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Principal Notes



Greetings Churchill Families,

Spring is fast approaching! The rest of the school year is packed with many exciting learning experiences and events for our students. Be sure to review the enclosed calendar or calendar on the website for current dates of upcoming events.

PARCC testing will be administered for all 3rd-5th Grade students during March and April. Please remind your children to do their best on the tests, eat a healthy breakfast, and get plenty of rest. Please contact us if you have any specific questions related to PARCC testing.

During the month of March, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Citizenship. We remind students to do their share to make their school and community better, cooperate, be good neighbors, respect authority, protect the environment, follow school rules, and treat property with respect. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color **purple** on Wednesdays during the month of **March** to demonstrate the pillar of **Citizenship**.

During the month of April, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Responsibility. We remind students to do what they are supposed to do, keep on trying, always do their best, use self-control, think before they act, be accountable for their choices, and participate in class. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color **green** on Wednesdays during the month of **April** to demonstrate the pillar of **Responsibility**.

Please consider joining us for Muffins with Mrs. Harmon on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 9:00 AM. Email Cindy Effron, Principal's Secretary, at ceffron@sd308.org if you will be in attendance

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. Remember that state law prohibits the use of hand-held devices while driving, and to please enter at the Churchill Sign at Jessamine Drive and Secretariat Lane when picking up and dropping off students. Additionally, do not interfere with the bus lane in the back of the building. Picking up students by car should only be done in the front of the building.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Culver's Night generated \$199.41 and Churchill's Rosati's Night generated \$94.25 for our school!

On behalf of the Churchill Staff, we look forward to seeing many of you at our Fun Fair on Saturday, March 4th and upcoming Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. Additionally, we look forward to seeing many grandparents or special visitors at Churchill on Tuesday, April 18th. Mark your calendars!

Sincerely,

Tammie Harmon

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Assistant Principal



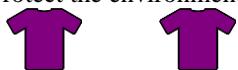
CHARACTER COUNTS!sm

CHARACTER COUNTS! Every day at Churchill School!!

The month of March celebrates the Character Counts pillar **Citizenship**! To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **purple** on Wednesdays. Churchill students demonstrate good citizenship in many ways inside and outside of school. Here are some things you can talk about with your children to encourage them to be good citizens!

- Do your share to make your school and community better
- Get involved in community affairs
- Be a good neighbor
- Protect the environment

- Cooperate
- Stay informed: vote
- Obey laws and rules

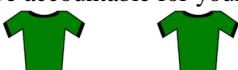


The month of April celebrates the Character Counts pillar **Responsibility**! To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **green** on Wednesdays. We remind students to do what they are supposed to do, keep on trying, always do their best, use self-control, think before they act, be accountable for their choices, and participate in class.

Here are some things you can talk about with your children to encourage them to be responsible!

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere: keep on trying!
- Be self-disciplined
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes

- Plan ahead
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Think before you act — consider the consequences
- Set a good example for others



NURSE'S NOTES

**Athena Dental Follow-Up:

Mark your calendars! A date has been confirmed for the return of Athena Dental. Dr. Andrea Miller will be at Churchill Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5, 2017. If you are interested in having your child see Dr. Andrea Miller during her visit, please watch for forms to be sent home the first week of April. The form is 2-sided and needs to be completed in full, as Churchill does not keep insurance information on file. *Parents, as a reminder, required dental exams for second graders are due by Monday, May 15, 2017. If you have not met this requirement, this exam would qualify!! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nurse Kim @ 630-636-3802

Did You Know??.....

March is National Nutrition Month! The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics created a nutritional campaign committed to helping people make informed food choices and develop healthy habits that include physical activity. The theme for the 2017 year is "Put Your Best Fork Forward." It is meant to serve as a reminder that we each hold the tool to make healthier food choices!

For more food, health or fitness information from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, visit their website:

<http://www.eatright.org/resource/food/resources/national-nutrition-month/national-nutrition-month>

For nutritional resources, games, and recipes you may want to check these out!:

<https://foodandhealth.com/get-ready-for-nutrition-month/>

<http://www.andrewsmcmeel.com/blog/amp/2016/03/04/healthy-recipes-national-nutrition-month>

Please contact Nurse Kim at 630-636-3802 or kjames@sd308.org with any questions or concerns.



