

# Churchill



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## "Churchill Chatter"

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

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## Principal Notes

Greetings Churchill Families,



During the past month our students have participated in many exciting activities and learning experiences at Churchill. Some of these successful events include One Book One School, Character Counts! Week, the Home and School Association Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival, Churchill Challenge/Read-a-Thon, and Halloween Parties and Parades. Thank you for your assistance in making all of these events meaningful and fun for our students!

During the months of November and December, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Caring. We remind students to be kind and compassionate, express gratitude, forgive others, and help people in need. Churchill students, families, and staff are currently demonstrating tremendous caring as reflected by their generous contributions to others in need. Continue to send in your donations for troops. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color **red** on Wednesdays during the months of November and December to show Caring. Our next Character Counts! assembly is on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 9:30 AM. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Please arrange childcare for younger siblings.

We appreciate your cooperation with following the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures that are in place. As the weather gets colder and more parents/guardians are picking their children up through the car line, it is important to review the procedures and adhere to the guidelines that have been established to assist us with the safety of our students.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn about the Churchill School Positive Recognition Program!** We are in need of donations of \$10 gift cards for staff who are recognized and selected for our weekly drawings this school year. If you are able to make a donation, please send to Mrs. Harmon in the office. Thank you!

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Culver's Night generated \$204.35 for our school!

We look forward to seeing you at our Veterans Day Celebrations, and Parent/Teacher Conferences this month.

On behalf of the Churchill Staff, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,

*Tammie Harmon*

Tammie Harmon  
Principal

*Denise Rodgers*

Denise Rodgers  
Assistant Principal



# CHARACTER COUNTS!.sm

*CHARACTER COUNTS! Every day at Churchill School!!*

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 Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

A circular graphic with various educational icons (books, globe, calculator, pencil, apple, etc.) surrounding the text. The text is centered and reads:

**Electronic Flyer Delivery  
STARTS TODAY!**

Oswego CUSD 308 has launched a new communication tool called "Peachjar." School-approved flyers will now be sent to you electronically and posted on the school website. Simply click flyers you receive via email or click the Peachjar button on our homepage.

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This "green" initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.



Veterans are invited to Churchill Elementary School  
for a Veterans Day Celebration  
Friday, November 10, 2017  
9:00-10:15 a.m.

Agenda includes:

9:00-9:30 View our "Wall of Honor" and enjoy refreshments

9:30-10:15 Fifth grade musical "To Those Who Serve"

If you know of any veterans interested in attending, please fill out  
the attached RSVP and return it to your child's classroom teacher by  
**Wednesday, November 1st, 2017**

(Due to limited space, we are asking that only veterans attend the morning  
performance. Parents, friends and other family members are encouraged to  
attend the 7:00 p.m. performance on Thursday, November 9, 2017.)

Please fill out the attached heart, decorate, cut out and return **NO LATER THAN  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017** with the name(s) of any known or past veterans.  
You may submit hearts for as many veterans as you would like (even if they are unable  
to attend or are deceased). Additional hearts are available in the main office or can be  
printed from the school website.

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**Please RSVP by November 1st.**

Yes, I know of a veteran who will attend.

- Name of veteran: \_\_\_\_\_
- Student(s) attending Churchill: \_\_\_\_\_
- Classroom teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_



In conjunction with our Veteran's Day celebration here at Churchill, we will be collecting items to help Operation Care Package make sure that "No Hero is Forgotten" this holiday season. Operation Care Package is a not-for-profit organization started by family members of soldiers currently serving in the military. Their goal is to send 10,000 care packages this year to soldiers who will be away from their families during the holidays. We would like to help them meet that goal.

