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Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News

Progress Reports Go Home Friday!
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Important news


Classroom Corner



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Trip...


Permission slips and deposits are past due. Please turn it in ASAP. A payment plan has been arranged. The **next payment is due:** February 27, \$60.

- **Vocabulary Quiz...**Scheduled for this Friday, December 16.
- **Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide Project....** Students should be completed with all research. They should spend the next week publishing their research. A rubric was passed out to students explaining what should be included in the field guide. You have access to a copy of the rubric on our sixth grade web page at www.chatfieldschool.org .
Field guides are due this Wednesday, December 14.



- **Save the Date...** On December 16 a pancake dinner is scheduled to support the Monschau family. The dinner will be held in the Chatfield gym. See office for informational handout.

- **Progress Reports...**Go home Friday, December 16. Please sign and return it to the homeroom teacher.
- **Science Fair info found on the back side of this newsletter.**



- **Holiday Shoppe...**Students will have an opportunity to preview items sold at Chatfield's Holiday Shoppe. Sixth grade students will have an opportunity to shop on Friday, December 16 from 9-9:30.

- **Christmas Band Concert...**Scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music performed by our very own CMS band. The concert will also feature Chatfield's Sign Language students.
- **Treat Street... Wednesday, December 21.** Baked goods will be needed and appreciated for Chatfield's annual Christmas Treat Street. Sixth Grade Trolley Time: Bierbusse @ 10:30 and Boyle @ 10:45.
- **Christmas Break...** Thursday, December 22-Monday, January 2.
- **Roller Skating Christmas Celebration...**Students received a permission slip to attend the sixth grade roller skating celebration from 1:00-3:00, Wednesday, December 21. The cost of the field trip is \$5. Chaperones are needed. © Please return the permission slip by Dec. 16.

Students attend math every day. Each day your child will receive a math assignment. Please check your child's planner to stay informed on what lesson your child is completing.


In Social Studies, students will complete a lesson focused on landforms and climate of the Western Hemisphere. Students will identify various landforms found in the United States and South America. Wednesday, students will begin developing their own climate graphs in Excel.

In Science, students will put the finishing touches on the Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide. Students will be given about 2 hours of class time to type up their information. They may need to spend additional time at home completing the project. Additionally, students will complete an online interactive activity to learn earthquake vocabulary and the cause and effects of an earthquake.

In English Language Arts students will continue reading the novel, Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt. Students will read, respond and discuss the text to improve reading comprehension and fluency skills. **This is the final work week for the independent novel study. Days 9 and 10 are due December 19. Students should also return their novels on December 19. Library is cancelled this week due to the Holiday Shoppe.**

Over the next couple of weeks students will refine their writing skills by participating in various writing lessons while composing a well written narrative. This week, students will examine short story elements and structure. Students will begin composing their own short stories following the Christmas break.

Christmas Collaboration: A Team Building Activity




Thursday morning, sixth grade students will work in teams to design and create a Christmas centerpiece to be featured at Treat Street. We are encouraging students to be creative. We would like them to **bring craft-like objects or Christmas items to school Thursday** to be used in their team's design. Items should be inexpensive or things found around the house.

Thank You!

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SCIENCE FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Students received the science fair booklet today. The fair is scheduled for **March 8, 2011**. It will be in the gym from 6-8 p.m. The booklet contains a suggested time line for completing the project and project expectations. Please review the requirements with your child. Students must have their projects approved by their homeroom teacher no later than **January 13**. **Science fair display boards order form is due January 31**.

The following will be a graded component to the Science Fair Project:

- **Science Fair Vocabulary Form (Not part of the packet, passed out to students in class)**
- Project Approval Form
- Rough Draft
- Final Project/Verbal Presentation



Extra Credit will be granted to students who participate in the Flint Science Fair.

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Vocabulary List 1C
Test FRIDAY, December 16

Goggled (verb): Stared with wide eyes

Perversely (adverb): Turning away from what is right or good

Troupe (noun): A group of theatrical performers

You must also know the words from last week:

Accessible
Bovine
Oppressive
Tangent
Tranquil

Exasperated
Irrelevant
Jaunty
Melancholy
Petticoat
Self-deprecation

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM P.I.E.

HOLIDAY SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The children are very excited to be able to shop for loved ones during the annual Holiday Shoppe. We want to make this a special event for them. Many parent volunteers are needed.

Approximately 10 people are needed each day, throughout the day to help with purchases, wrapping and collecting money. Sign up today!

Sale hours are:

December 14th 9 a.m. 5 p.m.

December 15th 9 a.m. 7 p.m.

December 16th 9 a.m. 1 p.m.



Chatfield Family Contribution:

Thank you to those families who have donated to the Chatfield Family Contribution fund. We are asking that you search your heart and your pocketbook and make your Chatfield Family Contribution today. Checks can be placed in an envelope in the lobby, office or can be given to your child's homeroom teacher. Our goal is to have 100% family participation.

The "Chatfield Family Contribution" program is simple... each Chatfield family is asked to contribute a suggested donation of \$50---in lieu of the kids participating in multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Please contribute as you are able. Your child can only benefit from your participation. 100% of the funds collected go directly to support the learning experience and environment of Chatfield. Your contribution is tax deductible. If our goal is met, no extra burden will be placed on your family to sell multiple fundraiser merchandise to friends, families and neighbors.