

"A" INFORMED

BIERBUSSE/BOYLE 6TH GRADE NEWS

REPORT CARDS GO HOME FRIDAY!

Visit the Chatfield web site: www.chatfieldschool.org

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. Chaperones will be notified Wednesday if they are attending the trip. We apologize for the wait. Thank you for your understanding.
- There will be *Hatchet* Vocabulary Quiz this Friday, November 18.
- Report cards go home this Friday. Please sign and return your child's report card envelope to their homeroom teacher.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming soon!** Conferences will be held school-wide on Monday, **November 21** and Tuesday, **November 22**. Please sign-up to meet with your child's homeroom teacher. We expect 100% parent participation. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the gym lobby. **If you have multiple children at Chatfield, please be sure to avoid signing-up for back-to-back conferences. Leave time between conferences to get to each child's homeroom. 15 minutes should be sufficient.**
- **Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide Project...** This week, students will begin researching organisms for their field guide. They will create a field guide containing living organisms found in a specific Great Lakes ecosystem. 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. A due date has not been determined at this time. Although students will be given a lot of work time in class to complete the project, they may need to complete some research at home or remain after school.
- **Picture Retake Packets...** Due November 16. If turned in late, a \$15 late fee will be applied. Please return the packet to the office.



Happy Thanksgiving!



*Wishing everyone a blessed and relaxing Thanksgiving. Enjoy good company with family and friends. Thanksgiving holiday break:
November 23-November 27.*

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.



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 explore maps of the Western Hemisphere. Additionally, they will identify ways to divide the Western Hemisphere into regions. Students are expected to sketch by memory an outline map of the Western Hemisphere and identify its regions.

In Science, the majority of our time this week will be spent researching organisms to include in the Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide. Next week, students will be introduced to our Solid Earth Unit. This unit includes a study of the three different types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. It also includes a study of volcanoes, earthquakes, weathering, erosion and landforms.

In English Language Arts students will continue reading the novel, Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen. 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 4 should be completed by Monday, November 21. Day 5 is due November 28. Library will be on Tuesday.**

Students will continue to revise an essay contrasting a Federal Republic (Democracy) vs. a Dictatorship. Students participated in lesson on writing a lead/introduction that engages the reader and a lesson on paragraph organization. Students should be using transitional phrases in their writing such as: therefore, furthermore, also, additionally, in conclusion, etc... Students should also be writing in complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation. **Essays are due Monday, November 21.**

HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!

Mrs. Bierbusse: (810) 538-1726 or e-mail: jbierbusse@chatfieldschool.org

Mrs. Boyle: (810) 538-1725 or e-mail: tboyle@chatfieldschool.org



Hatchet Vocabulary Study Page

Students are responsible for knowing last week's words in addition to the new words listed on the opposite side of this page. Each week students will need to know the vocabulary words from previous weeks, so that on Friday they are successful at completing the cumulative assessment.

TEST DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

Incessant: Continuing without interruption

Ruefully: Mournfully; pitifully

Frenzied: Feeling or showing great or abnormal excitement

Antiseptic: Preventing infection

Predators: One that preys

Oblivious: Lacking knowledge or awareness

Last Week's Words

Infuriating: Making someone very angry

exulted: Rejoiced; was happy

refract: Alter or distort

bearings: Mechanic Parts

impaired: Disabled or defective; less than perfect