Donation boxes will be placed right inside the front entrance of the school and donations will be accepted from Monday, October 23, 2017 through Friday, November 10, 2017. Here is a list of suggested items that we would like each grade level to bring in (please feel free to contribute anything on the list even if it's not your child's grade level!):

- Kindergarten: Canned fruit; hot chocolate or hot cider (packets); fruit snacks*  
*First grade: Kool-Aid singles; instant oatmeal packets; popcorn balls/caramel corn*  
*Second grade: Summer sausage, beef sticks or pepperoni sticks (6-12 oz. size); cans of tuna, chicken or salmon; granola bars*  
*Third grade: Slim Jims or beef jerky; batteries (AA or AAA); protein bars*  
*Fourth grade: Cookies (small individual packs), coffee (singles-2 lb. bags or cans) hearty canned soups, ravioli, or stew*  
*Fifth grade: Full-size chocolate bars or Kisses; trail mix, nuts (individual sizes); men's socks (white/black; work/crew)*  
*Other requested items: First-class stamps; AT&T 120-minute phone cards*

Please help us show our troops how much we appreciate their service to our country!



# News from the Home & School Association

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 2 – 9:30-10:30am, Character Counts! Assembly  
Thursday, November 2 – **1:45pm Early Dismissal**  
Thursday, November 2 – 4-8pm, Holiday Give Back Event  
Thursday, November 2 – 4-8pm, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Thursday, November 2 – 4pm, Report Cards available on Home Access  
Thursday, November 2 – Rosati's Night  
Friday, November 3 – **NO SCHOOL** (P/T Conferences)  
Thursday, November 9 – 7-8pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical  
Friday, November 10 – 9-10:15am, Veterans Day Celebration  
Tuesday, November 21 – 6-7pm, Home & School Assn. Meeting  
Wednesday, November 22 – **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)  
Thursday, November 23 – **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)  
Friday, November 24 – **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)  
Wednesday, November 29 – Culver's Night

## OCTOBER 2017 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREATING AND FALL FEST



# Holiday Give Back 2017

Do you need babysitting during  
parent/teacher conferences?  
Never fear... HSA is here!

**BRING A DONATION TO ONE OF THESE  
CAUSES & WE'LL ENTERTAIN YOUR KIDS!\***

FOR THE STAFF

**POSITIVE  
STAFF  
RECOGNITION  
PROGRAM**

**\$10 GIFT CARDS TO  
PLACES LIKE  
PANERA, PORTILLO'S,  
TARGET, CHIPOTLE**

FOR THE SCHOOL

**H.O.O.F.  
(Helping  
Out Our  
Families)**

**Gift cards  
for gas &  
groceries**

FOR THE COMMUNITY



**\$15-\$20 TOYS  
FOR LOCAL  
GIFT MART AT  
BROKAW**

\*Available Thursday, 11/2 from 4-8pm in the Gym



*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](mailto:bmlrcmdavis@gmail.com) with questions.

## Notes from the Music Room. . .

Our big news for the month of November is our Veterans Day Celebration and Fifth Grade Musical. On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting quite a few veterans for an activity with their Churchill student at 9:00 a.m. and a musical presentation by our fifth grade students for the veterans and our student body at 9:30 a.m. There will also be an evening performance the previous evening, **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 hearts for students to decorate for any veterans that they know will be accepted until Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you have misplaced the forms, they are available in the main office or for download on the Churchill Elementary website.

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. We will also be singing some Thanksgiving songs to highlight thankfulness at the end of the month. Other units will be as follows:

**First grade:** The first grade students are doing a variety of activities that involve singing, moving, and playing a variety of classroom instruments. These activities cover a wide range of musical concepts: high/low, steady beat, loud/soft, fast/slow, and reading, playing and creating rhythms using quarter note, paired eighth notes and quarter rest.

**Second grade:** At the beginning of the month, the second graders will finish up their rhythm unit by learning to notate teacher-performed rhythms and creating their own 4-beat rhythms. Around the middle of the month they will begin learning to aurally recognize the tone color of the four families of instruments in the orchestra—string, woodwind, brass and percussion.

**Third grade:** Musical Symbols—Students will become familiar with basic musical symbols that are important to reading, writing and performing music.

