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Principal Notes



Greetings Churchill Families,

Thank you for a successful start to the school year! Learning is alive at Churchill! The students have settled into their new classrooms and are engaged in their learning on a daily basis. Some questions you might want to ask your child(ren) each night are:

- What are you writing about in school?
- How do you show Respect to your classmates and the adults at Churchill? What is the Golden Rule?
- What did you read or was read to you in school today? What did you like about the story?
- What did you learn about in Math today? Did you understand it?

During the month of October, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Respect. We remind students to demonstrate the Golden Rule, Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated, on a daily basis. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color **yellow** on Wednesdays during the month of October to show Respect. All parents are invited to our Character Counts! Assemblies again this school year. We are once again excited to have our Character Crew involved in the assemblies. The next assembly is scheduled for **Thursday, November 2nd at 9:30 AM**. We are also looking forward to the many learning experiences that will take place and dress up days during Character Counts! Week, October 16th-20th. Be on the lookout for more details.

Your child's academic growth and success is of the utmost importance to the staff at Churchill. We have completed the initial STAR Assessments in Reading and Math for Grades 2-5 and are using the data collected to inform our instruction, intervention, and enrichment for our students. Please refer to <http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R0054872491706A8.pdf> for a Parent's Guide to STAR Assessments for further information. Individual student reports came home last week.

Thanks to Mrs. Kersh and Mrs. Muszynski for your participation in our first Muffins with Mrs. Harmon for the school year! I enjoyed our conversation and appreciate your support of our students and our school. All parents and guardians, please mark your calendars for the next Muffins with Mrs. Harmon on Monday, March 5th at 9:30 AM.

[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!

Please remember to join our Home and School Association, which provides enhancements to our students' learning opportunities at Churchill every day. Thank you for partnering with us for our students' success! Your support of the Churchill Challenge Read-a-thon and pledges are greatly appreciated and help to support your child(ren)'s learning.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's August Culver's Night generated \$187.91 and September Rosati's Night generated \$86.37 for our school!

Halloween is just around the corner! Keep in mind safety and appropriateness when selecting your child's costume. Additional guidelines regarding the festivities and costumes will be coming home soon.

We appreciate the strong home and school connection that has been established at Churchill and look forward to continuing to build on this relationship to best benefit our students.

Sincerely,

Tammie Harmon

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Principal

Denise Rodgers

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Assistant Principal



CHARACTER COUNTS!sm

CHARACTER COUNTS! Every day at Churchill School!!

Get ready for another phenomenal year here at Churchill Elementary School! We are so excited to see our students continuing to show the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. During the school year, we will be focusing on a different pillar each month. This year, we will be celebrating the pillars with four quarterly assemblies focused on multiple pillars of character and students will be receiving Character Counts! lessons in their classrooms each month. The Character Counts! Assembly for this quarter is highlighting the pillars of Respect (October) and Caring (November).

The month of October will highlight the pillar of **RESPECT**. The CHARACTER COUNTS! program teaches us that respectful people display the following behaviors:

- They treat others with respect
- They follow the Golden Rule (Treat others the way you want to be treated)
- They are tolerant of differences and consider people's feelings
- They use good manners, not bad language
- They don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- They deal peacefully with anger and disagreements

We would also love for you to help us by reinforcing the pillars of good character at home through using the language of CHARACTER COUNTS! and providing positive reinforcement when you notice your child displaying good character. The Churchill Behavior Expectations Handbook has a "Character at Home" chart in the back that you can use as a reference if you are unfamiliar with the language. Also, students can show their CHARACTER COUNTS! support by wearing yellow each Wednesday for the month of October.



Churchill Elementary had a successful fourth annual District 308 Food Drive for the Kendall County Food Pantry, collecting 16,448 items.





