

# The Ray News

January 30, 2012

## Important News

- ❖ **CONFERENCES...** Student-led conferences for fifth grade students will be held next week on Tuesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 9. Conference sign-up times are posted in the Lobby. If this week does not work for you, please let a fifth grade teacher know. **Your child has worked hard to prepare for this conference and 100% participation is expected.**
- ❖ **SCIENCE FAIR...** The science fair is just around the corner. If you have misplaced your science fair booklet, an additional copy may be obtained on the Chatfield website ([www.chatfieldschool.org](http://www.chatfieldschool.org)) under the science link. If you have any questions please call Mrs. LaForge or Mrs. Lange. The due dates are as follows:
  - Rough Draft.....DUE Feb. 21
  - Project Due.....DUE Mar. 8
- ❖ **CEREAL BOXES...** Please send in an empty cereal box with your child. These boxes will be wrapped, decorated and used for Valentine cards. **Thank you Mrs. White for volunteering to wrap the boxes.**
- ❖ **REPORT CARDS...** Report cards will be handed out Friday, February 3. Please return the signed envelope as soon as possible.
- ❖ **READING CALENDARS...** Please remind your child to turn their January reading calendar in by this Friday. We have attached February's calendar to this week's Ray News.
- ❖ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION...** All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attend P.E. on Tuesday's and Thursday's and are expected to participate. Please make sure they bring in their gym shoes so they don't have to sit out.
- ❖ **PLANNERS...** Students are expected to fill out their planner daily and have them signed by a parent nightly. This is a fifth grade requirement. Please ask your child to see their planner☺
- ❖ **DONATIONS...** We would like to thank the families that have donated to our school store. We still need donations for March Madness or we will not be able to offer this exciting incentive during reading month.

**Time to sign-up for conferences!**

## What's Happening?

Please check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in math. Students should be bringing home math everyday for parents to check over nightly.

In Literacy groups, students will continue with the theme "Person to Person." We will take a vocabulary test on Friday using words found in The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963 by: Christopher Paul Curtis and also from Dear Mr. Henshaw. This week in grammar students will be studying abbreviations and how to write titles. Attached are this week's vocabulary words for Thursday's test. **There will be no spelling tests for the rest of the school year.**

In Science, students will begin their study of Newton's three laws. Students will be creating a brochure on the computer using Publisher to display and advertise Newton's three laws.

In Social Studies, we will continue our study of the thirteen colonies and compare and contrast the Southern, Middle, and New England colonies. Students will also explore the importance of the Mayflower Compact.

In Writer's Workshop, students will practice and prepare for their student-led conferences.



# Important Dates

January 31	Science Board Order form payment due
February 3	Report Cards
February 7-9	Student- Led Conferences
February 8	Red Wings Day
February 9	Daddy- Daughter Dance
February 10	Valentine Celebration
February 10-20	Mid-Winter Break
February 21	Science Fair Rough Draft form due



## **Daddy-Daughter Dance**

This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance will be on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 6:30-8:30. The cost is \$10 per family and all the money raised will be used towards funding the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. A photographer will be available to capture the special moment. Corsage orders went home recently and are due by February 3.

## *Valentine's Day Celebration*

If your child wishes to send in valentine cards, he or she must send them in for everyone in his or her homeroom. We will open the valentine cards on Friday, February 10, 2012. We will also celebrate by having ice cream sundaes. If your family is able to donate any supplies for this celebration, please visit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade information board to sign up. THANKS!!



## **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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