**Fourth grade:** Rhythm composition and dictation and Note Reading—Students are finishing up their rhythm unit by creating their own rhythms and writing them in measures on the staff as well as writing down rhythms that are performed for them. We will also be reviewing the notes on the treble staff in preparation for writing our own simple melodic compositions and beginning to play recorders in January.

**Fifth grade:** Students will perform their musical on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The following week, they will watch a video recording of the musical and write an evaluative reflection on their performance and participation. The last week of the month into the beginning of December, we will review rhythms using all notes, rests and patterns previously learned and all the notes on the treble staff. They will also begin composing rhythmic pieces in 4/4, 3/4 and 2/4 time signatures. Students will later apply this knowledge by playing songs on the xylophones/glockenspiels and composing pieces of their own.

## Music Room Notes Continued. . .

I will be available for Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as November 2<sup>nd</sup> for anyone wishing to discuss their child's progress. Please call to schedule an appointment during the following times:

Monday, October 30, 2017	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 2, 2017	2:00-8:00 p.m.

Please leave a voicemail at 630-636-3851, and I will call you back to schedule an appointment. You are also welcome to email me at [jvancamp@sd308.org](mailto:jvancamp@sd308.org). If none of the above times work for you, please call or email and we will find an alternate time to meet.

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



## From the P.E. Department

The month of October was very busy in Physical Education. We have been running and keeping track of our personal best with the PACER. We continued to work on our fitness with a week of jump rope. 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 strikes and spares in bowling. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will learn the basics of keeping score. Towards the end of November we will be turning our focus to Thanksgiving, talking about healthy eating over the break. We are eager to keep up the good work in PE, and look forward to busting out our favorite moves!!

- Churchill P.E. Teachers  
Brittany Lindeman (636-3857)  
Tom Clason (636-3848)



## From the Art Room...



**Kindergarten:** Kindergarten students are exploring new and exciting ways to combine different art tools to create eye catching pieces of art. In November, kindergarten students will be using oil pastels and watercolors to create beautiful fall inspired pumpkin art pieces.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** In November, first grade students will be learning about how the primary colors create all the other colors on the color wheel. They will be practicing their painting techniques when they create their primary and secondary color family fish. For this project they will also be learning how to mix the secondary colors using primary color paints.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** In November, second grade students will be learning about the famous artist Gustav Klimt, and his beautiful shimmery gold paintings. They will be creating their own gold shimmery paintings inspired by one of Klimt's most famous paintings, The Tree Of Life. Second graders will also 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<sup>rd</sup> grade:** In November, third grade students will be learning about the color wheel and the many color families that are created by the grouping of certain colors. Third grade students will be creating bright colorful artwork inspired by the color groups found on the color wheel.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Fourth grade students will be focusing on the famous artworks of abstract painter Sonia Delaunay. Taking inspiration from Delaunay's abstract designs, students used geometric shapes and lines to be the dominate design elements in their own art pieces. They will be learning how to mix paints to create various tints and shades to add in their abstract paintings.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Fifth grade students 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.

**Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator**

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Positively recognize a Churchill Elementary staff member through the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/WRz3Vus6t9rFoyOh2>

## Churchill Elementary School Positive Staff Recognition

The entire Churchill Elementary School staff deserves to be acknowledged for the great work they do on a daily basis! Please use this form to recognize any member (or team) of our staff and their name(s) will be placed in our weekly staff drawings for prizes! Please remember it definitely takes a village to successfully support a safe, comfortable learning environment that includes teachers, secretaries, nurses, teaching assistants, custodians, specialists, etc. We will acknowledge everyone that is recognized and draw name(s) on Mondays to announce prize winners.

# November 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 9:30-10:30am Character Counts! Assembly <b>1:45pm Early Dismissal</b> 4-8pm Holiday Give Back <i>Rosati's Night</i>	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4
5	6	7	8	9  7-8pm 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Musical	10 9-10:15am Veterans Day Celebration	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21  6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27	28	29  <i>Culver's Night</i>	30		