News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, October 5 – Rosati's Night
Sunday, October 8 – 4-7pm, Mother/Son Event @
Sport Zone Family Fun Center
Monday, October 9 – **NO SCHOOL** (Columbus Day)
Thursday, October 12 – 6:30-7:30pm, One Book, One
School Night
Tuesday, October 17 – 6-7pm, Home & School Assn.
Mtg.
Friday, October 20 – **12:15pm Early Dismissal**
(School Improvement Day)
Friday, October 20 – End of 1st Quarter
Tuesday, October 24 – Picture re-take day
Wednesday, October 25 – Culver's Night
Friday, October 27 – 5-7pm, Fall Festival/Trunk or
Treat
Tuesday, October 31 – 2:05pm, Halloween Parade
2:35-3:35pm, Halloween
Parties



Mother Son Event

Sunday, October 8

4-7pm

Sport Zone Family Fun Center

4900 Hill Ave., Aurora

Unlimited Mini Golf, Batting Cages,

Go Karts, and Rocket Bungee

*Slice of pizza and drink included

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*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.



Churchill Challenge Read-a-Thon 2017

September 22, 2017

Churchill Elementary School kicked off the Churchill Challenge Read-a-thon "Read for the Gold" on September 15, 2017! Students have 4 weeks to read as much as they can. Pledges can be per minute or just a flat amount. There will be prizes and incentives along the way. The students will be collecting pledges and the funds raised will be used to support classroom requests, new technology, books, and other items that will greatly benefit the students throughout the year. The best part about this years' challenge is that ALL money raised will go directly to our school, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors.

The pledge form provides information on how to register online to create your student's personal free fundraising page through our partner, getmovincrew.com. Families have the option to register online to collect pledges, use the provided pledge form or both.

- To encourage students to register online and create their personal Free Fundraising page, **all students** registered on or before **September 20th** will receive a key chain.
- The first 150 students to achieve \$25.00 in donations will receive a water bottle.
- All students will receive a book marker from Sky Zone. When they read 5 books and with both a parent and a teacher signature it can be used for 30 minutes of free jump time.

Weekly Goals

- Kindergarten and first grade - 50 minutes per week. Kindergartners can have books read to them by parents this will count toward their goal.
- Second and Third grade – 75 minutes per week
- Fourth and Fifth grade – 100 minutes per week

September 22, 2017

- Students who reach their weekly goal will receive an Olympic ring colored jelly bracelet weekly.
- Any student that needs reading assistance - minutes read to a child will count toward their goal.

Our goal this year is to raise \$500 per classroom.



Churchill Home and School has teamed up with *The Get Movin' Crew*® for our Read-a-thon!

With this online partnership, we can break the barriers of our own community and reach the world with Student Webpages. This allows us to accept credit/debit donations online from anywhere in the world, in addition to cash & checks.

Attention All Parents: Follow these 3 Simple Steps!

1. Simply [Register](#) or [Login](#) at www.thegetmovincrew.com
2. Once registered, share via Facebook or other social media with just a few clicks
3. Our goal is for all parents to send 10-15 emails to family/friends



The first 175 students to register on line will receive a key chain just for getting registered! Thanks for your continued Support!

Notes from the Music Room. . .

The school year is off to a great start—I can't believe that October is here already! It's starting off pretty warm, but I'm looking forward to some cool, crisp fall weather!

The students in Kindergarten – 4th grades have been having lots of fun learning to keep the steady beat during the month of September by playing instruments, creating hand jives, playing movement games, and singing many fun songs. The 5th grade students have been working on a unit on Songs of the American Railroad.

During the month of October, 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 musical opposites (loud/soft and fast/slow). The second grade classes will be learning how to create, perform and notate rhythms using quarter notes, quarter rests, two eighth notes, half notes and half rests. The third grade students will also begin reviewing the rhythms that they learned in second grade and adding sixteenth notes, the dotted half note, whole note and whole rest. The fourth graders will be going even further and adding eighth note triplets and a pattern called a “syn-co-pa” (eighth-quarter-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 have just begun working on their musical which is a tribute to our nation's veterans. The 5th grade classes will perform their musical for family and friends on Thursday evening, November 9th at 7:00 p.m., and at a Veterans' Day assembly at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 10th, 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 Friday, November 10th. We will also once 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 9th and 10th on your calendar and plan to attend. Please watch for the details to come home with your child around the middle of October!

“To stop the flow of music would be like the stopping of time itself, incredible and inconceivable.” (*Aaron Copland, American composer, 1900-1990*)

-- Julie Van Camm Music Teacher



From the P.E. Department

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 talking about moving in our own space and exercising safely around others. After we learned the basic procedures in class we discussed new units that will be added this year.

