

# "B" Informed

Bierbusse/Boyle 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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The Classroom Spelling Bee is this week!  
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## Classroom Corner

## 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 vocabulary quiz is scheduled for this Friday.
- **Report Cards...**Go home this Friday. Please sign and return your child's report card envelope. Included with the report card is a goal setting worksheet. Students completed the goal setting worksheet in class. Please sign and return the **agreement**. Keep your child's goal setting worksheet in a place easily accessible for review over the next quarter. We will have a copy on hand in your student's personal academic file. We encourage you to discuss the goals with your child and provide positive encouragement throughout the marking period to help them obtain desired results. Thank you for your support!



**WANTED... Pencils!** Sixth grade is in need of pencils. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Please discuss with your child the importance of responsibility. At the start of each school day, students should be prepared with all school supplies on hand, pencils sharpened before the bell rings and planners on hand. We fill planners out daily. Thank you for your support! ☺



**Daddy-Daughter Dance**, Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Sixth Grade Fundraiser, volunteers needed) **Please see attached handout.**



**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 have been assigned an independent novel study. It is titled, "The Paper Bag Report". Students should choose a novel appropriate for their reading level. The reading assignment is due Tuesday, February 21 (the day we return from winter break).** Please work together with Chatfield staff to emphasize to your children the importance of reading. Thank You!



**Red Wings Spirit Day...**February 8! Students should wear their Red Wings spirit wear, this includes Red Wing hats. ☺

- **College Spirit Day...** February 24! Students, staff and families should wear their college paraphernalia to support our favorite college, this includes hats!
- **February Winter Break...** February 13-20- Enjoy a restful, fun and safe week off.



**Chatfield School Spelling Bee...**Tuesday Evening, February 28 @ 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

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 continue to explore the theme of human/environment interaction. Students will consider how humans adapt to, modify, and/or change the environment. Additionally, students will take a close look at consumption of goods and natural resources by using National Geographic's "Human Footprint" resource. We encourage you to visit Nat Geo's web site to learn more about this topic. Their site provides an in depth look at American consumption. The data is both interesting, staggering and eye-opening. Students will also complete a final review of mapping skills. They should be able to sketch the Western Hemisphere by memory.

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 read to understand how Michigan's Pictured Rocks were formed. Additionally, students will learn more about fossils with an interactive classroom activity titled, "Science Court".

In English Language Arts students will continue reading the novel, Walk Two Moons, by Sharon Creech. 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.

### 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. Rough Draft is due February 25!**



### CMS STUDENTS PRESENT:

#### WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 27, 7 pm, CMS students FREE Admission  
March 28, 7 pm, CMS students FREE Admission

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## Important News Continued:

- **Lunch changes begin this Wednesday...** Please see The Chat for new menu options. Each morning, students will report to the homeroom teacher if they are purchasing hot lunch. Students who arrive after a certain time (time to be determined) will not be able to purchase hot lunch for the day. Students who desire bigger portions have the ability to purchase two lunches. Students also have the option of eating from the salad bar only, but will still have to pay for the cost of a lunch (\$2.50). Students may bring cash or use their lunch card to make purchase their lunch.



## Walk Two Moons Vocabulary list: 1A

Quiz Date: February 3

Peculiar (adjective): Different from the usual or normal

Extensive (adjective): Having a large range

Dignified (adjective): Showing dignity or honor

Cadaver (noun): a dead body

Betrayed (verb): Failed or deserted

Potential (adjective): Possibility; capable of development into actuality

# Daddy-Daughter Dance

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be hosting a daddy-daughter dance in the gym on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Girls ranging from pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. All money raised will be used towards funding our camping trip. We need parent and student volunteers to help with set-up, serving desserts, collecting money, decorating, and clean-up. We are looking for help from the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

In addition to your time, we also need each 6<sup>th</sup> grade family to provide a dessert to serve during the dance. All desserts will need to be delivered to the sixth grade the day of the dance.

We are looking for 100% effort for all students and parents. Please indicate on the form below what time you are available to work and the dessert you plan on donating.

Thank You!!



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Daddy-Daughter Dance  
**Form Due:** February 1

Parent Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Time available to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert I will be donating: \_\_\_\_\_