

# 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,

The end of the school year is fast approaching! As we reflect on the school year, we are grateful for the strong partnerships and commitments that we have shared with all of you to strengthen your child's learning experiences and social emotional growth. We would like to especially thank our Home and School Association and Executive Board Members, Colleen Zukauskas, Jennifer Bocik, Kathy Gouwens, Jessica McDonald, and Rachel Keys, for their unending support and countless volunteer hours shared with us throughout this school year. We look forward to the many celebrations and recognitions that will take place during the remainder of this school year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Fleagle, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, and her family on the birth of their baby boy, Ian William Fleagle, on February 1, 2017!

Congratulations to Mrs. Brittany Lindeman, PE Teacher, and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Grayson Andrew Lindeman, on April 24, 2017!

Congratulations to Mrs. Emma Ramirez, Custodian, who will be retiring on May 26, 2017! We thank Emma for her 12 years of service to our school and are grateful for all she has done to keep our school looking great!

The Churchill Staff List for the 2017-2018 school year is enclosed in this edition of the Churchill Chatter. Please review for the changes in staff as they currently stand, for the coming school year. We wish Mr. Casey O'Connell good luck as he joins the Long Beach staff as Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs. Sue Boardwine good luck in her future teaching career as she joins the Lakewood Creek staff as a Kindergarten Teacher. We wish Ms. Jessica Ciaccio good luck in her future teaching career as she rejoins The Wheatlands staff in her current position as SKILLS Teacher. We wish Mrs. Elizabeth Palatine good luck in her future teaching career as she rejoins the Long Beach staff to support students. We wish Mrs. Anne Hellmuth a great school year as she will be staying home with her children for the 2017-2018 school year. There are several shifts that are occurring and new staff that we will be welcoming next school year.

National Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>! Although we celebrated in February this school year already, please encourage your child to bring in a special note for his or her teacher(s) and staff during this week. Be sure to thank your teachers for all their hard work and commitment to our school.

During the month of May, we celebrate all 6 Character Counts! pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship. Thank you for your support in promoting good character everywhere, all the time!

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. Please also reinforce walking safely to your students who walk to and from school each day. There are many more students taking advantage of the nicer weather and it is important to ensure that the students stay on the sidewalks, remain in designated crosswalks, and are aware of their surroundings.

Thank you so much for supporting our school when patronizing local businesses! Churchill's Culver's Night generated \$142.76 and Churchill's Rosati's Nights generated \$51.59 for our school.

On behalf of the Churchill Staff, we look forward to the many exciting events that will occur as the school year comes to a close. Be sure to review the enclosed calendar! We hope you have a restful, enjoyable summer. We look forward to hearing about all of your summer adventures. We wish our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and students attending Long Beach Elementary School good luck in their future success at their new schools in the fall.

Sincerely,

*Tammie Harmon*

Tammie Harmon  
Principal

*Casey O'Connell*

Casey O'Connell  
Assistant Principal



Dear Churchill Families,

It has been my honor to serve as the assistant principal of Churchill Elementary School for the last six years. I am truly grateful for the time I have spent here working with the students, staff and families in creating this positive learning environment. I am so proud of this school and the community; it has been my privilege to be here. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with your children. I may not be here next year, however, I will always be a Mustang!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Casey O'Connell

## **2017-2018 CHURCHILL STAFF & ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>Principal:</b>	<b>Mrs. Tammie Harmon</b>	<b>x-3810</b>
<b>Assistant Principal:</b>	<b>Dr. Denise Rodgers</b>	<b>x-3811</b>
<b>Principal's Secretary:</b>	<b>Mrs. Cindy Effron</b>	<b>x-3809</b>
<b>Attendance Secretary:</b>	<b>Mrs. Pam Werling</b>	<b>x-3808</b>