News from the Home & School Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 2 – Rosati's Night
Thursday, March 2 – 7-8pm, 3rd Grade Musical
Saturday, March 4 – 11:00am-3:00pm, Fun Fair
Monday, March 6 – 9:00-9:45am, Muffins with Mrs. Harmon
Friday, March 10 - 12:45pm, Early Dismissal Grades 1-5
Tuesday, March 14 – 6-7pm, Home & School Assn. Meeting
Wednesday, March 22 – Culver's Night
Wednesday, March 22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, March 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, March 27 –Friday, March 31 – No School (Spring Break)
Monday, April 3 – Return from spring break
Tuesday, April 4 – Spring Pictures
Thursday, April 6 – Rosati's Night
Monday, April 10 – Wednesday, April 12 – Book Fair
Tuesday, April 11 – 6-7pm, Home & School Assn Meeting
Wednesday, April 12 – 5th grade Parent Step Up Night @ Plank
Thursday, April 13 – NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Institute)
Friday, April 14 – NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 17 – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 18 – Grandparent's Day
Tuesday, April 18 – Friday, April 21 – Book Fair
Wednesday, April 19 – 5-8pm, Portillo's Night
Friday, April 21 – 10-11am, Character Counts! Assembly
Tuesday, April 25 – 8:30-9:30am, Volunteer Breakfast
Wednesday, April 26 – Culver's Night

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Churchill Home and School Needs You!

The Churchill Home and School Association is holding elections for next year's executive board officers on **Tuesday, May 9th** at the **6:00 p.m.** monthly meeting. We are looking for volunteers to serve our Mustangs for a one-year term. Our Home and School is an incredible opportunity for you to get involved with your community and make a difference in the education of our children.

You can help enrich existing programs and committees, share new ideas, and continue to grow our Home and School to be the best in District 308! Home and School bylaws state that you need to be a paid member of Churchill's Home and School to vote or be elected. If you are not currently a paid member you have until April 28th to pay your \$5.00 membership dues (cash or check) to be eligible for the May 9th election.

We are looking for nominees for each of the following elected positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Please see the reverse side for descriptions of these positions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding one of the positions, please feel free to contact me.

The Election Committee
Joy Engfer jarbpr19@hotmail.com

If you are interested in running, please return the bottom portion of this paper to the Churchill Home and School Election Committee by April 11th with your contact information. You can also email this information to the above email address on or before April 11th. More information to come

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Position Running For _____

Children's names and grade levels for the 2017-2018 school year

President: Presides over the monthly and any special meetings of the association. Assures a chairman is established for all committees and may serve Ex-officio on any or all committees except the Election Committee.

1-year term

Vice-President: Presides at the meetings in absence of the President. Acts as aide to the President and assumes responsibility for duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President becomes the President upon the President's resignation or inability to serve. Acts as program and assembly chairman. Acts as Fundraising Coordinator and shall oversee the major fundraisers (Fun Run, Labels for Education, Market Day, Mustang Grams, Mustang Money, Fun Fair) as well as present other fundraising opportunities to the Executive Board as they arise. Additionally, serves as membership chairman.

1-year term

Treasurer: Required to keep accurate records of all financial transactions of the Board which are subject to audit. Responsible for all monies paid in or out by the Board. Give a regular financial report at all Association meetings.

1-year term

Recording Secretary: Responsible for keeping accurate records of the proceedings of the Association. Maintains all accurate records of members, all business transacted at all monthly Association Meetings and presents the minutes for approval at the next meeting.

1-year term

Corresponding Secretary: conducts all correspondence of the Board with the direction of the President. Presents all communications that are received by the association at the meetings. Also responsible for reminding parents about the monthly Association meetings.

1-year term

Churchill Elementary Annual Fun Fair Event!

Saturday, March 4, 2017

11:00am – 3:00pm

Located at Churchill Elementary School

KONA ICE

HEY, KONA ICE IS COMING...

Saturday, March 4th from 11:00-3:00
Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Kona Ice at the Churchill Elementary Fun Fair.

Socialize with other parents and kids while everyone enjoys a tropical island experience. Flavor your own amazing shaved ice at the Kona Ice Flavorwave.

Prices are \$3 for a Kiddie, 9oz. cup and \$4 for a Small, 12 oz. cup.

Best of all, Kona Ice North Plainfield will give back 20% of all sales!
(Kona Ice accepts cash or credit cards for shaved ice)

www.Kona-ice.com

Great For Special Events, Parties, & Fundraisers!



Notes from the Music Room... .

Spring is always an exciting time musically as we have several upcoming events.

If you would like to talk to me about your child's progress in Music class, I will be available every Monday, Thursday, and Friday morning from March 13th—March 24th from 7:00-8:00 a.m. I will also be available on Wednesday, March 23rd from 3:50-5:50 p.m. **If you would like to schedule a conference, please email me at ivancamp@sd308.org or call me at 630-636-3851 and leave a message.** If the above times will not work for you, I'm sure we can figure out a different time to meet—I'm more than happy to work with your schedule.

