

Churchill Chatter



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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 Character Counts! Week, the Home and School Association Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival, Churchill Challenge, 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. We will be collecting hats and mittens from now until Friday, December 16th. 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.

Your child's academic growth and success is of the utmost importance to the staff at Churchill. As indicated last month, we have completed the initial STAR Assessments in Reading and Math school-wide and are using the data collected to inform our instruction, intervention, and enrichment for our students. Individual student reports will be shared with parents at conferences. Please refer to <http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R0054872491706A8.pdf> for a Parent's Guide to STAR Assessments for further information.

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

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Culver's Night generated \$260.58 and Rosati's Night generated \$87.17 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

Casey O'Connell

Casey O'Connell
Assistant Principal



CHARACTER COUNTS!™

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 November 11th.



Nurse's Notes

Thank you to those families that chose to take part in the Athena Dental visit. We had a large number of students that were seen by Dr. Miller! If you missed the dentist this time around, don't worry, Athena Dental will be returning in the spring and is currently scheduled for April 20-21, 2017, so mark your calendars and watch for forms to come home late March or early April.

Attention Parents/Guardians of Kindergarteners! Please continue to send in your child's required vision and dental exams for Kindergarten.

Attention Parents/Guardians of 2nd graders! Dental exams are required by the State of Illinois for all 2nd grade students. Please send in your forms as soon as your child is seen by his/her dentist.

****Parents, if your child is seen by Dr. Miller, this *does* qualify for their required exam!****



As the weather is changing, we are finding it chilly in the morning, but still having some pleasant afternoons. Please make sure your student is dressing appropriately, or at least dressing in layers, to accommodate these changes.



Remind your student to eat a **nutritious** breakfast prior to school. Breakfast helps maintain blood sugar levels, leading to better concentration, better weight management, and better long term health. Skipping breakfast may reduce ability to focus in class and cause less energy, reducing their level of physical activity.

Although the Centers for Disease Control sites *peak* flu season as December through March, it can hit as early as November and last until May. Continue to encourage your student to cover their cough (using their elbow), and wash their hands with soap and water to help control the spread of germs. A proper diet and adequate sleep can help boost your immune system, which may help to ward off the common cold and the flu. Additional information regarding the flu, the flu vaccine, and helpful tips to stay healthy, can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

