

The Ray News

February 6, 2012

Important News

- ❖ **CONFERENCES...** Student-led conferences for 5th grade students will be held this 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 5th 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) 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
- ❖ **REPORT CARDS...** Report cards were sent home Friday, February 3. Please return the signed envelope as soon as possible.
- ❖ **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☺
- ❖ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION...** All 5th 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.**

Conference Week!!!

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.

We will only be meeting for shortly for literacy this week. This week there will not be a vocabulary test. Students will read Chapter 12 and 13 in The Watson's Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis. **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.

In Social Studies, we will continue our study of the thirteen colonies. Their focus this week will be on slavery and its role in the thirteen colonies.

In Writer's Workshop, students will practice descriptive writing and the use of adjectives with three fun writing activities: Pucker Up, Kiss and Tell, and Bon Appetite. Please ask your child about the fun they are having in writing.

Students will also be making Valentine's Cards for the residents at Suncrest for this week's service learning team to deliver during their trip. 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.

Mrs. Williams will be joining us on February 6, 2012. She is from the conservation district and will be doing a presentation on groundwater.

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



SERVICE LEARNING IS FUN!!!!

At Suncrest, we had a good time. In the beginning we were all nervous and anxious. We got to paint with them. They were very VERY nice! Now, I wonder if I smell like a baby... Well, anyway, The old lady I was with was a good painter and she wasn't even an artist. The painting was fun. – **Cole**

I felt nervous at first, because I didn't know how it would go, but at the end it was really fun! At the end of it all, I felt bad about them and their conditions it was sad, but I had fun with them. – **Cody**

Today we went to Suncrest. In the beginning I was really scared and nervous. I thought we were going to be alone! When we got there I figured out that we were all going to be together in one big room. At first we didn't know what we were going to do. Then the lady said "ok now we are going to paint!"

I was really excited because I love to paint. The lady that I worked with was really nice. Her name was Virginia and her favorite color was yellow. I painted her 5 pictures!!!! The lady thought that Cody was my boyfriend but I just said no we are just friends. So in the end I had lots of fun! – **Katy**

Today I meet some one named Dale Brill. I felt awesome. We helped them paint Valentine's pictures. Dale did all the painting. Suncrest was huge. Dale was very nice he told Mrs. Lynch and me about his life. – **Spencer**

Today I went to Suncrest. It was very fun! I actually felt very nervous about going but it turned out well. I met an elderly woman. She was a VERY good painter. I got to help her paint 4 pictures. She got to paint some of the outlines on the pictures. I helped with the other 3! I never really learned her name though. I signed my name on all of them and on one I put "Happy Valentines Day!" I thought it was fun. I had to finish up very quick so I got blue paint all over my hands! But she kept saying that she was such a bad painter and that she wanted me to do what I wanted.

I had a very fun time. Some people were actually blind! I felt very bad about all of the conditions they had. I wish I could go again. Suncrest was also very very big! I hope I actually do get to do that again. – **Sophie C.**

Today I went to Suncrest , in the beginning I was nervous, but in the end we all had fun. All the people there were nice. While we were there we helped them paint. The guy I was with really liked purple and liked roses. Someone who was there was a really good singer and was super nice. We all had a fun and want to go again. – **Rebecca**



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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