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Principal Notes

Greetings Churchill Families,



Thank you so much for your continued support in assisting us in providing exemplary educational experiences for your children! A special thank you to the Home and School Association for supervising students during the Thursday evening conferences last month and to those of you who made donations that evening! Thanks to the families who brought in their donations for our troops too! We are still collecting toys until December 8th, hats and mittens until December 13th, gift cards for HOOF until December 20th, and gift cards for our [positive staff recognition program](#) until the end of the school year. Please send in your donations with your child(ren) or drop them off in the office if you would like to donate.

During the month of December, we are still celebrating the Character Counts! pillar of Caring and the color is red. During the month of January, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Fairness. We remind students to play by the rules, take turns, share, be open-minded, listen to others, and include others. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color **orange** on Wednesdays during the month of January to demonstrate the pillar of Fairness.

We appreciate your cooperation with following the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures that are in place. Please review the procedures and adhere to the guidelines that have been established to assist us with the safety of our students. Please do not pick up or drop off students in the back of the building.

Please send your child(ren) to school with warm coats, hats, scarves, and gloves on these chilly winter days. Remember snow pants and boots on snowy days as well. Students will participate in outdoor recess when the temperature with the wind chill is 10 degrees or more.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Culver's Night generated \$180.20 and Rosati's Night generated \$95.51 for our school!

On behalf of the Churchill Staff, we would like to extend our best to all of you for a wonderful, fun winter break and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tammie Harmon

Tammie Harmon
Principal

Denise Rodgers

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Assistant Principal



CHARACTER COUNTS!.sm

CHARACTER COUNTS! Every day at Churchill School!!

The month of December 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.



January is the month when our Churchill community celebrates the Character Counts! pillar of **FAIRNESS!** After winter break, each classroom will do a lesson to introduce fairness. We find it important that students understand fairness in the context of the classroom and school. Our students at Churchill show fairness by: showing respect to all students and teachers, taking turns, following the rules, including others, giving help to those who need it, standing up for what is right, never making someone feel left out. To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **ORANGE** on Wednesdays during the month of January.



2017 Veterans Day Celebration





News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 7: Rosati's Night

Tuesday, December 19: 6-7pm, Home & School Assn. meeting

Thursday, December 21: 11:15am-12:15pm, Holiday Parties

Thursday, December 21: **12:15pm Early Dismissal**, End of Quarter 2

Friday, December 22 – Friday, January 5: **NO SCHOOL** (Winter Break)

Monday, January 8: Students return to school

Thursday, January 11: Rosati's Night

Monday, January 15: **NO SCHOOL** (Martin L. King Day)

Tuesday, January 16: 6-7pm, Home & School Assn. meeting

Friday, January 19: 4pm, report cards are available on Home Access

Wednesday, January 24: Culver's Night

Friday, January 26: **12:15pm Early Dismissal** (School Improvement Day)



Label Redemption Program

Congratulations to Mrs. Clark's & Mrs. Gates' 2nd grade class for winning the first quarter Box Tops Contest! They submitted 530 Box Tops!! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and two games to play during indoor recess 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 submitted 3,541 Box Tops in the first quarter. That's \$354.10 for our school!

The second quarter contest ends on Thursday December 21. Thank you for your continued support of our Box Tops program and happy clipping!

-- Amy Danison, Label Redemption Chair





*When the school year is over,
all that remains are...*

Memories!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This school year will hold many precious moments that should never be forgotten. These memories will last a lifetime in your child's copy of...

THE CHURCHILL YEARBOOK!

... filled cover to cover with photographs of friends, special events, classes, activities and candid shots of the 2017-2018 school year. This hardcover yearbook will be a precious reminder of some of the happiest times in your child's life.

You can hold on to these valuable memories by giving your child a gift that will last forever. Order **NOW** during our **Advance Sale** and **SAVE MONEY**.

From now through **12/22/17** you can purchase a yearbook for **\$25.00**. All you need to do is place your order online at: <http://shop.balfour.com/smi125559>

It's one of the best investments you'll ever make!