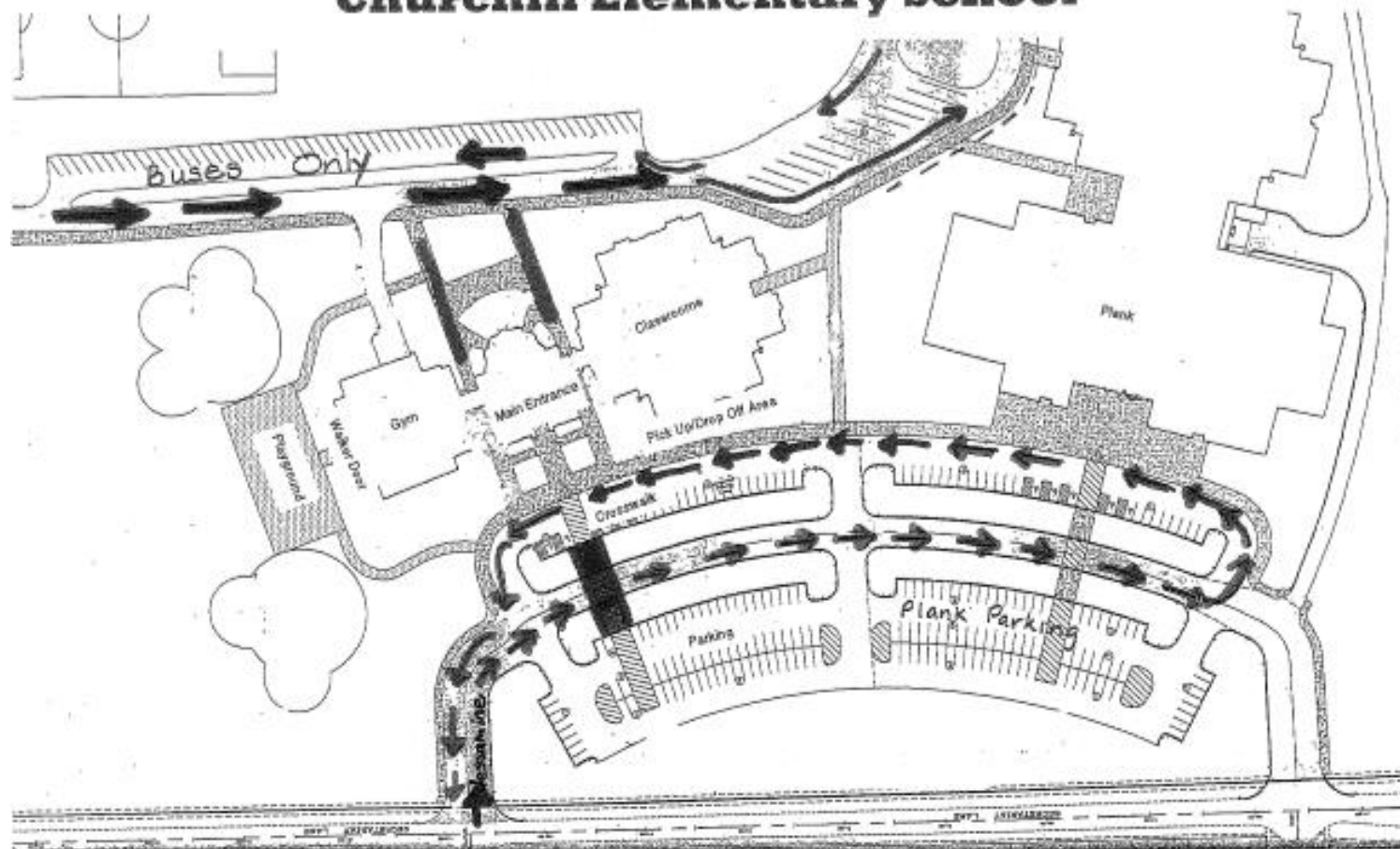
- Nurse Kim James

CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Drop-Off/Pick-up Procedures

- **Elementary School begins promptly at 8:45 AM with buses dropping students off by 8:30 AM each morning.** All District 308 elementary schools will be open at 8:15 AM for parents who need to drop-off their children early. **Grades 1-5 students will be in attendance from 8:45 AM - 3:35 PM. Kindergarten students will be in attendance from 8:45 AM – 11:20 AM.** The door to the left of the main entrance, Door #12, will open at 8:15 AM for those students who will be arriving to school early. Parents will need to park in a designated parking space in the front of the building and walk their child(ren) to Door #12. We will then follow our normal arrival procedures beginning at 8:30 AM.
- **Beginning at 8:30 AM, car riders and walkers enter the building through Door # 2, located on the west side of the building.**
- Enter the school drive on Jessamine Drive, stopping at the crosswalk to safely allow parents and children to cross. Follow Jessamine around in front of Plank Jr. High and pull up behind the car in front of you.
- Wait until Churchill staff directs vehicles to pull up along the curb. Drop off only at the front curbside. Please time your morning arrival to accommodate our safety rules, and to have your child in school on time.
- When exiting Churchill by car, you will only be allowed to go straight onto Jessamine or turn left onto Secretariat. You will not be able to turn right onto Secretariat.
- Parents who wish to park in the lot and walk their children to the entrance may do so. **Please use the cross walk only and never allow your child to walk across the lot unescorted.**
- Students who ride the bus will exit the bus on the east side of the building and enter through Door #4. **Students may not be dropped off or picked up by car in the bus area located at the back of the building.**
- At dismissal time, cars will line up at the curb as in the morning. Have your child enter on the passenger side of your vehicle. Only pull out of line when the person directing traffic signals you to do so.
- If you park your car in the lot at dismissal time, please walk to Door # 10, on the playground side of the school building, to meet your child. Students are NOT permitted to walk themselves to your car. Use the designated crosswalk to return to your vehicle in the parking lot.
- **Please remember that Illinois state law prohibits the use of cell phones while driving in a school zone.**

