

The Ray News

January 9, 2012

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Important News

- ❖ **SCIENCE FAIR...** The science fair is just around the corner. Science fair booklets were sent home last Tuesday. **All science fair project idea forms are due by next Friday, January 20.** Please make sure that your child completes this form and returns it to their homeroom teacher. If you have misplaced your science fair booklet, an additional copy may be obtained on the Chatfield website (www.chatfieldschool.org) under the science link. Also, if you would like to order a display board, please submit the order form (with payment) by January 31, 2012. **We have attached the rough draft form we are requiring your child to use** . If you have any questions please call Mrs. LaForge or Mrs. Lange. The due dates are as follows:
 - Idea Forms.....DUE by Jan. 20
 - Display Board Order Forms...DUE by Jan 31
 - Rough Draft of Display Board.....DUE on Feb. 21
 - Science Fair Project.....DUE Mar. 8
- ❖ **SCIENCE TEST...** We sent home a review sheet for the Human Body test in last week's Friday folders. We will spend time reviewing the concepts on Tuesday and will take the test Wednesday. This unit covered a lot of material and it is very important for the students to study. If your child misplaced their study guide please have them see their homeroom teacher.
- ❖ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...** We have planned for the 5th grade students to attend Camp Lael on May 16, 17, 18. It will include an overnight on May 17. We are very excited for the activities we have planned and hope you can join us ☺
- ❖ **BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL...** This year's film festival is Friday, January 27. Ticket prices are \$10.00 which includes admission and hors d'oeuvres. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$15 each or 2 for \$25. This is a fundraiser for winter activities at Chatfield including our new sugar shack!

What's Happening?

Please remember to check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning. It is also helpful to check over your child's homework to make sure it is completed.

In Literacy groups, students will be starting a new theme. This theme will focus on "Person to Person" **There will be no spelling tests for the rest of the school year.** We will begin a vocabulary study using words found in our book club novel. Attached are this week's vocabulary words for their test on Thursday. We will also continue to read The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963 by: Christopher Paul Curtis. This novel is set during the Civil Rights Era.

In Science, students will review the material learned in the human body unit. The test is Wednesday and we strongly advise students to study.

In Social Studies, we will continue to learn about colonization and settlement. This week they will begin to explore the development of the southern colonies.

In Writer's Workshop, students will continue to work on their historical fiction. This week we will work on organization and leads. We will begin peer editing next week. We encourage students to also have an adult check over their paper. **This paper is due on Friday, January 27.**

Reminder... There is no school next Monday, January 16, 2012 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Canceled... This Friday's winter survival day has been canceled due to the spring like weather!

Important Dates



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| January 13 | Winter Survival Day- Canceled |
| January 16 | No school for students |
| January 20 | Science Fair Idea Forms Due |
| January 23 | P.I.E. Meeting 6:30 |
| January 25 | Family Literacy Pact 2: Comprehension strategies 5:30-7:30 |
| January 26 | Chinese New Year Lunch |
| January 27 | End of second card marking |
| January 27 | Backcountry Film Festival |
| January 31 | Science Board Order form payment due |
| February 3 | Report Cards |
| February 7-9 | Student- Led Conferences |
| February 9 | Daddy- Daughter Dance |
| February 10 | Valentine Celebration |
| February 13-17 | Winter Break- No School |
| February 20 | Winter Break- No School |
| February 21 | School resumes |
| February 21 | Rough Draft of Display Board Due |



HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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