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Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News

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Mott Steel Drum Band Concert Friday
at 1:30 in the Gym!

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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...**A quiz is scheduled for this Friday.
- **Backcountry Film Festival...**If you have not, please add this to your social calendar! Friday, January 27 @ 6:00 p.m., Pix Theater, Tickets are \$10. See the Chatfield School web site for more details. Our goal is to raise enough money to build a maple syrup sugar shack.



Reading is important!...Although Chatfield Middle School students do not receive a monthly reading calendar, the **middle school staff encourages and expects all students to read for at least 20 minutes per night**. Students attend library on a weekly basis. All students should be checking out a book at their reading level for reading at home and when opportunities arise in class for sustained silent reading. We also encourage parents to continue to periodically read with their children. In addition to committing to reading 20 minutes each evening, sixth grade students recently completed an in-depth comprehension novel study as a homework requirement. **Students will be expected to begin another independent novel study on January 24**. Please work together with Chatfield staff to emphasize to your children the importance of reading. Thank You!

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 by last Friday, **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). Should already be completed and turned in.

- Project Approval Form
- Rough Draft
- Final Project/Verbal Presentation
- Students will be granted extra credit should they choose to participate in the Flint Science Fair.

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 identify various landforms found in the Western Hemisphere. Our goal over the next couple of weeks is for students to be able to identify on a map major landforms found in the Western Hemisphere and consider how land is manipulated and changed to meet human needs. Students will review basic mapping techniques and how to read various different types of maps.

In Science, students will be exploring the three types of rocks; Sedimentary, Igneous and Metamorphic along with fossils. Students will discuss the forces involved in shaping and changing rocks. Students will complete hands-on investigations to inquire about the process of weathering and erosion.

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. In Writing, students will compose short story narratives. Students should use handouts provided in class and the writing rubric as guides when developing their short story drafts.

Students are participating in a whole class novel study, Seedfolks. It will be read aloud and discussed as a whole group and in small groups. Seedfolks is an excellent novel for teaching students about diversity, ethnicity, geography, community involvement, and good character.

Upcoming Events...



- **P.I.E. Meeting, January 23 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Chinese New Year Lunch, January 26**
- **Winter Break, February 13-20**
- **Chatfield School Spelling Bee, Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m. in the gym.**

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~~tuck~~ ~~everlasting~~ Vocabulary 2B

Quiz Date: Friday, January 20

Students will need to know the vocabulary words from last week as well as the new words, so that on Friday they are successful at completing the cumulative assessment.

New Words

Accommodation (noun): *Something that meets a need; a convenience.*

Gander (noun): *A look or glance.*

Roust (verb): *To drive (as from bed) roughly or unceremoniously.*

Ignorant (adjective): *Lacking knowledge, education, or experience.*

Petulance (adjective): *Unreasonably irritable or ill tempered.*

Previous Week's Words

Eddies

Mirage

Perilous

Submission

Constable

Illiterates