Churchill Elementary School





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 24, 2016 through Friday, November 11, 2016. 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!):

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

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



**Veterans are invited to Churchill Elementary School
for a Veterans Day Celebration
Friday, November 11, 2016
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 "Because of the Brave"

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 2nd, 2016

(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 10, 2016.)

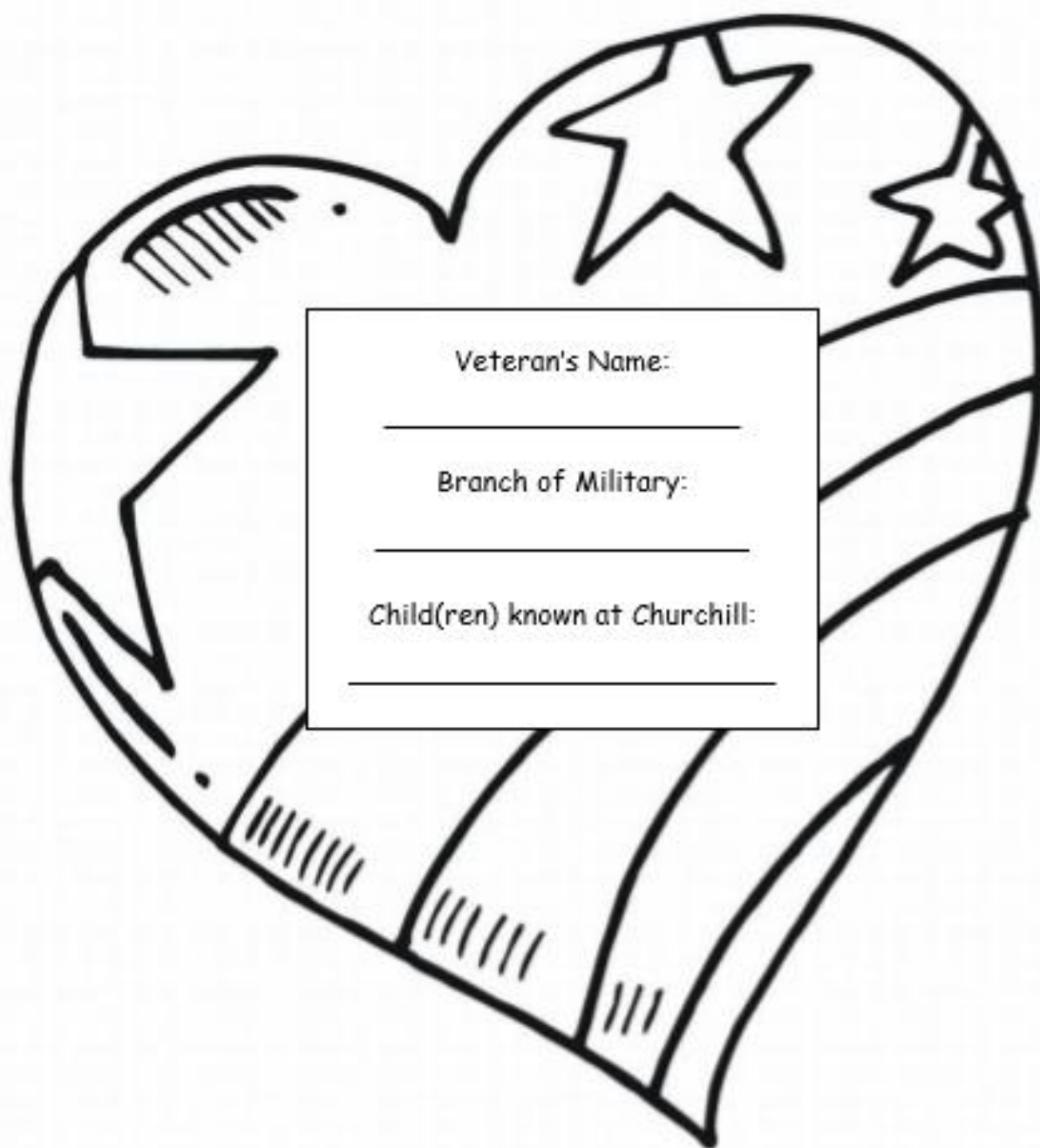
Please fill out the attached heart, decorate, cut out and return **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016** with the name(s) of any known or past veterans. You may submit hearts for as many veterans as you would like (even if they are unable to attend or are deceased). Additional hearts are available in the main office or can be printed from the school website.

