



"B" Informed

Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News

Science Intensive Study Week Begins November 7! See the attached handout for more details!

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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! ☺

- **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.

- **Hatchet Vocabulary Quiz: Friday, November 4.**
- **Ecosystems Test... Scheduled for Friday, November 11.** Students will receive a study guide this Friday 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.
- **End of First Marking Period...** Next 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.**
- **Great Lakes Ecosystem Field Guide Project...** Next week, students will begin research to complete 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. 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.
- **Science Intensive Study Week...** Students will partner with 2nd grade to investigate weathering and erosion and turbidity. See the attached flyer.

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 continue to discuss economic concepts such as, imports and exports and free market vs. a regulated market. **Today, students received a homework assignment that will be used to aid their understanding and discussion of this week's economic concepts.**

The homework is due Wednesday!

Next Wednesday, students will be tested on their knowledge of the various economic concepts learned and the various governmental systems found in the western hemisphere. A study guide will be handed out this Friday for students to begin preparing and reviewing for their test.

In Science, students will continue the ecosystems unit of study. This week, students will continue their study of the Chesapeake Bay by investigating and understanding turbidity. The study will be used to aid our understanding of the affects of turbidity on our local watershed, Farmer's Creek. Thursday, students will participate in a session with Peter to test the turbidity of a nearby stream and make apple cider using our very own cider press. Students will also review photosynthesis in preparation for next week's ecosystems test. A study guide will be available Friday.

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 2 should be completed by Monday, November 7. Library will be on Tuesday.**

Students will revise a recent one paragraph essay contrasting a Federal Republic (Democracy) vs. a Dictatorship. Students will participate 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.

Home-School Connection

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Hatchet

Vocabulary Study Page 2B

Students should be ready for a quiz on Friday, November 4.

Students are responsible for knowing last week's words in addition to the new words listed. 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.

New Words...

Infuriating: Making someone very angry

Exulted: Rejoiced; was happy

Refract: Alter or distort

Bearings: Mechanic Parts

Impaired: Disabled or defective; less than perfect

Last week's words...

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



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!**

Beginning November 7, 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!