The third grade musical is this week on Thursday, March 2nd! The evening performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include all of our third graders. Everyone is invited to come to this special event!

The 4th and 5th grade Honor Choir has also been working hard and learning all their songs for the SD308 Choral Festival which will be held in the main gym at Oswego East High School on Wednesday evening, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Again, you are all invited to this exciting performance.

Here's what's in store for music classes during the months of March and April:

First grade: Long/Short (Rhythm) and High/Low (Note Reading)—The first graders will be learning how to perform, create and notate rhythms using quarter notes, paired eighth notes and quarter rests. In April, we will begin learning about whether notes are high or low (both on the staff and by listening) and whether the notes are moving in an upward or downward direction. This will lead into learning the notes middle C – G on the treble staff and how notes can move by step, skip, leap and repeat.

Second grade: Patriotic Music and Note reading—The second grade classes are finishing up a unit on Patriotic music—understanding the concept of “patriotic” and recognizing patriotic music. This unit will probably continue through Spring Break. After we return from Spring Break, we will begin a unit on learning the letter names of all the notes on the treble staff.

Third grade: Note reading—The third grade students are presenting their musical on March 2nd. After that, they will have a short review unit on the letter names of the notes on the treble staff and a few common musical symbols. During the month of April, we will focus on composing short songs using our knowledge of rhythm, notes on the staff and musical symbols. Students will work to create and perform (on xylophones and glockenspiels) their own unique piece of music.

Fourth grade: Note Reading and Recorders—The fourth graders are currently learning to play the recorders and improve their music reading skills. This will continue through at least mid-April. After that, they will also work on creating their own musical compositions to perform on their recorders.

Fifth grade: The fifth graders are finishing up their unit on performing, creating and notating rhythms. This unit flows into a review of note names and values. This will include a review of the letter names of the notes on the treble staff and an introduction to the bass staff. Students will also review the correct names of all the notes and rests. During the month of April, the fifth grade classes will also get to do some composing of their own. If your fifth grade student is interested in signing up for 6th grade band next year, please don't forget to sign up for an appointment with the band instructor on March 22 and 23. You can sign up for an appointment on the band website at

http://www.supersaas.com/schedule/OswegoJHSBand/Plank_JHS. If they are interested in signing up for choir, please return their registration form to me and I will make sure that it gets forwarded to Mr. Wagoner at Plank OR you can sign up on the Plank Choir website at www.plankchoir.weebly.com and then click on “6th grade choir sign-up”.

“Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul”

--Plato

-- Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

From the P.E. Department

During this school year we have been exercising and growing, and now it is time to show how much we have improved. In the coming months we will be working on our kicking skills and starting our spring fitness testing. We will challenge ourselves in a few physical activities such as the 50 yard dash, the pacer, and sit-ups. All of these activities help us to improve our health, and our goal is to beat our own personal records. In the spring, many of the students will be learning about their major muscles. As we exercise, we will be memorizing all of the locations of these muscles. Later, we will be participating in T-Ball and Softball.

Mark your calendar for Churchill's Annual Field Day on Tuesday, May 23rd! With the great support of our Home and School, staff, administration and parent volunteers, our annual field days have been a huge success. Volunteer information will be coming home shortly. We hope to see you this year!

- Churchill P.E. Teachers

Brittany Lindeman (636-3857)

Tom Clason (636-3848)



From the Art Room...



5th grade students have been working with clay and learning new clay building skills in the Art room. They have created hanging wall pockets that serve as a functional item as well as a decorative piece of art. Students worked with hand building techniques and learned new slab building techniques to create their unique ceramic pieces.

Coming up in March and April, 5th grade students will be learning about the art of printmaking. They will be creating their own unique colorful fish prints using Styrofoam printing techniques. They will also be creating geometric inspired artwork, when they create colorful eye catching radial designs.

4th grade students learned about the famous artist Claude Monet and his wonderful paintings of Water Lilies for inspiration on their ceramic projects. They created lily pad dishes with their choice of decorative lily pad theme item to add to their creation. Students could add a lily flower, frog, or turtle to their lily pad dish to create one of a kind ceramic artwork. Coming up in March and April, 4th grade students will be celebrating the start of spring by learning about the history and importance of the National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrated in Washington D.C. In honor of this long lasting tradition celebrating the friendship of the United States and Japan, students will create beautiful springtime Japanese Cherry Blossom scroll artworks. They will also be learning new art skills when they explore the art of printmaking. Students will be creating warm and cool color cityscape reflective prints.