Please RSVP by November 2nd.

Yes, I know of a veteran who will attend.

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

Please complete, decorate, and cut out.
Return to your child's classroom teacher by
Wednesday, November 2, 2016.
Additional copies are available in the school office
or may be printed from the Churchill website.

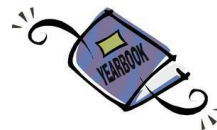




News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 3 – 10am Character Counts! Assembly
Thursday, November 3 – Staff Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, November 3 – **1:45pm, Early Dismissal**
Thursday, November 3 – 4-8pm Holiday Give Back
Thursday, November 3 – Rosati's Night
Friday, November 4 – **NO SCHOOL** (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
Monday, November 7 – Mother/Son Dance shirt orders are due
Tuesday, November 8 – 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.
Thursday, November 10 – 7-8pm 5th grade musical
Friday, November 11 – 9-10:15am, Veterans Day Celebration
Friday, November 14 – "Holiday Pie Sale" orders are due
Saturday, November 19 – 6-9pm, Mother/Son Dance
Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25 – **NO SCHOOL**
Wednesday, November 30 – Culver's Night
Wednesday, November 30 – 6-7:30pm 5th grade Feed My
Starving Children Service project



Yearbook orders for the 2016-2017 school year will be placed through the Balfour Online Marketplace.

If you are unable to order online please download a form and bring it with payment to the front office. The form is located on the Home and School website: www.churchillhsa.com under "Yearbook" in the drop down menu.

Prices are \$25.00 with an additional \$1.00 processing fee for all orders placed on or before 12/18/2016. \$30.00 with an additional \$1.00 processing fee for all orders placed between 12/19/2016 and January 2017.

Churchill Elementary Yearbook Committee



Label Redemption Program

Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's 3rd grade class for submitting the most Box Tops in September with 923! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and a \$15 book fair gift certificate for Mrs. Anderson! Please continue to send in your Box Tops each month for a chance to win the traveling trophy for your class. We will announce October's winner soon. Please submit Box Tops taped to a collection sheet (www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets) or in Ziploc bags of 50 or less. Make sure you include the teacher's name so the class gets credit. The next monthly contest deadline is Friday, December 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support of these programs... and happy clipping!

Rachel Keys
Label Redemption Committee



MOM'S GOT GAME!

First Annual Churchill Mother/ Son Dance

Saturday, November 19, 2016
6-9pm in the Churchill Gymnasium

Please join us for a fun-filled 'date night' with your special guy on Saturday, November 19th, 2016. The dance will be from 6-9 PM in the Churchill Gymnasium

The DJ will be spinning some great music for you to dance the night away. You can always take a "time-out" and play some games, which will be set up throughout the gym.

Game day snack food, water and soda will be provided to keep you fueled properly for all the FUN!

Dress code is entirely up to you. Feel free to dress in your favorite sports gear, matching jerseys, shirts or make it more formal...whatever you and your son feel most comfortable in!

