



# Eighth Grade Newsletter

## Chatfield School

January 25, 2010

Chinese New Year  
Lunch Wednesday!



### News and Events

#### End of Semester Exams

Last week we wrapped up the first semester with exams. The purpose of the exams was to help kids begin to understand what an end of semester exam is and how one might need to prepare for it. Overall the students did well but some points were learned that you may want to go over with your child:

- You should save all of your assessments, assignments and notes from the whole semester. We did most of this by keeping the work folders in the classroom. But in the future students should begin to do this on their own.
- It does benefit you to have someone quiz you on the content.
- The study guide is a helpful tool...so use it.
- If no study guide is given use old tests and assignments.
- If you are not allowed to keep old assessments, you should take notes on what you got wrong when the test is handed back during the card marking.

#### Get Ready for the 3rd Card Marking

The 3rd card marking begins today, Monday, January 25. Most students will begin new Career Explorations and Fine Arts classes.

#### \*\*\*\*\**Science Fair Count Down*\*\*\*\*\*

The pressure is on to devise the great Science Fair project for this year. The Science Fair project approval form was due in December. The Science Fair booklet can be found on the Chatfield School website with the Newsletter downloads and on the Educational Resources page.

#### Winter Survival Intensive Study Week

This event has been postponed because of the weather conditions.

#### New Fundraisers

Please see the back of this newsletter to see the individual fundraisers that are coming up.

#### Encyclopedia Britannica

The school has a log in for students to use the online Encyclopedia Britannica at home. Log onto [www.school.eb.com](http://www.school.eb.com).

Log in Username: chatfield

Password: research.

Please use this valuable resource at home.

### Academically Speaking

This week students will continue with the novel Milkweed. This novel address life in the Warsaw ghetto during World War 2. We will also begin a small group reading comprehension assignment that students will present.

In Social Studies we will work on understanding constitutional rights and the process involved in writing the US constitution.

In Science we will continue work on our Atomic theory chapter focusing on the subatomic particles that make up an atom. **Reminder: Students should be working on their Science Fair Projects. Booklets were sent home in December and are available on the website.**

Students will be working in math groups this week. Parent support of homework is appreciated.

#### NO Homework?

Your child **should** be bringing homework home several times a week. Students should have between 15 minutes to an hour of homework most nights. A good rule of thumb is that even if there is no homework, you child should still silent read and/or work on math facts for 30 minutes a night. This should be a non-negotiable time commitment.

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#### Upcoming Dates

January 27 Chinese New Year Lunch

January 29 Student Report Card

February 12 Valentine Celebration

February 15-19 Mid-Winter Recess/No School

February 22-25 Parent Conferences

March is Reading Month

March 4 Chatfield Science Fair Extravaganza

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser for Our Washington D.C.Trip

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students sell items at a snack cart in the middle school to raise funds for our end-of-the-year class trip. We would like to ask families to donate water bottles, Kudos bars, Cheez-it snack bags, granola bars, and anything else that is a "healthy snack" for the snack cart.

Donations can be given to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you!

## **Washington D.C. Individual Fund Raisers January - March 2010**

We currently have four individual fund raisers that kids or families can choose to participate in. Please contact the contact person if you have any questions.

### **Pizza Kit Sales**

Little Ceasar's Pizza Kit sales end this week on Wednesday. Michele Guerra is the contact person for this fundraiser.

### **Erin Wetzel Photography**

Students will be able to sell tickets for sitting fees with Erin Wetzel, photographer. Tickets sell for \$15 and will be available for sign out on Wednesday. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

### **Basketball Camp Concessions**

Students may sign up to work a concession stand post for the Basketball camps that will run for the next six weeks. Students interested in working can sign up beginning on Tuesday outside of Mr. Kraly's room. Amount sold will be evenly distributed among the workers for the number of hours worked. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

### **Barracuda Woman's Self Defense Class Taught at PKSA Lapeer**

This mother/daughter class will cost \$30 and is on Saturday, January 30 from 1pm to 3pm. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

**Please note that these fund raisers are being done outside of the classroom and are available for all seventh and eighth graders to participate in with parent support.**