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Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News

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A Special Note from P.I.E. is Attached.
Please check it out!

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IMPORTANT NEWS

- **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 9.
- **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 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.

- **Progress Reports...**Go home next Friday, December 16.



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.
- **Christmas Break...** Thursday, December 22- Monday, January 2.

CLASSROOM CORNER

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 human movement around the planet. Students will understand both internal (to the U.S.) and international migrations.

In Science, students will begin finalizing the Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide. Students will be given about 4 hours of class time to type up their information. They may need to spend additional time at home completing the project. Additionally, students will continue learning about volcanoes and Earth's structure and geologic forces. Friday, students will create an edible model of the structure of the earth.

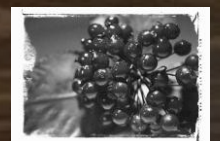
In English Language Arts students will continue reading the novel, Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbit. Students will read, respond and discuss the text to improve reading comprehension and fluency skills. **Students have begun an independent novel study to practice comprehension and fluency skills. The majority of the study will be completed at home as reading homework. Students are expected to read a certain number of pages from their novel and complete a "Day" in their study packet each week. Novels are selected from our sixth grade novel collection. Day 7 and 8 is due December 7. Library will be on Tuesday.**

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 complete a character questionnaire. We will also discuss short story structure.

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Tuck Everlasting Word List 1B

Test FRIDAY, December 9

Exasperated (verb): To make very angry or impatient; annoy greatly

Irrelevant (adjective): Not applicable or pertinent, unimportant

Jaunty (adjective): Perky in manner of appearance

Melancholy (noun): Sadness

Petticoat (noun): A woman's slip or underskirt that is often full or trimmed with ruffles or lace

Self-deprecation (verb): To make jokes or mock one's self

You must also know the words from last week:

Accessible

Bovine

Oppressive

Tangent

Tranquil

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.