Recently 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have learned the rules of flag football. We learned 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. We worked on fitness with the Body Brain Game and fitness stations. In October a whole week will be devoted to some fun Halloween games including a spooky dance, knocking down witch hats, and playing Ghost in the Graveyard.

- Churchill P.E. Teachers

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Do you have the ability to put cassette tapes onto cd's?

I have lots of books with cassette tapes for my first graders to listen to as they follow along with a story. However, most children have a difficult time using and exchanging the cassette tape because they are not familiar with this type of technology. Do you have the ability to put our cassette tapes onto cd's? If so, please contact Mrs. Klick via email at pklick@sd308.org. Please write “cassette tapes” in the subject line. Also, I will supply the cd's.

Thank you so much!

Pam Klick



From the Art Room...



The start to a new year brings busy artists in the art room, and students are getting into the fall spirit in their art creations:

Kindergarten students have been learning about the many tools used in the art room. In September, the students celebrated “International Dot Day” inspired from the book ‘The Dot’ by Peter Reynolds. Coming up in October, Kindergarten students will be learning about the many different types of lines created by artists. They will be creating their own line design magic carpet inspired art pieces.

1st grade has been creating fall themed artworks. Combining watercolors and crayons in their artwork, first graders created happy fall scarecrows with many fall themed details. Students learned how shapes are used to create many different details on the scarecrow’s body. In October, first graders are going to learn about the famous artist Piet Mondrian and his well known abstract paintings that used straight lines, squares and rectangles, and the primary colors. They will also create their own Mondrian style paintings, using the three main Mondrian style elements in their art masterpieces.

2nd grade learned about the famous artist Henri Rousseau, and his exotic jungle paintings. They then created their own Rousseau inspired artworks with large jungle cats surrounded by many jungle plants and hidden animals. Coming up in October, second grade students will be creating mixed up animal monsters based off the book “Where the Wild Things Are”. For this project, students will create monsters using three or more animal body parts or animal pattern details. After coming up with their own unique monsters, they will combine the use of oil pastels with watercolor for the colorful finished piece.

3rd grade students kicked off their fall inspired art by creating pattern pumpkins. They stretched their pattern making skills by creating detailed pattern pumpkins by combining line, shape, and color patterns. In October, third grade students will be inspired by the famous Vincent Van Gogh painting Starry Night when they create their own starry night pumpkin patch masterpieces. They will also be using oil pastels for the Starry Night sky, creating the Van Gogh effect with their coloring technique. To add a new twist to the Starry Night painting, students will be creating a fall inspired pumpkin patch illuminated by their starry night designs.

4th grade students learned about the life and art of American artist Grant Wood. They then created their own Grant Wood inspired farm country landscapes, combining bright markers with watercolors in their masterpieces. Coming up in October, students will be learning about the festive celebrations and traditions of Mexico’s Day of the Dead taking place at the end of the month. They will be creating their own sugar skull design artwork that focuses on the symmetrical and very detailed designs of the traditional sugar skulls that are found only around this special time of year.

5th grade students, in honor of Hispanic Heritage month, are creating bright, eye catching animal paintings inspired by the traditional folk art of Mexico known as Amate Paintings. This traditional artwork of Mexico features bright, stylized animals, flowers, and designs taken from the Mexican culture and art. In October, fifth grade students will be learning about the famous Pablo Picasso and his cubist art style. They will put a Halloween theme twist on the traditional cubist style portraits that made Picasso so well known. Choosing from the traditional Halloween characters, students will use the cubist ideas of adding multi-views of the subject into one portrait, resulting in a new interesting twist on Halloween.

Marker Recycling in the Art Room

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 added 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 an egg, make toast, and brew a pot of coffee! Let’s see how many markers Churchill can collect this year to continue to help make a positive environmental difference!

Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator

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October 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	6	7
8 4-7pm Mother/Son Event	9 NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)	10	11	12 6:30-7:30pm One Book,One School Night	13	14
15	16	17 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	18	19	20 12:15pm Early Dismissal	21
22	23	24 Picture Retake Day	25 <i>Culver's Night</i>	26	27 5-7pm Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat	28
29	30	31 2:05pm Halloween Parade 2:35-3:35pm Halloween Parties				