

# "B" INFORMED

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

End of the first marking period this Friday!

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## IMPORTANT NEWS



### **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Permission Slip...**

Please be sure to ask your child for the permission slip. **It is due back with a non-refundable \$25 deposit due today, November 7.** You can obtain an additional copy of the permission slip by visiting the Middle School Newsletter link at Chatfield's web site.

- **There will be NO Hatchet Vocabulary Quiz this Friday!**
- **Ecosystems Test...Scheduled for Friday, November 11.** Students have received a study guide to review topics studied. Using graded science assignments found in their personal student folder will also help them prepare for the test. Please remind your child to study for the test. Making note cards is always a helpful study aid.
- **Social Studies Test... Scheduled for Wednesday, November 9.** Students have received a study guide to review topics studied. Using graded social studies assignments found in their personal folder will also help them prepare for the test. Please remind your child to study for the test.
- **End of First Marking Period...** This Friday, **November 11**, marks the end of the first marking period. Students will begin a new Exploration class the following week. **Report cards will go home Friday, November 18.**
- **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 be introduced to the field guide project. They will create a field guide containing living organisms found in a specific Great Lakes ecosystem. A rubric will be passed out to students explaining what should be included in the field guide. You will have access to a copy of the rubric on our sixth grade web page at [www.chatfieldschool.org](http://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.

## 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 an assessment testing their knowledge and understanding of governmental systems and economics. See the study guide for more details.

In Science, the majority of our time this week will be spent collaborating with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to investigate erosion and the affects of erosion on turbidity levels in our local watershed. Students will also review for the Ecosystems test.

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 3 should be completed by Monday, November 14. 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.

## SCIENCE INTENSIVE STUDY WEEK!

Students will partner with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to investigate weathering and erosion and turbidity.

See the attached flyer.

## HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!

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# SCIENCE INTENSIVE STUDY WEEK

November 7-11

Attention Chatfield families!  
Get out your test tubes,  
beakers and safety goggles...It  
will be a **SCIENCE EXPLOSION!**

This week, grade levels will form partnerships to question, hypothesize and investigate various physical science concepts. Students will collect data to be featured in a life-size graph. Graphs will be on display for all to view Friday, November 11.

**Additionally, Chatfield is excited to  
welcome special guest...**

**WHISPERING PINES ANIMAL KINGDOM  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**



Whispering Pines will bring several animals including a wonderful variety of small mammals and reptiles. They will provide an educational program that is both informative and amazing for students (and adults) of all ages. Their program incorporates a unique, and of course safe, hands-on experience that is not soon forgotten!