Cost is \$25 per couple and \$5 each additional child.

We are looking forward to a GREAT night and hope to see you all there!!!

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What's in it to Win it?

Save the Date for MOM'S GOT GAME!

First Annual Churchill Mother/Son Dance

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

6-9 PM in the Churchill Gymnasium

Dance the night away or take a "time out" and play some games!

More information coming soon!

Dress code is entirely up to you. Matching jerseys, sports shirts or place an order for these custom baseball tees!



Price \$14 Each

Due Date: 11/7/16

Estimated Delivery: 11/17/16

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Teacher: _____

"Mom's" Shirt - Size _____
(Unisex shirt XS - XL XXL \$3 extra)

"Son's" Shirt - Size _____
(Youth XS - XL Adult XS - XL)

Quantity: _____ Total: _____

Design Divaz Printz

(630) 768-2260

Cash or check made payable to DDP

divaz@designdivazprintz.com

Please turn in order form and payment to the office. Attention HSA.

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**Final Grand Prizes
October 24th**



**Presented by
Churchill Challenge
Volunteers**

Churchill Challenge Grand Prize Winners

Top Fundraising Classrooms
Mrs. Kie - 1st Grade

Top Fundraising Classrooms
Afterschool Party

Mr. McCafferty - 5th Grade

Sophia Karantonis
Mrs. Kie



Raffle Prize Winners
Boys & Girls Bicycles



Connor Daly
Mrs. Anderson

TJ DePrey - Palatine

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**Bear Paddle
Gift Basket
\$100 Gift card**

Jackson Meyer - Wielert

1st



**GymQuest
Free 6-week
session**

Brogan Engfer - Gamlin

2nd



**CyberSpace
Laser Tag Party**

Emily Keys - Murphy

3rd



**Skyzone Aurora
Family 4-pack**

Blair Marienthal - Boardwine

4th



**3 Squared
Kickboxing
Party**

Finn Anderson - Von Knebel

5th



**ESP Sports
Birthday Party**

Nathan Keys - McCafferty

Grand Prize



**Pair of 2016
Chicago Bulls
tickets**

Way to go Churchill Elementary!!

The Churchill Challenge raised \$16,834.80, which will be used to purchase Chrome Books and Carts for the school.

Thank You

Thank you to the following Churchill Challenge volunteers!

Gina Evans	Kathy Gouwens
Danny Gonzalez	Mandi Gonzalez
Jen Bocik	Jen Cook
Jen Quinn	Lori Davis
Elizabeth Beachler	



Student Directory

The student directory was made available to those who joined the Churchill Home and School Association.

If you have not received the directory link via email you can contact Stacey Steele at stacysteele1@gmail.com or Colleen Zukauskas at cmzukauskas@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, November 3

We will be serving Rosati's Pizza!



Notes from the Music Room. . .

Well, we're finally starting to see some beautiful fall colors, and the weather is getting a little colder and windier. November will be a very busy month here in the music room.

Our big news for the month of November is our Veterans Day Celebration and Fifth Grade Musical. On Friday, November 11th, 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 10th, 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 2nd.** If you have misplaced the forms, they are available in this newsletter, 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: Musical Opposites—Students will learn to differentiate between loud/soft and fast/slow sounds and music.

Second grade: Instrument Families of the Orchestra—Students will be learning to aurally recognize the tone color of the four families of instruments.

Third grade: Musical Symbols—Students will become familiar with basic musical symbols that are important to reading 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 10th and Friday, November 11th. The next 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 finish and assess a unit that we started at the beginning of the year on "Songs of the American Railroad".