REMINDERS:

- ✓ All fifth graders receive a free yearbook as a gift from Churchill Home and School.
- ✓ Books ordered from 12/23/17 to 2/15/18 will be \$30.00. No orders will be accepted after 2/15/18. A small number of extra books will be sold on a first come, first serve basis after ordered yearbooks are distributed.
- ✓ A \$1.00 processing charge is added to all online orders.
- ✓ A paper order form will be placed on the Churchill Home and School website soon for anyone that is unable to order online.
- ✓ Please contact Lori Davis at bmlrcmdavis@gmail.com with questions.

Notes from the Music Room. . .

The month of November was very full with our Veterans Day Celebration and Fifth Grade Musical. The 5th graders did a fabulous job on their musical, and we had a great time hosting about 70 veterans and guests for our activities that day. Thank you to the Churchill Home & School for planning and facilitating an opportunity for our students to have a special time with their veteran guests before the assembly. I would also like to thank all who donated to our collection for Operation Care Package—we ended up with several very full boxes! They were very glad to receive the items that were donated for the soldiers overseas.

December will be a short but busy month. Each grade level will be working on songs for our Holiday Sing on Thursday, December 21st. The Holiday Sing is an informal time for our students and staff to get together and learn about the various December holidays and have some fun singing songs about those holidays. During the month of December, the various grade levels will also be working on the following units—most of these units will continue into January:

First grade: Students are continuing to do steady beat activities and are learning about quarter notes, paired eighth notes and quarter rests. They will be practicing performing these rhythms in different patterns, composing their own rhythm patterns, and notating 4-beat rhythm patterns that I perform for them.

Second grade: Instrument Families of the Orchestra—Students will learn to recognize the tone color of the four families of instruments. This unit will continue into the month of January.

Third grade: Instruments of the Orchestra—Students will learn to visually identify the major instruments of the four families of the orchestra during the month of December. In January, we will review notes C-G on the treble staff and add A, B, and high C. They will then use their knowledge of rhythms and notes on the staff to perform simple songs on the barred instruments and compose their own short song to play for the class.

Fourth grade: Notes of the Treble Clef—The fourth grade students are reviewing the letter names of the notes on the treble clef in preparation for a composition project and learning to play recorders sometime around the end of January.

Fifth grade: Fifth grade classes will be working on composition techniques and composing their own pieces using all the rhythms they have learned and all the notes on the treble staff. They will also be working on performing their compositions on the barred instruments. This will continue after the first of the year. Beginning later in January, we will be studying the instruments of the orchestra and learning how to categorize them into their respective families. This is a great unit to refamiliarize them with the instruments right before Jr. High Band sign-ups.

The holiday season is a great time to incorporate music into our everyday lives. I encourage you to listen to all different types of music with your children whenever you have the opportunity. Your children will love learning all the holiday songs that you enjoyed when you were their age!

-- Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher



From the P.E. Department

Thanks for checking in! Over the last month we have been practicing our tumbling, balancing, and flexibility during our gymnastics unit. For an entire week the gymnasium turned into a bowling alley. Finishing out November and into early December the students have been working on a bump, set, and spike with a Volleyball Unit. Late December will include some chilly winter activities including scooter sledding.

Once back from break we will be working on some B.E.E.F. (Balance, Elbows, Eyes, Follow through) with a basketball unit. Enjoy the break!

- Churchill P.E. Teachers

Brittany Lindeman (636-3857)

Tom Clason (636-3848)

From the Art Room...



Kindergarten students will be creating cute arctic winter penguin portraits. They will be exploring the use of combining oil pastels with watercolors for their arctic wintery scenes.

1st grade has been creating wonderful winter theme artworks. In December, first grade students will be creating fancy winter bird houses. For these bird houses the students will examine the architecture of human houses and create some of the same details on their bird houses. They will also use their creativity and imagination to add winter or holiday decorations as well as the bird families inside the windows.

2nd grade students are getting into the winter spirit by creating eye catching colorful pattern winter pine trees. These vibrant winter trees could light up the dark cold winter nights that lie ahead.

3rd grade students will also celebrate the arrival of winter by creating eye catching cardinal in winter paintings. These beautiful red birds are accented against the wintery whites and blues of the changing season. For the holidays, they will be creating their own sweetly designed gingerbread house.

4th grade is getting in the winter spirit by creating winter or holiday inspired snow globes scenes. Students will be learning about the history of the art of snow globes and how this art form has become a staple item throughout all the seasons.