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Room</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Extension</u></b>
Kindergarten	Mrs. Trina Lowell	128	TBD
	Mrs. Kristen Petersohn	143	TBD
	Mrs. Jean Rempala	139	TBD
	Mrs. Angela Taviani	130	TBD
First	Mrs. Kim Anderson	116	3827
	Mrs. Alison Fischer	110	3863
	Mrs. Jen Kie	109	3838
	Mrs. Pam Klick	115	3840
Second	Mrs. Kristin Clark (job share)	137	3820
	Ms. Christine Gamlin	136	3864
	Mrs. Kara Gates (job share)	137	3826
	Ms. Laura Huddleston	219	3823
	Mrs. Amanda Wielert	216	3839
Third	Mrs. Megan Gentzler	206	3837
	Mrs. Kimberly Katzen	209	3870
	Mrs. Mary Murphy	210	3860
	Mrs. Tracy Zalud	215	3844
Fourth	Mrs. Dana Barnett	228	3845
	Ms. Claire Parlier	225	3847
	Mr. Howard Shaw	230	3832
	Mr. Jarod Struck	220	3865
Fifth	Mrs. Kelly Fleagle	237	3855
	Mr. Ken McCafferty	200	3831
	Mrs. Sarah Saldana	239	3842
	Mrs. Kim Von Kaenel	236	3843
Special Education	Mrs. Beth Boss (0.5)	142	3859
	Ms. Tory Brown	223	3824
	Mr. Andrew Fehrenbacher	145	3846
	Ms. Maggie Hill	119	TBD
	Mrs. Katie Kerback	241	3841



<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Room</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Extension</u></b>
Special Education	Mrs. Mary Marek	125	TBD
	Mrs. Riley Pec	106	TBD
Aramark	Ms. Shelley Jakowitsch, Manager	Cafe	3806
Art	Ms. Heidi Miller	112	3866
Building Engineer	Mr. Mike Hosler Mrs. Cristina Juarez Ms. Claudia Ramirez		3807
ELL Resource	Ms. Julie Watgen	202	3822
Gifted Ed	Mrs. Leslie Anderson	144	3833
Special Ed Coordinator	Ms. Kim Payton	109	3816
Kids Connection		Gym	630-551-0770
LRC	Mrs. Sarah Caffarello	243	3803
Music	Mrs. Julie Van Camp	104	3851
Nurse	Mrs. Kim James Ms. Keochia Parker, LPN	101	3802
PE	Mr. Tom Clason	102	3848
	Mrs. Brittany Lindeman	102	3857
	0.3 TBD	102	TBD
Social Worker	Mr. Charles Barr	118	3805
	0.5 TBD	TBD	
Psychologist	Ms. Katie Rytkenon	126	3804
Reading	Mrs. Kelly Schultz	202	3850
	Mrs. Christiana Hertzog (0.5)	221	3873
Speech	Ms. Angela Adams	147	3813
	Mrs. Beth Boss (0.5)	142	3859
	0.5 TBD	124	TBD
Teacher Assistants	Ms. Cynthia Clark	Mrs. Trisha Chriske	
	Mrs. Peg Deist	Mrs. Emily Dabney	
	Mrs. Donna Green	Ms. Melody Haas	
	Mrs. Carolyn Kellogg	Ms. Maggie Howard	
	Mrs. Michelle Kosak	Ms. Nichole Howard	
	Ms. Denise Libby	Mrs. Lynn Kavcar	
	Mrs. Mary Jo Minick	Mrs. Michelle Lamb	
	Ms. Susan McMahon	Mrs. Anita Martin	
	Mrs. Kay Oppe	Mrs. Erika Miller	
	Mrs. Zeljka Rajcevic	Mrs. Jennifer Smith	
	Ms. Stefania Schmidt	Ms. Ashley Stone	
	Mrs. Beth Stidham	Mrs. Susie Swarm	
	Ms. Katie Thornton	Mrs. Kristina Williams	
	Ms. Jenna Yabsley		



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 308

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### PREVIEW DAY/NIGHT FOR BROKAW

August 17, 2017  
8:00-9:00 a.m., 11:45a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### PREVIEW NIGHT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

August 14, 2017 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-12

August 16, 2017

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL EC

August 21, 2017

### CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Elementary Schools: 6:00 pm–7:30 pm

AUGUST 23RD	Southbury Elementary School
AUGUST 24TH	Churchill Elementary School
	Lakewood Creek Elementary School
AUGUST 31ST	Wolf's Crossing Elementary School
	The Wheatlands Elementary School
	Hunt Club Elementary School
	Boulder Hill Elementary School
	Homestead Elementary School
	Long Beach Elementary School
	Old Post Elementary School
SEPTEMBER 6	Fox Chase Elementary School
	Grande Park Elementary School
	Prairie Point Elementary
SEPTEMBER 19TH	Brokaw Early Learning Center