I will be available for Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 28th and 31st, as well as November 3rd for anyone wishing to discuss their child's progress. Please call to schedule an appointment during the following times:

Friday, October 28, 2016	7:15-8:15 a.m.
Monday, October 31, 2016	7:15-8:15 a.m.
Thursday, November 3, 2016	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. 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 chasing and fleeing in a week of tag games. The 1st and 2nd grade students participated in a week of hula hoops. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students worked on a spiral and window catch with football. A whole week 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 complete and compete in gymnastic stations which work on several types of health-related components such as strength, endurance, and flexibility. One week we will be working on our strikes and spares in bowling. The 4th and 5th graders will learn the basics of keeping score. Towards the end of the month we will be turning our focus to Thanksgiving while 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...

1st grade: 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.

2nd grade: 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.

3rd grade: Third grade students will be learning about the color wheel and the many color families that are created by the grouping of certain colors. They will be creating bright colorful artwork inspired by the color groups found on the color wheel.

4th 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. Fourth graders will also be learning how to mix paints to create various tints and shades to add in their abstract paintings.

5th 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

Hmiller@sd308.org 630-636-3866

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Get your child's class schedule, grades, library books, and calendar of events all at your fingertips!

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Prepárese. Conéctese.



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Reciba el horario escolar de su estudiante, sus calificaciones, libros de biblioteca, y calendario de eventos. ¡Todo, al alcance de sus dedos!

¡Descargue hoy!

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The Oswegoland
Optimist Club thanks
you!!

Project “Hats & Mittens”

The Hats & Mittens Drive is part
of the Family Christmas Project

The Oswegoland Optimist Club is asking for
District 308 Students to help in the collection
of hats and mittens for children whose
parents are experiencing financial hardships.

If you are able and would like to donate a new
hat, new mittens or new gloves for a child,
please send them to school in your child's
backpack. They will be hung on the schools
Hats & Mittens Tree . A volunteer from the
Optimist Club will collect them and distribute
them to the children. If this is something you
would like to participate in, you may want to
involve your own children with the shopping
so they too can feel good about helping others.



**Donations due
by Friday,
December 16th**

OSWEGO WRESTLING CLUB

TEAM NO EGO

TRAIN

Mon/Tues*/Wed Evenings 6:00-7:30 pm
Begins November 7**

*Tuesday evenings for advanced skills workouts

**Bantams (5 and under) not competing in Regionals phased out in January

COST

\$200 (+ tournament registration fees)

Includes t-shirt, shorts, and IKWF wrestling card

Reduced cost for Jr. High wrestlers & siblings*

*Contact Jeremy for more information

FACILITY

Oswego High School Wrestling Room

REGISTRATION

Monday, October 24

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Oswego High School Small Gym

CONTACT

Jeremy Swanson

(630) 885-2541

ironbear24@aol.com

OTHER INFO

For ages 5-14; No experience necessary

www.teamnoegowrestling.com

**TEAM NO EGO IS THE FEEDER PROGRAM FOR
OSWEGO AND OSWEGO EAST HIGH SCHOOLS**

***If you missed the October 24 registration date, you can still contact Jeremy Swanson.**

PIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY TROOP 265 ON DEC. 12TH.

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***Submit order forms to Churchill Home and School, Attn: Sherry Orrell**

This Year
Churchill HSA's Holiday Give Back Program
is partnering with two amazing community
outreaches.

The Pajama Program and The Purse Project.

Pajama program provides new,
warm pjs and books to children in
need. It's so easy to help!

*donate new pjs (all sizes acceptable)
or new books

*make a financial donation
(every \$10 helps get pjs and a book to
a child in need)

Do you have a spare bag at
home? Turn it into a "Blessing
Bag" for someone less
fortunate. Item ideas to include:
chapstick, personal hygiene
products, first aid kit, gum,
giftcards, meal bars...

*Kick off begins Thursday, November 3rd from 4-8 pm in the Churchill
gym during conferences. Babysitting will be offered to all those that donate.
Items can also be sent to school with your child and collected until December 7th.*

Questions regarding pjs contact: Erin Janssens enj813@hotmail.com

Questions regarding purses contact : Marisa Bonney
marisabonney@hotmail.com



November 2016

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