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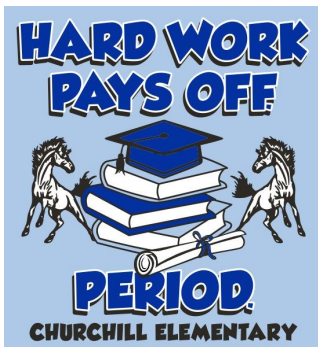
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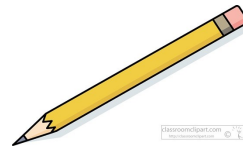
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Principal Notes



Hello Churchill Families!

We had a very eventful October! Our Food Drive was a huge success. The Color Run was great. (I'm still waiting for the final totals of what we raised, but I know it was very good.) Our Culver's Night was a good time as well. Finally, all the students had a lot of fun at the Fall Fest. I hope everyone had a fun, safe Halloween!

On Tuesday, October 30th, we had our first Character Counts assembly on the Pillar of Respect. The goal was for students to understand that it is "okay to be different." The Character Crew demonstrated the importance of respect, caring and tolerance through a presentation, as well as a student-developed video and skits. Teaching tolerance continued during the lunch hour with Mix It Up Lunch Day. We asked students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. Students enjoyed meeting and talking with other students in their grade level. Many students have already asked when we can have our next Mix It Up Lunch Day!

As I've said, 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.

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November Dates to Remember

Friday, November 2 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 6 - No School, Election Day
Thursday, November 8 - Athena Dental
Thursday, November 8 - Rosati's Night
Friday, November 9 - End of 1st Trimester
Monday, November 12, 9:15 am - Veterans Day Event
Monday, November 12, 7:00 pm - 5th Grade Musical
Tuesday, November 20 - 1st Grade Thanksgiving Plays
Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23 - No School
Wednesday, November 28 - Culver's Night, 5th Grade Team Serving



From the Art Room



K Kindergarten students are exploring new exciting ways to combine different art tools to create eye catching pieces of art. Students will be using oil pastels and watercolors to create beautiful fall inspired pumpkin art pieces.

1 Coming up in November first grade students will be learning about how the primary colors create all the other colors on the color wheel. First grade students will be practicing their painting techniques when they create their primary and secondary color family fish. For this project first grade will also be learning how to mix the secondary colors using primary color paints.

2 In November second grade students will be learning about the famous artist Gustav Klimt, and his beautiful shimmery gold paintings. Students will be creating their own gold shimmery paintings inspired by one of Klimt's most famous paintings, The Tree Of Life. Second graders will be creating their own tree of life paintings with gold paint, and filling their trees with different patterns and symbols just like Klimt's artwork.

3 Third grade students will be learning about the art of Landscapes and the placement and size of details to make their landscapes look realistic. They will be inspired by the beautiful Starry Night landscape by Vincent Van Gogh.

4 Fourth grade students will be focusing on the famous landscape artwork of Grant Wood. Students will be creating their own Grant Wood style country fall/farm landscapes.

5 Fifth graders 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.

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher

Nurse Notes

⇒ November is an exciting month. We have Athena Dental coming November 8th, forms will be going out soon and must be completed and returned for your child to participate. This exam will meet state requirements and is open to ALL grade levels.



⇒ I would like to remind everyone to frequently wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes. Flu season is beginning and washing hands often with soap and water will reduce its spreading. Please keep kids home if with fever (100), if V/D in the past 24 hrs, shortness of breath/wheezing, cough that keeps them up at night, undiagnosed rash, SEVERE sore throat, and drainage from the eye.



⇒ If you have a student who has asthma requiring an inhaler or any other medication please remember to bring it to the nurse's office with an asthma action plan and medication form.

⇒ In the nurse's office, spare clothes are kept for emergencies. Any donations of gently used pants of every size for both male and females would be appreciated.



PE Update

The month of October was very busy in Physical Education. The students participated in their bowling unit and finished up with a few days of P.E. Glow Blow. The end of October was devoted to some fun Halloween games including a spooky dance, 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. Later in the month we will be working on our hockey skills. Our hockey unit will involve a skills test on stick handling as well as a written test about some basic hockey game-play knowledge. The hockey unit will bring us into December. We cannot believe how fast the year is going and looking forward to some more fun activities next month!

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



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 12th, 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 and friends. The fifth graders are doing a phenomenal job—you won't want to miss it! **RSVP's for veterans to attend and wreaths for students to decorate for any veterans that they know will NOT be accepted after Wednesday, November 7th.** If you have misplaced the forms, they are available in the office or for download on the Churchill Elementary website. Don't forget that we are collecting items for Operation Care Package through November 12th as well!

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 also begun learning about expressive elements in music such as tempo, dynamics, and instrumentation, and about how music is used in movies 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



First grade is excitedly preparing for our traditional Thanksgiving Play. We are focusing on using eye contact, volume, and expression as we practice. As well, the children are comparing and contrasting their lives to first graders from different countries around the world. In math, we will be working on addition strategies to twenty.



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 are; 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, collecting items for donations, and organizing Operation Care Package for our troops in honor of Veterans Day on November 11th.



The fourth graders have been working hard to master multiplication and division facts and use these number skills to solve real world problems. We have continued during this month to study waves and how they carry sound across a distance. Classes also spent the month of October reading various texts related to the structure and functions of different animals, including humans. Students applied this new knowledge to the creation of animal infographics based on research conducted in the classroom. Finally, fourth graders have been studying the Age of Exploration and the impact that various explorers had on the history of the Americas. We wrapped up the month with students sporting spooky and creative costumes for an entertaining Halloween celebration!