

“B” Informed

Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade

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Michigan Harvest Lunch this Thursday...YUM!
Cost is \$5- A tasty menu has been prepared.
Visit the Chatfield web site: www.chatfieldschool.org

Important news

- **Sixth Grade Teacher's Lounge Fundraiser...** As a fundraiser the sixth grade sells snack goods, soda and water in the teacher's lounge. *All sales are used to pay expenses towards our class trip.* We would appreciate a monetary one time donation of \$10-\$20 to purchase snack items. Please send your donation in to your child's homeroom teacher. **THANK YOU!!!**
- **6th Grade Trip Fundraising Opportunity...** Lapeer area and Imlay City area Discount Cards sold until September 27. For each discount card your child sells, you will see a 60% return to your individual fundraising account. Cards can be signed-in and out by seeing our sixth grade teaching assistant, Michele Guerra. All funds raised and unsold cards should be returned to Mrs. Guerra.
- **Avoid Tardies!!**
It is important students arrive to school on time. Arriving on time prepares your child to be a responsible working citizen. If a student acquires 6 tardies time spent at E.S.T. (Extra School Time) will be required. For each additional tardy, students will be required to spend additional time at E.S.T. A new marking period begins a clean slate. If a student arrives late they must first sign-in to the office and receive a pass from Mrs. Slaten our school secretary.
- **Check out the sixth grade blog...**
Students recently responded to a post regarding the invasion of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. You can read their comments by accessing the comments link below the blog post. Look carefully, because it is easy to miss. The link is very small and should say, "22 comments". Feel free to add your own comment. All comments are moderated by a teacher before being posted to the blog.
Blog address is: www.chatsixthgrade.blogspot.com

Important CMS Dates...

- **Piano Concert this Friday afternoon! Steve Farley will be our guest pianist.**
- CMS DANCE: October 29, 7-9 p.m... More details to come...
- Progress Reports, Oct. 14
- MEAP Testing, Oct. 11 and 12, Oct. 18 and 19

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 a market economy reviewing the factors of production, law of supply and demand and our government's role in a market economy.

In Science, students will continue the ecosystems unit of study. Students went outside today and played "Macro Invertebrate Mayhem" with Peter. They also will make yummy salsa. In homeroom, students will play the "Food Chain Game" and review photosynthesis: The process in which plants make food. Thursday, they will attend a session titled, "Ecosystems: From Frozen Frogs to Tropical Rainforests" with Mr. Randy Baker with the Naturalist Endeavors program.

Students will also meet in their Restoration of Prairies and Ponds Groups, a project started two years ago as a partnership between fifth and sixth grade. Some students are focusing on maintaining nestboxes found on the property, while others are studying the Savannah Prairie. This project is currently funded by a grant received by the fifth and sixth grade teachers and Peter McCreedy, The Toyota Tapestry Science Grant. We are working to increase biodiversity of plant, bird and animal species to Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale. **Students should expect to go outdoors every Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Thank you!**

In English Language Arts students will begin the novel study, Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen. Students will read, respond and discuss the text to improve reading comprehension and fluency skills.

Students have analyzed the literary elements present in a folktale. They will apply what they have learned by writing their own folktale. This week, students will begin the early stages to developing their characters and plot.

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