# DISTRITO ESCOLAR 308

## FECHAS IMPORTANTES

### DÍA/NOCHE DE BIENVENIDA EN BROKAW

17 de agosto del 2017  
8:00-9:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. o 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### NOCHE DE BIENVENIDA PARA LAS ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS

14 de agosto del 2017 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### PRIMER DÍA DE CLASES- JARDÍN DE NIÑOS A 12\*

16 de agosto del 2017

### PRIMER DÍA DE EDUCACIÓN TEMPRANA (EC)- BROKAW

21 de agosto del 2017

### NOCHES DE PLAN DE ESTUDIOS

Escuelas Primarias: 6:00 pm –7:30 pm

23 DE AGOSTO	Escuela Primaria Southbury
24 DE AGOSTO	Escuela Primaria Churchill
	Escuela Primaria Lakewood Creek
31 DE AGOSTO	Escuela Primaria Wolf's Crossing
	Escuela Primaria Wheatlands
	Escuela Primaria Hunt Club
	Escuela Primaria Boulder Hill
	Escuela Primaria Homestead
	Escuela Primaria Long Beach
	Escuela Primaria Old Post
6 DE SEPTIEMBRE	Escuela Primaria Fox Chase
	Escuela Primaria Grande Park
	Escuela Primaria Prairie Point
19 DE SEPTIEMBRE	Centro de Educación Temprana- Brokaw





# CHARACTER COUNTS!sm

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

Our Churchill students have been continuing to show TeRRiFiCC character this year! They have been demonstrating the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship) every single day. We have focused on one pillar a month for the last six months and during the month of May we will be celebrating and practicing all six pillars.

We would love for you to help us by reinforcing these pillars of good character at home through using the language of CHARACTER COUNTS! and providing a positive reinforcement when you notice your child displaying good character.

- **TRUSTWORTHY** people are honest, reliable, loyal, and have the courage to do the right thing
- **RESPECTFUL** people appreciate differences in others, deal peacefully with anger and disagreements, and treat others the way they want to be treated.
- **RESPONSIBLE** people do what they are supposed to do, always do their best, consider the consequences of their actions, and are accountable for their choices.
- **FAIR** people play by the rules, take turns and share, listen and are open minded, and don't blame others carelessly.
- **CARING** people are kind, express gratitude, are compassionate, and help people in need.
- **GOOD CITIZENS** are good neighbors, obey laws and rules, respect authority, protect the environment, and make their schools and communities a better place.

Thank you so much for your support of our Character Counts! program here at Churchill this year! Many of you have donated prizes and incentives and have supported the program in your homes. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! It has been a great year, and the students have been TeRRiFiCC! We hope the students will remember that Character Counts! all the time...and especially over the summer!



## **NURSE'S NOTES**

### **\*\*Athena Dental/Required Exams:**

Just a friendly reminder that Athena Dental will be returning to Churchill Thursday, May 4th and Friday, 5th, 2017. If you are interested in your child seeing Dr. Andrea Miller during her visit, please address the forms sent home with students on April 7, 2017. The form is 2-sided and needs to be completed in full, as Churchill does not keep insurance information on file and signatures are required.

\*Parents, as a reminder, required dental exams for second graders are due by May 15, 2017. Please remember to send in your forms.

\*Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Get an early start on those required exams for next year! An exam by Athena Dental would qualify!!

### **Health Histories**

Please return Annual Health Histories as soon as possible. Remember to be thorough with health information provided. If your child's needs, or emergency contact information change over the summer, please remember to update Churchill in the Fall.

### **THANK YOU!!**

As we bring another amazing school year to a close, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the nurse's office! Your donations are always appreciated and come in handy for those unexpected instances ☺

Have a safe and healthy summer....***SEE YOU IN AUGUST!!***

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nurse Kim @ 630-636-3802





## News from the Home & School Association

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 1 – Friday, May 5: National Teacher Appreciation Week

Thursday, May 4: Rosati's Night

Tuesday, May 9: 6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.

