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Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News

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Trunk-Or-Treat next Monday Afternoon!
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IMPORTANT NEWS

- **Attention Parents!... Fundraising opportunity...**

Students have the opportunity to participate in selling "*Courtney's Gourmet Salsa*" beginning **October 25-November 4**. The sale includes 16 varieties of bold delicious flavors. All salsa is made with the best quality ingredients. Only the finest and freshest fruits and vegetables are used. All salsa is gluten free, low sodium and uses natural honey as a sweetener. It is made exclusively in Michigan and designed to be both affordable and delicious. Flavors range from mild, classic and hot to xx hot. In addition, Courtney offers a line of specialty salsas that offer a bold tangy flavor. **Salsa is \$6/ jar with a \$3 profit for each jar of salsa sold. Orders and money must be turned in the day the sale ends (Nov. 4) or we cannot process the order form.**

The salsa is usually a hit, an excellent opportunity to raise funds for your child's class trip and purchase a tasty Christmas treat! ☺



Classroom Fall Festivities... The sixth grade will participate in the Halloween parade and trunk-or-treat on Monday, October 31. Following trunk-or-treat, students return to the classroom area for pizza, breadsticks and soda pop. Please contact Mrs. Bierbusse or Mrs. Boyle by sending in a note, email or phone letting us know if you would be interested in helping out with the festivities. **We are requesting \$2.00 from each student to cover the cost of food and pop. Money is due by Tuesday, October 25. We also need one 50 piece bag of candy from each student. Thank you!**

- **Costumes...** If your child is participating in the Halloween parade, costumes and make-up may not be scary. Students will have time the afternoon of the parade to get dressed. Please leave plastic guns and knives at home. Costumes must also adhere to the Chatfield School dress code. Ladies should not wear costumes that reveal their mid drift. Spaghetti straps are not allowed. Dresses and skirts should be fingertip length. Your child will be asked to change if a costume is inappropriate. Thank you!

- **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 on Monday, November 7. You can obtain an additional copy of the permission slip by visiting the Middle School Newsletter link at Chatfield's web site.



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 a market economy reviewing the circular flow model, factors of production, law of supply and demand and our government's role in a market economy. Additionally, students will read to understand Canada's form of government by completing an online web quest.

In Science, students will continue the ecosystems unit of study. This week, students will review concepts learned and apply their new knowledge to a real world problem. Students will participate in an in-depth study of The Chesapeake Bay and read and discuss how humans have negatively impacted the Bay's ecosystem. They will also discuss possible solutions for preventing further damage to the ecosystem.

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. **This week, students will begin 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 1 should be completed by Monday, October 31.**

A vocabulary quiz is scheduled for Friday, October 28, students will take a vocabulary word quiz testing their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary words found in the novel, *Hatchet*. The word lists culminate over a three week period. After three weeks students are given a brand new vocabulary list. It is important that your child takes time to study the word list each evening. Not studying will result in a poor quiz grade.



Canoe Trip Re-scheduled!

The canoe trip has been re-scheduled for this Thursday. The forecast is looking chilly with possible light showers. Students should dress appropriately and are expected to bring a change of clothes and shoes. Mrs. Bierbusse's class will canoe in the a.m. and Mrs. Boyle's class in the p.m..

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Hatchet

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Students should be ready for a quiz on Friday, October 28.

These words are the start of a new vocabulary list. Starting next week, students will need to know the vocabulary words from previous weeks, so that on Friday they are successful at completing the cumulative assessment.

Bluff: A high steep bank

Abrupt: Sudden; involving action or change without warning

Flailing: Moving or swinging without control

Motive: Something that causes a person to act

Persistent: Continuing without interference; not giving up