5th grade students will learn about the famous artworks of two well-known Pop Artists, Romero Britto and Peter Max. They will then create their own pop art inspired cocoa mugs, using design aspects from both Peter Max and Romero Britto to create their own new version of pop art.

Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ANDERSON'S 4TH GRADE GIFTED ED MATH STUDENTS.

They were one of the district's winning classes for the Fall 2017 Prodigy Math Tournament. These 26 students spent hours online over the month of October answering 8,431 questions! Each student earned a one year membership and the top 6 students earned Prodigy merchandise.

The 6 students that answered the most questions were:

Felix - 1000 questions

Cyrus - 769 questions

Calvin - 614 questions

Nathan - 543 questions

Jovan - 539 questions

Evan - 436 questions

Congratulations to all our participants!

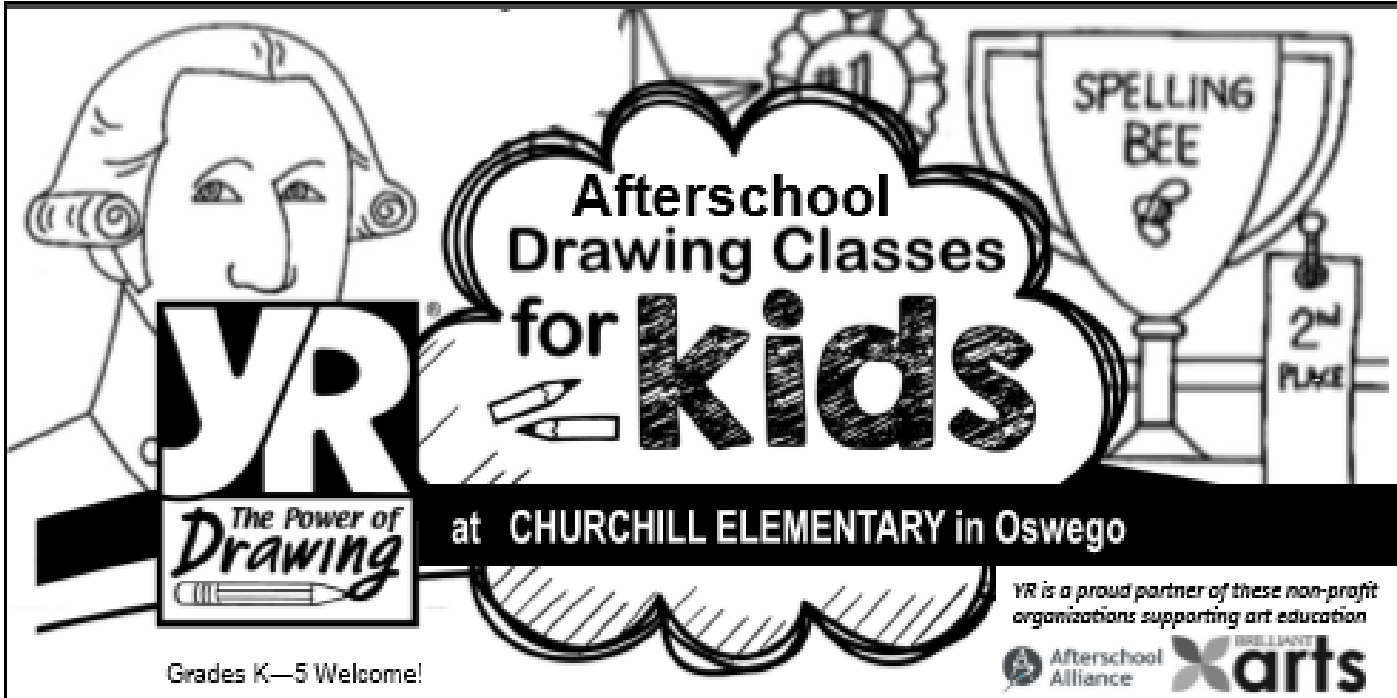
Leslie Anderson
Gifted Education Teacher
Churchill Elementary
630-636-3833



