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Principal Notes



Greetings Churchill Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching! As we reflect on the school year, we are grateful for the strong partnerships and commitments that we have shared with all of you to strengthen your child's learning experiences and social emotional growth. We would like to especially thank our Home and School Association and Executive Board Members, Nikki Martin, Jenn Neumann, Jessica McDonald, Renee Killham, and Rachel Keys, for their unending support and countless volunteer hours shared with us throughout this school year. We look forward to the many celebrations and recognitions that will take place during the remainder of this school year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ashley Stone, Special Education Teacher Assistant, and her family on the birth of her baby girl, Emma, on August 20, 2017!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kara Gates, 2nd Grade Teacher, and her family on the birth of their baby girl, Wilhelmina, on December 13, 2017!

Congratulations to Ms. Tory Brown, Learning Behavior Specialist, and her family on the birth of their baby girl, Sophia, on January 27, 2018!

Congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Effron, Principal's Secretary, who will be retiring at the end of the school year! We thank Mrs. Effron for her 12 years of service to our school and are grateful for all she has done for our school community!

National Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 7th! Please encourage your child to bring in a special note for his or her teacher(s) and staff during this week. Be sure to thank your teachers for all their hard work and commitment to our school.

During the month of May, we celebrate all 6 Character Counts! pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship. Thank you for your support in promoting good character everywhere, all the time!

We appreciate your cooperation with following the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures that are in place. Please review and adhere to the guidelines that have been established to assist us with the safety of our students. Please also reinforce walking safely to your students who walk to and from school each day. There are many more students taking advantage of the nicer weather and it is important to ensure that the students stay on the sidewalks, remain in designated crosswalks, and are aware of their surroundings.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Rosati's Nights generated \$66.67 & \$40.52 for our school.

On behalf of the Churchill Staff, we look forward to the many exciting events that will occur as the school year comes to a close. Be sure to review the enclosed calendar! We hope you have a restful, enjoyable summer. We look forward to hearing about all of your summer adventures. We wish our 5th graders good luck in their future success as they enter junior high in the fall.

Sincerely,

Tammie Harmon

Tammie Harmon
Principal

Denise Rodgers

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Assistant Principal



CHARACTER COUNTS!sm

CHARACTER COUNTS! Every day at Churchill School!!

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 by 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 open minded, 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!



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May 31 - June 1
Thursday, 05/31/2018: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, 06/01/2018: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

***JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT
CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF
CINDY EFFRON***

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:00-5:00 PM

Churchill Elementary School Community Room

Refreshments will be served as we celebrate Cindy Effron, Principal's Secretary, and her retirement as she embarks on her new journey in Florida!





News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 3: Rosati's Night

Tuesday, May 8: 4-5pm Retirement Celebration for Cindy Effron

Tuesday, May 15: 6:00pm Home & School Meeting

Monday, May 21: 2:00pm 5th Grade Celebration

Tuesday, May 22: Field Day

Wednesday, May 23: Culver's Night

Friday, May 25: 12:15pm, Early Dismissal/Last Day of School

Thursday, May 31: 4:00pm Report Cards Available on Home Access



Label Redemption Program

Congratulations to Mr. Struck's 4th grade class for winning the third quarter Box Tops Contest! They submitted 450 Box Tops!! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and a game 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! We collected 1,929 Box Tops in the third quarter, which makes \$192.90 for our school!

The fourth quarter contest ends on **Friday, May 18**. Thank you for your continued support of our Box Tops program and happy clipping!

-- Amy Danison, Label Redemption Chair



Notes from the Music Room. .

The District Choral Festival at OEHS will be held in the main gym on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. We have 68 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:

Kindergarten: During the month of April we have learned about "question and answer" form in music. We will continue will some additional activities reinforcing this concept during the month of May and will also begin learning about rests in music. We will use various pieces of music to illustrate the concepts, as well as musical games and activities so that students can experience them.

First grade: Note Reading—We have begun a unit on the basics of notes on the treble staff (high notes are higher on the staff and low notes are low on the staff; line notes and space notes; and letter names of the notes middle C through high F). We have been learning to read and play some simple songs on the xylophones and glockenspiels using the notes from middle C-G. We will continue this during the first 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."

Second grade: Note reading and Composing—The second graders have been practicing playing songs on the xylophones and glockenspiels by reading the notes on the staff. Before the end of the year, they will be composing a short song of their own and playing it on the xylophone for the class.

Third grade: Note reading and Composing—The third grade students are doing the same thing as the 2nd graders but at a more advanced level.

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 and perform it on their recorder.

Fifth grade: Composing—The fifth graders have been working on playing melodies on the xylophones and glockenspiels to prepare for our composition unit. The last week of April, they began composing a piece using half and full cadences and syncopation with the goal of performing it before the end of the school year. They will also have to write an artist's statement how the purpose of the composition influenced their musical choices.

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!!

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."
(Red Auerbach)

-- Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

From the P.E. Department

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 kickball. In May, the classes will practice 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 22nd**! 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-

<http://signup.com/login/entry/2169985730409800127>



- Churchill P.E. Teachers

Brittany Lindeman (636-3857)

Tom Clason (636-3848)

From the Art Room...

The 2017-2018 school year was a busy, exciting, and 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. 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:

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. For more information about the variety of art classes available through The Fox River Academy of Music and Art please visit: <http://www.foxriveracademy.com> or contact 630-551-4321.

Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator

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May 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 Rosati's Night	4	5
6	7	8 4-5pm - Cindy Effron Retirement Celebration	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 6pm – Home & School Mtg.	16	17	18	19
20	21 2pm – 5 th Grade Celebration	22 FIELD DAY!	23 Culver's Night	24	25 12:15pm – Early Dismissal LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26
27	28	29	30	31 4PM – Report Cards Available on Home Access		