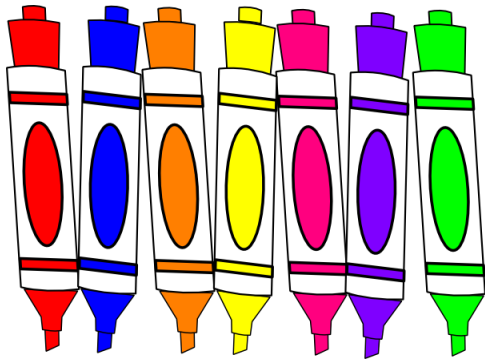
The 5th graders will be continuing with recorders. In a couple of weeks, they will begin working on their musical which is a tribute to our nation's veterans and will be performed for family and friends on Monday evening, November 11th at 7:00 p.m., and at a Veterans Day assembly at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 11th, for our staff, students, and veteran guests. 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 around the middle of October!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

"To stop the flow of music would be like the stopping of time itself, incredible and inconceivable."

— *Aaron Copland, American Composer, 1900-1990*



Marker Recycling

Did you know that those old dried out markers can be transformed into clean-burning fuel? Crayola Corporation has launched a green initiative “Crayola ColorCycle” that encourages K-12 schools throughout North America to save their old dried up markers to send in to be recycled into useable energy. This year in the art room we are continuing to collect old dried up markers to contribute to this environmental friendly cause. If you have any old markers you would like to donate please send them with your child to school to be add to the donation box in the art room. Any marker brand can be donated, including dry erase markers and highlighters. One box of markers can create enough energy to cook and egg, make toast, and brew a pot of coffee! Let’s see how many markers Churchill can collect this year to help make a positive environmental difference!



The start of the school year is always very exciting and busy in the LRC! Over the summer, the LRC purchased over 200 new books that students are excited to check out! Some of the most popular new fiction books include Super Rabbit Boy, Dog Man, For Whom the Ball Rolls, Prince Not So Charming, and WeirDo. As well as reading great books, grades 3-5 are reviewing how to use our online catalog. We're off to a great start!

Sarah Caffarello, LRC Director

From the Art Room

The start to a new year brings busy artists in the art room. To kick off 2019 school year we are getting into art with creating beautiful abstract designs.

K At the start of the school year kindergarten students are learning how to use art tools properly. We have been practicing using crayons and making them look different by coloring shiny and soft. Coming up in September kindergarten students will be creating colorful dot artwork, based off the book “The Dot” by Peter Reynolds.

1 First grade artists are learning about the famous abstract art of Piet Mondrian. His unique artwork using lines, shapes, and primary colors is iconic to his style. First grade students will be creating Mondrian inspired abstract art paintings of their own.

2 Second grade artists are exploring the colorful art and designs of stained glass artwork. Second grade students will be creating their own fake stained glass looking abstract art pieces while using the warm and cool colors in their artwork.

3 Third grade students are learning about the abstract art of Wassily Kandinsky and his famous concentric circle paintings. Third grade students will be creating their own version of his colorful circle abstract art but transforming them into a colorful Kandinsky tree just in time to kick off the fall season.

4 Fourth grade artists are learning about the eye catching artwork from the Optical Art movement created in the 1960’s. Students are going to be creating their own abstract inspired optical illusions by using geometric shapes and geometric lines. The final illusion of a floating sphere over a checkerboard background is a true eye trick for the viewers.

5 Fifth grade students are learning about famous abstract artist Sonia Delaunay and her colorful circle abstract paintings. After creating their own Delaunay inspired abstract pieces using lines and shapes, fifth grade students will be learning about tints and shades and how to properly mix paint colors in art. Through careful painting techniques, students will be creating vibrant colorful abstract art pieces.