Six Flags® READ to SUCCEED

Churchill Elementary is participating in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program. The program encourages students in grades K through 6 to engage in recreational reading. Students who complete six hours of reading books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks or comic book of their choice, are eligible to earn a free admission ticket to the Six Flags Theme Park in Gurnee, Illinois. Reading logs will be sent home with students the week of December 18th and the deadline to return completed logs to their teacher is **Friday, February 2, 2018**. Parents are a key component of Read to Succeed, as they can encourage their child to read for fun! If necessary, parents can read to their child, help their child keep track of his\her reading hours and are asked to verify and sign all student reading logs when complete. Tickets will be distributed in May and are valid for the 2018 summer season, June-August. If you have any questions, please contact Churchill's Read to Succeed Coordinator, Kelly Schultz, at kschultz@sd308.org or 630-636-3850. Happy Reading!!





YR
The Power of
Drawing

**Afterschool
Drawing Classes
for kids**

at **CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY** in Oswego

Grades K—5 Welcome!

YR is a proud partner of these non-profit organizations supporting art education

Afterschool Alliance **arts**

KIDS: You are invited to draw with YOUNG REMBRANDTS at YOUR school.

PARENTS: If your child loves to draw, give them the gift to express their creativity and bolster their ART vocabulary with our weekly step-by-step DRAWING classes. NEW lessons presented each week. All supplies included! CLASS SIZE LIMITED. Enrollment deadline is 3 days prior to start date.

THURSDAYS **\$45**

Class meets immediately afterschool for 5 weeks starting:
Jan. 25 through **Feb. 22**

Young Rembrandts **DISMISSAL TIME** is: **4:40 PM**

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

- ★ Enroll online (VISA, MasterCard and Discover accepted)
www.youngrembrandts.com/SWsuburbs
- ★ CALL (844) DRAW-184 (that's 844.372.9184)
- ★ MAIL form + payment to YOUNG REMBRANDTS.
DO NOT SUBMIT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PARENTS—Once enrolled, you will receive an email confirmation. It is your responsibility to remind your child to stay afterschool by sending a note to school on class days. Absences forfeited. **AVOID** a late pick up fee. **PROMPT** pick up. Meet your child at the dismissal door for sign out.

Enroll online OR remit bottom portion of form + payment due 3 days prior to start date. PRINT clearly.

STUDENT's full name: _____

GRADE: _____ Teacher's LAST Name: _____

Check ONE box on how to release your child after drawing class:

CAR RIDER. My child will be promptly picked up by these people:

MOM's name _____ Cel ()

DAD's name _____ Cel ()

OTHER: _____ Cel ()

Phone numbers required for the safety of your child. **PROMPT PICK UP** to avoid a late pick up fee. Refer to **DISMISSAL TIME** noted on form above.

SEND TO CHILD CARE CENTER, that is located inside the school.

CAN WALK HOME, if allowed by the school. NO crossing guard on duty.
Children under the age of 10 must be escorted by adult or older sibling.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$45 [] CASH [] CHECK # _____

Make check or money order payable to:

YOUNG REMBRANDTS P.O. Box 184 **MOKENA, IL 60448**

Provide Parent/Guardian email to receive enrollment confirmation. You will be contacted by phone if class is full.

Email: _____

PERMISSION GRANTED: Guardian signature and phone required. I am the parent/legal guardian of this child and release all claims to YR. All information on this form is correct to my knowledge. I will contact YR directly if my child requires any special classroom considerations. NSF fee of \$25 will be incurred if my payment does not clear.

YR, nor the school office, will be held responsible for late, lost or redirected mail. No food/beverages will be permitted. No nurse on premises. Absences are forfeited. Signature: _____

I can be reached at this number after school: () _____

YR OFFICE USE ONLY. Received: _____ for **CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY** in Oswego Start Date: Jan. 25 Day: **THURSDAYS**

December 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 6-7pm Home & School Mtg.	20	21 11:15am-12:15pm Holiday Parties 12:15pm Early Dismissal End of Q2	22 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)					
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January 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)					
7	8 Students return to school	9	10	11 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	12	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL (Martin L. King Day)	16 6-7pm Home & School Mtg.	17	18	19 4pm Report Cards are available on Home Access	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Culver's Night</i>	25	26 12:15pm Early Dismissal	27
28	29	30	31			