

Churchill Chatter



December 2016/January 2017

Volume 16/17, Edition 3

Published by Churchill Elementary and its Home & School Association

Churchill Elementary

520 Secretariat Lane
Oswego, IL 60543
630-636-3800
sd308.org

Principal: Tammie Harmon

Asst. Principal:

Casey O'Connell

Home & School Executive Board

President:

Colleen Zukauskas
cmzukauskas@gmail.com

Vice President:

Jennifer Bocik
jenniferbocik@yahoo.com

Recording Secretary:

Kathy Gouwens
gouwensk@outlook.com

Corresponding Secretary:

Jessica McDonald
novxx99@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Rachel Keys
rckeys3@gmail.com

“Churchill Chatter”

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

Please submit any news items to Tammy Lass at

KDTSL94@sbcglobal.net



<https://www.facebook.com/churchill308>



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 those families who brought in their donations for our troops too! We are still collecting pajamas, purses, coats, hats, and mittens for others in need. 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 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. All parents are invited to our Character Counts! Assemblies. The next assembly is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17th at 2:30 PM**.

Mark your calendars for Churchill’s Annual Math and Reading Night on Thursday, **January 26, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 PM**. We can’t wait to see your family at Churchill for this Blizzard Bowl event! More details will be sent home in the Friday E-Folder.

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 above 10 degrees.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill’s Culver’s Night generated \$185.44 and Rosati’s Night generated \$28.24 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

Casey O'Connell

Casey O'Connell

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.



SD308 Volunteer of the Month!

School District 308 announced the October 2016 winners of its PRIDE (Proudly Recognizing Individuals Demonstrating Excellence) Recognition Program at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, November 14.

The volunteer of the month award is a means to encourage and celebrate those who generously donate their time to support District 308 and its students.

Jennifer Bocik, who volunteers in classrooms and at special events held at Churchill Elementary School was named volunteer of the month.

Congratulations!



Portillo's® for GOOD

FUNDRAISERS

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL

December 7th, 2016

5pm - 8pm

at the Portillo's located at:

2810 US Highway 34

Oswego

We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about how you can partner with us
to serve up a better tomorrow, visit
portillos.com/good



Not valid with online orders. Gift cards purchased during fundraisers will not count toward donation.
Promoting on Portillo's premises is strictly prohibited.



News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 1 – Rosati's Night

Wednesday, December 7 – Portillo's Night 5-8pm

Tuesday, December 13 – Home & School Assn. meeting 6-7pm

Monday, December 19 – BOGO Parents Only Book Fair 6-8pm

Wednesday, December 21 – Kindergarten Holiday Party 10:20-11:20am

Wednesday, December 21 – Grades 1-5 Holiday Party 11:45am-12:45pm

Wednesday, December 21 – Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Wednesday, December 21 – End of Quarter 2

December 22 – January 6 – NO SCHOOL (winter break)

Monday, January 9 – Students return to school from winter break.

Tuesday, January 10 – Home & School Assn. meeting 6-7pm

Thursday, January 12 – Rosati's Night

Thursday, January 12 – Mutual Ground Parent Presentation 6-7pm

Monday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)

Tuesday, January 17 – Character Counts! Assembly 2:30-3:15pm

Wednesday, January 25 – Culver's Night

Thursday, January 26 - Blizzard Bowl, 6:30-7:30 pm



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. Murphy's 3rd grade class for submitting the most Box Tops in October with 490! They received the traveling trophy filled with pencils for the students and a Bananagrams game for Mrs. Murphy! Please continue to send in your Box Tops each month for a chance to win the traveling trophy for your class. We will announce November'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, January 20th.

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



Rachel Keys
Label Redemption Committee



CHURCHILL HOME & SCHOOL IS NOW ON AMAZON SMILE! ☺

Before placing an order on Amazon, use the web address below to link to our organization.

A portion of **every** order will be donated back to us. Thank you for your continued support!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-5313114>

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 Association for planning and facilitating an opportunity for our students to make a patriotic craft with their Veterans Day guests. 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 and busy month. Each grade level will be working on songs for our Holiday Sing on Wednesday, 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: Musical Opposites—The first graders are beginning a unit on Musical Opposites with a study of fast/slow and loud/soft. This unit will continue in January with high/low and long/short which will lead into a unit on rhythm in which students will learn about quarter notes, quarter rests and paired eighth notes.

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 begin a study of African American Spirituals.

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 beginning our recorder unit sometime in January.

Fifth grade: Work Songs of the American Railroad and Instrument Families—The fifth grade students will be reviewing and assessing the Railroad songs which were begun before the musical. 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 students blasted pins with our bowling unit. Finishing out November and into December the students connected movements with an activity called the Body Brain Game. The second week of December includes B.E.E.F. (Balance, Elbows, Eyes, Follow through) with a basketball unit. Late December will bring some chilly winter activities including scooter sledding. Enjoy the break!