Wednesday, May 10: National Nurse Day

Wednesday, May 10: 7pm Choir Festival at OEHS

Sunday, May 21: 1pm Kane County Cougars Game/Ozzie Reading Club

Monday, May 22: 2-3:35pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

Tuesday, May 23: Field Day

9-11am, Kindergarten, Grades 2-3

1:15-3:15pm, Grades 1,4,5

Wednesday, May 24: Culver's Night

Thursday, May 25: 10:45am-12pm Kindergarten Picnic

Friday, May 26: **Last Day of School! 12:45pm, Early Dismissal for grades 1-5**



The 2016-2017 yearbook is currently being printed, and we anticipate passing the books out on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. As in year's past, every fifth grader will receive a yearbook as a gift from Home & School. Extra yearbooks will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 8:45 am. Yearbooks are \$30. Cash or checks made out to Home & School will be accepted.

A very special congratulations to our yearbook cover design artists. Maggie McBrayer, Alexander Lass, Emily Keys, Carter Davis, and Joshua Werner have artwork that is featured on the back cover of the yearbook and Nathan Keys is the front cover artist. Congratulations, students, on a job well done!

This year's book has a little technology incorporated into the pages in the form of QR codes. QR stands for "quick response" and when scanned with a smart phone or other device will transport you to a website where you will be able to view a movie. The QR codes will also have a website listed beneath them that can be typed into any web browser. The 2016-2017 yearbook will have two QR codes; one for the fifth graders that will highlight their year and the Fifth Grade Celebration, and another code for all of the events that have happened after the yearbook was submitted to the printer, like Grandparent's Day, Field Day, and the Award Ceremony. The best part about incorporating this feature is that Balfour maintains these movies for 30 years, so our children can one day sit with their family to look at pictures and videos from 2016-2017. The QR codes and videos will be active by June 10, 2017. I hope that you and your children enjoy this awesome feature.

Questions: Contact Lori Davis at [bmlrcmdavis@gmail.com](mailto:bmlrcmdavis@gmail.com) or 331-330-6903.



## Notes from the Music Room. . .

We are going to be very busy in the music room this month finishing up all of our units for the year.

The District Choral Festival at OEHS will be held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We have 49 students in our Honor Choir that will be performing that evening. We will be joining the Honor Choirs from 5 other elementary schools, as well as groups from Plank, Murphy and Bednarcik Jr. High Schools and OEHS. You are all invited to a great evening of music in the main gym at OEHS!

Here's what's in store for music classes for the remainder of the month of May:

**First grade:** High/Low sounds and Note Reading—We are just starting a unit on high and low sounds and the basics of notes on the treble staff (high notes are higher on the staff and low notes are low on the staff; we will also learn the notes middle C through G). We will do some activities with playing Boomwhackers.

**Second grade:** Note reading and Composing—The second graders have been practicing playing songs on the xylophones and glockenspiels by reading the notes on the staff. Before the end of the year, they will be composing a short song of their own and playing it on the xylophone for the class.

**Third grade:** Note reading and Composing—The third grade students are doing the same thing as the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders but at a more difficult level.

**Fourth grade:** Composing—The fourth graders have been working on composing a 6-measure song using 3 notes and simple rhythms to become familiar with the conventions of writing music on the staff. The first week of May, they will be performing their compositions on their recorder for their class. After that, they will compose a longer piece using any notes and rhythms they have learned with the goal of performing it before the end of the school year.

**Fifth grade:** Composing—The fifth graders have been working on playing melodies on the xylophones and glockenspiels to prepare for our composition unit. The first week of May, they will begin composing a piece using any notes and rhythms they have learned with the goal of performing it before the end of the school year. They will also have to write an artist's statement how the composition expresses their ideas.

Thank you all for your support of our music program here at Churchill this year!

*"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."*  
(Red Auerbach)

-- Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher

## From the P.E. Department

Spring is here and we are again at the end of another school year! We want to thank the kids for their hard work and all the exciting activities they have participated in this year. Students wrapped up the month of April with a week of kickball. In May, the classes will practice and prepare for all of the Field Day activities. We will wrap up the end of the year with some of our favorite games.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Field Day on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**! With the great support of our volunteers, staff, and administration, our annual field days have been a huge success. We would also like to thank our amazing Home and School Association for their support of our Field Day events. Information about online volunteer sign up and a detailed Field Day schedule of events will be sent home shortly. Or check out- <http://signup.com/go/mdvY9n>

Please also welcome Mr. Tyler Sutton. Mr. Sutton will be covering Mrs. Lindeman's maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Welcome Mr. S!