3rd grade students stretched their creativity when working with clay to make their own clay monsters. Students put a twist on what they learned in the past two years with working with clay, starting with a pinch pot, and placing it on its side to create the big mouth of their monster. Then, they used different hand building techniques to create all the add-ons to their monsters and added the final touches and details with the clay texture tools.

Coming up in March and April, 3rd grade students will be learning about the well-known African American artist and author Faith Ringgold. They created a Ringgold inspired story quilt based on her artwork and children's book "Tar Beach". Students put their own twist on the "Tar Beach" story, inserting their own image of themselves into the quilt.

2nd grade students learned new clay hand building techniques when they created their spring bird nests. They learned how to create a pinch pot and build add on details to transform their simple pinch pot into a spring theme bird nest with a bird hiding its eggs.

Coming up in March and April, 2nd grade students will be learning about the unique views from porthole windows that are found on ships and submarines. Students are creating realistic underwater artwork from the point of view of their own porthole windows, adding underwater details, fish, and other interesting underwater animals.

1st grade students created their very first ceramic 3D art pieces, learning new exciting art skills and techniques as well as using new materials. Students created their first pinch pots. They learned how to work with their hands to form the small pot and how different types of clay tools can be used to create interesting designs and textures to their own unique ceramic creation.

Coming up in March and April, 1st grade students will be creating Dr. Seuss inspired wacky birds, in honor of Seuss's birthday in the beginning of March. They will also be learning about the great American artist Georgia O'Keeffe and create big colorful flowers inspired by her nature themed paintings.

Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator
Hmiller@sd308.org 630-636-3866

a unique fundraiser
that celebrates your child's creativity!

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your child's artwork
on useful and quality
keepsakes

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paper order form to the school

Coming home soon
is a Custom Catalog
that displays your
child's artwork!



Dear Churchill Parents,

Coming home to you soon is a school sponsored elementary fundraiser called Square 1 Art. This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

The money raised from this fundraiser will enable the Churchill Art Education Program to continue its efforts in supporting our students. Some of these efforts include purchasing art education materials and new art supplies throughout the school year. Your help is needed for us to continue offering these opportunities to our school.

Looking Ahead...

- Look for your child's **FREE STICKERS** with custom catalog coming home soon in early March. Preview your child's artwork and purchase gifts.
- All **ONLINE ORDERS AND PAPER ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd**. No late orders will be accepted.
- Approximate **order distribution April 18th**. Watch for future details.

Square 1 Art is a wonderful fundraiser that celebrates your child's artwork along with helping our school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Heidi Miller
Art Teacher
Churchill Elementary School
630-636-3866
HMiller@SD308.org

Please join us for
“Muffins with Mrs. Harmon”
Monday, March 6, 2017
9:00 am—9:45 am

in the Churchill Community Room



“Muffins with Mrs. Harmon” is offered twice a year to give Churchill parents and guardians an opportunity to meet informally with the principal to discuss a variety of school-related topics. Please make child care arrangements for younger siblings during this time.

Please RSVP to ceffron@sd308.org to let us know if you can join us!



Hands-on STEAM Night

Friday, March 17th

Oswego High School



PTAG 308, Partners for Talented and Gifted Education, invites all SD308 students and their families to an exciting evening of:

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience over 50 hands-on activities from organizations involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

When: Friday, March 17, 2017

Where: Oswego High School, LRC and Cafeteria
4250 Route 71
Oswego, IL 60543
(enter through door #11 - soccer field side)

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Cost: Free (suggested donation \$1 per person or \$5 per family)
Concessions will be available.

Please register at

<https://ptag-308-hands-on-steam-night-2017.eventbrite.com>

When registering, please include the number of people attending in your group.

We hope to see you there!

www.ptag308.org

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March 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	
			1	2 7-8pm 3 rd Grade Musical <i>Rosati's Night</i>	3	4 11am-3pm Fun Fair	
5	6 9-9:45am Muffins with Mrs. Harmon	7	8	9	10 12:45pm Early Dismissal Grades 1-5	11	
12	13	14 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences Culver's Night	23 Parent/Teacher Conferences	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)	

April 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3 Return from Spring Break	4 Spring Pictures	5	6 <i>Rosati's Night</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 NO SCHOOL	14 NO SCHOOL	15
			6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	6:30-7:30pm 5 th grade Parent Step Up Night @ Plank		
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18	19	20	21	22
		Grandparent's Day (time TBD)	5-8pm Portillo's Night		10-11am Character Counts! Assembly	
23	24	25 8:30-9:30am Volunteer Breakfast	26 <i>Culver's Night</i>	27	28	29
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