

# The Ray News

February 21, 2012

Friday is College Day: Wear your favorite college apparel!!!

## Important News

- ❖ **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☺
- ❖ **PROPER OUTSIDE CLOTHING...** Students spend roughly 30 minutes a day outside and often have the opportunity to spend longer periods of time outside with Peter. Students should be coming to school with appropriate clothing for the weather including at the least: coats.
- ❖ **CONFERENCES...** Students did an excellent job during conferences. If you were unable to join us, please return the conference folder sent home with your child signed indicating that they have conducted the conference at home.
- ❖ **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 date is as follows:
  - Project Due.....DUE Mar. 8
- ❖ **SPELLING BEE FINALISTS...** Last Friday, both fifth grade classes held their in-class spelling bees. All students did an excellent job. We would like to congratulate Kaitrin, Kelsie, Juliette, Tara, Kate, and Sophie C. for being our finalists. We would also to congratulate our runner-ups, Elise and Carley. **The spelling bee will be held February 28, 2012 at 6:30 in the Chatfield Gym. Good luck to all the contestants☺**
- ❖ **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT...** In the Chatfield Gym, come join the fun for a free family movie. The film begins at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 25.
- ❖ **MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE...** March 1 at 6:30, the middle school will be conducting an open house. Hope to see you there☺
- ❖ **SPIRIT WEEK...** It is never too early to plan for some fun spirit.
  - Monday, March 19 Crazy Hair and Socks Day
  - Tuesday, March 20 Beach Day
  - Wednesday, March 21 Book Character Day Author Visit Wendy Halperin All Day
  - Thursday, March 22 Pajama Day
  - Friday, March 23 Blue and Green Day
  - Friday Evening PIE Event: Family Gym Night

## 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, students will be beginning a new theme called Voices of the Revolution. They will be reading the last two chapters in *The Watson's go to Birmingham* and *Then What Happened Paul Revere*. This week's vocabulary test will be on Friday. **There will be no spelling tests for the rest of the school year.**

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

In Social Studies, we will continue our study of the thirteen colonies. Their focus this week will be on Triangular Trade and the Middle Passage.

In Writer's Workshop, students will be completing their second cold writing prompt.

Please look for the section in each newsletter that has student's reflections of their visit to Suncrest. Thank you Mrs. White for volunteering every Friday to transport students to and from Suncrest.

February 21	Science Fair Rough Draft form due
February 22	Extra-Curricular group Photos for the Yearbook- Please wear your appropriate apparel for your group
February 24	College Day (wear your favorite college apparel)
February 25	Movie Night 6:30 Chatfield Gym
February 28	Chatfield Spelling Bee 6:30 Chatfield Gym
March 1	Middle School Open House 6:30-7:30
March 8	Science Fair
March 23	Jam Band Performance



## ***SERVICE LEARNING IS FUN!!!!***

*My experience at Suncrest was amazing. We played kickball with a beach ball. The residents at Suncrest were very nice. We also passed out Valentines, they were happy. - Alex*

Today I went to Suncrest, to visit the old people. At first I was really nervous and partly shy. As soon as we got there we started delivering the Valentines that we made. When we delivered them to the people in the Salon, the staff told us that the girls were so happy that they cried. Next we went and started playing kick ball with Barbra, Benny, Richard, Willa Dean, the oldest of all Herald, he was 103 years old. I thought that was really cool. Richard was a really good kicker; sometimes he even kicked it so high that it hit my face. Then after a little while of playing ball it was time to go. I thought it was a great experience. - Kate

*Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> I went to Suncrest an elderly home, I had so many emotions when I walked through the front door but soon I saw the only emotion needed was happiness. I played kick ball with old people and I had a good time. I met the oldest man there he 103 years old his name is Harold. When I delivered valentine cards some people were so happy they even cried, I had a great time and loved the experience, I hope everyone realizes how much fun I had. - Trenton*

My experience at Suncrest was amazing. I got to do games and give out valentines. The game we played was kick ball but it's not what your thinking we just kicked the biggest ball I have ever seen in the circle. It was the best experience I have done. I also got to see my great uncle. - Hunter



### **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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