- Churchill P.E. Teachers

Brittany Lindeman (636-3857)

Tom Clason (636-3848)

From the Art Room...

Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year!

1st grade: Students have been creating wonderful winter theme artworks. In December, first grade students will be creating snowman buddy portraits, exploring how oil pastels are used to create colorful eye catching portraits. They will also be using their imaginations to create a winter bird house, adding festive holiday decorations to these winter dwellings.

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

3rd grade: Students celebrated the arrival of winter by creating eye catching cardinals in winter paintings. These beautiful red birds are accented against the wintery whites and blues of the changing season. For the holidays, the 3rd grade students will be creating their own sweetly designed gingerbread houses.

4th grade: Students are getting in the winter spirit by creating winter or holiday inspired snow globe scenes. They 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 learned about the famous artworks of two well-known Pop Artists, Romero Britto and Peter Max. They created 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
Hmiller@sd308.org **630-636-3866**



"Season's Readings" Churchill Families,

We have a very special event planned for you to help you finish up (or begin!) your holiday shopping! We are hosting a BOGO (BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!) book fair in December! That's right... BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!! Literally EVERYTHING is BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE! Books! Journals! Craft Kits! Coloring Books! Posters! Pencils! Erasers! You name it! If it's at the fair, it's BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!

This is an incredible opportunity to buy books for your children, nieces and nephews, neighbors, girl/boy scout friends, Angel Tree kids, and any other gift exchanges that might need last minute items. It's also a great time to be thinking about gifts for upcoming birthdays and other special events.

The book fair will be open, and students will visit during the school day as usual. We will also be offering parents the chance to shop in peace and quiet, and enjoy a fresh brewed cup of Keurig goodness and a cookie to boot! On Monday, December 19, from 6:00-8:00PM, we will be having a PARENTS ONLY SHOPPING NIGHT! ☺ BONUS: FREE GIFT WRAPPING! So, bring your child's wish list (and your own!) and leave with a stack of wrapped and tagged gifts ready to be delivered!

If you're interested in helping with the set-up/tear down, or working the cash registers for this BOGO Book Fair, please follow this link to the SignUpGenius.
[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Happy Shopping,

Mrs. Caffarello



Permission to reproduce this has been granted by Scholastic Book Fairs.

STUDENT SHOPPING HOURS
(parents are also welcome)

Tues, Dec. 13 8:30AM-3:30PM
Wed, Dec. 14 8:30AM-3:30PM
Thur, Dec. 15 8:30AM-3:30PM
Fri, Dec. 16 8:30AM-3:30PM
Mon, Dec. 19 8:30AM-3:30PM
Tues, Dec. 20 8:30AM-3:30PM

**PARENTS ONLY
SHOPPING NIGHT! YES! ☺**
Monday, December 19th 6:00-8:00PM



 **SCHOLASTIC**

© 2015 Scholastic Inc. 12969 • 161281

Project

“Hats & Mittens”

The Oswegoland
Optimist Club thanks
you!!

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



**Pies will be available for pick up at Churchill Elementary
on December 12, 2016. Time to be determined.**



"Engineering For Kids" is pleased to offer after school, enrichment classes at Churchill Elementary on Wednesdays. The first session is well under way.

The Engineering For Kids STEM Club introduces students to a new STEM lesson each week from various engineering disciplines. For each hands-on lesson, students focus on developing problem solving, critical thinking, and peer collaboration skills.

A second session will start in January with completely new activities. Once the dates are approved, a flyer will be sent home with your student.

More details and registration information can also be found on the website:
<https://engineeringforkids.com/location/cws/commclasses>.

Please direct questions to Lori Davis at (331) 229-3578 or
loridavis@engineeringforkids-cws.com.

This Year
Churchill H.S.A. 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.cnj813@hotmail.com

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



December 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>5-8pm Portillo's Night</i>	8	9	10
11	12 6-7pm Mutual Ground Parent Presentation	13 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	14	15	16	17
18	19 6-8pm BOGO Parents Only Book Fair	20	21 10:20-11:20 Kindergarten Holiday Party 11:45am-12:45pm Grades 1-5 Holiday Party 12:45pm Grades 1-5 Early Dismissal End of Q2	22 NO SCHOOL (winter break)	23 NO SCHOOL (winter break)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				NO SCHOOL (winter break)		

January 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL (winter break)						
8	9 Students return to school.	10 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	11	12 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL (Martin L. King Day)	17 2:30-3:15pm Character Counts! Assembly	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Culver's Night</i>	26 6:30-7:30pm Blizzard Bowl	27	28
29	30	31				