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





## From the Art Room...

Time flies when you are having fun! The 2016-2017 school year was a busy, exciting, and fun time in the Churchill Art Room. Students learned about new drawing, painting, sculpting, and many other art creation techniques, as well as learning about many new artists, art styles, and cultures from around the world. In the art room we also discussed many topics related to different school subjects like science, math, and history. Students discovered that art can be found anywhere and no matter what level of artistic skill you may have, everyone can use their creativity to create something amazing!

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade students** are celebrating the arrival of spring time weather and the return of spring wildlife in their creations in the art room. Students are creating spring art inspired by the return of many bird families, creating baby birds in nests paintings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students** created colorful pattern owls at night. After learning about the many unique qualities of these wise birds of prey, students put a twist on a night owl drawing through the use of black paper and bright oil pastels. Students created eye catching drawings of colorful and pattern filled night owls.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade students** are learning about many different types of architecture. Students created castle landscapes, focusing on the unique structural details found exclusively on castles of the middle ages. The students then created their very own castle design, focusing on architecture details and adding details found in the medieval times to their artworks.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** students are expanding their art making skills and creativity through printmaking. Students are learning the step by step process of creating printing plates using Styrofoam and how to print their images multiple times on their final art piece. 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be creating their very own cityscape skyline scenes that will be printed on colorful watercolor painted paper.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade students** are learning about the history and art of printmaking. Students first created fish theme designs on paper and transferred their images the Styrofoam printing plate. Students will then learn the process of creating multiple prints using their one printing plate, being able to have more than one final piece of art.

### **Thank You Churchill Parents and Family Members:**

Thank you to all the parents and family members who contributed to the recent Square One Art fundraiser and Artsonia (Art Website) as well. Your continued support of the Art Education program at Churchill is greatly appreciated!

### **Summer Art Camp and Art Workshop Opportunities:**

Looking for something to do this summer with all your extra free time? Why not stretch your creativity while learning about fun new art techniques, styles, artists, and art tools through the many local art enrichment camps and summer workshops available in Oswego. There are many great camps and classes available with fun themes and art making techniques to appeal to students at any level.

### **The Fox River Academy of Music and Art:**

The Fox River Academy of Music and Art, located in downtown Oswego on Van Buren St. offers many different summer art camps and classes for students of any age. All summer long different art themed camps are being offered through the Fox River Academy to students interested in continuing and exploring their love of art over the long summer months. All of the classes provided are taught by experienced artists and certified art teachers, many of whom are teachers in Oswego School District. For more information about the variety of art classes available through The Fox River Academy of Music and Art please visit: <http://www.foxriveracademy.com> or contact 630-551-4321.

**Ms. Heidi Miller, Art Educator**

**Hmiller@sd308.org 630-636-3866**





## **Churchill students hit a “Home Run” with Ozzie!**

Once again, Churchill students participated in Ozzie’s Reading Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the Kane County Cougars baseball team. The challenge began March 10<sup>th</sup> and concluded on April 21<sup>st</sup>. However, students may continue to work towards earning a ticket until Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Students had the opportunity to improve their reading skills while earning a free ticket to a Cougars game, as well as a complimentary drawstring bag, hot dog, and soft drink to enjoy during the game. In addition, students who completed the program also received a Golden Ticket, good for free admission to ALL 2017 home games!

**Churchill’s game day is Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 1:00 PM.** Thank you for taking part in Ozzie’s Reading Club. We look forward to seeing everyone at the ballpark real soon!



# May 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	National Teacher Appreciation Week!					
				Rosati's Night		
7	8	9	10 National Nurse Day!	11	12	13
		6-7pm Home & School Assn. Mtg.	7pm – Choir Festival at OEHS			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 1pm Kane County Cougars Game/Ozzie Reading Club	22 2-3:35pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration	23 Field Day	24  Culver's Night	25 10:45am-12pm Kindergarten Picnic	26 <b>Last Day of School!</b> <b>Early Dismissal:</b> <b>12:45pm Grades 1-5</b>	27
28	29	30	31			