

"B" Informed

Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade News



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P.I.E. MEETING TONIGHT AT 6:30 IN THE LIBRARY!
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Important News

Wow!! What a great Curriculum Night turn-out! We appreciate all who attended the meeting. Thank you for your support!

- **Planner...**The planner is intended to be used as an organizational tool for your child and a way for you to be informed of what is happening each day in the classroom. It may also be used as a tool for parent-teacher communication. Please take time with your child to emphasize the importance of using a planner.
- **School Web Site...** You can access the school web site at www.chatfieldschool.org. At the sixth grade homeroom page you will find pictures highlighting students actively engaged in their learning, links to our sixth grade reading and writing blog and be reminded of important upcoming events. If your child forgets to bring home the "B" Informed you can easily access the newsletter by going to our middle school newsletters page. The web site contains information regarding all school events and activities. Be sure to add it to your "Favorites" list.
- **Sixth Grade Teacher's Lounge Fundraiser...** As a fundraiser the sixth grade sells snack goods, soda and water in the teacher's lounge. *All sales are used to pay expenses towards our class trip. We would appreciate a monetary one time donation of \$10-\$20 to purchase snack items. Please send your donation in to your child's homeroom teacher. THANK YOU!!!*
- **6th Grade Trip Fundraising Opportunity...** Lapeer area and Imlay City area Discount Cards sold until September 27. For each discount card your child sells, you will see a 60% return to your individual fundraising account. Cards can be signed in and out by seeing our sixth grade teaching assistant, Michele Guerra. All funds raised and unsold cards should be returned to Mrs. Guerra.

"A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral."

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 discuss the role of government in our lives. **Constitution Day is today!** Students developed a classroom constitution, completed a lesson on the U.S. Constitution the role of the federal government. We will also read and discuss various forms of governmental systems specifically found in the Western Hemisphere. Finally, students will explore the role of culture and traditions through reading and discussing various folktales.

In Science, students will continue the ecosystems unit of study. Students will complete learning centers where they will read and discuss text with the sixth grade teachers, complete an online web quest on monarch butterflies, and visit an interactive web site where they will learn about food webs and food chains. Students will understand the difference between a community and population of an ecosystem. Other key concepts include, producer, consumer, and decomposer.

Students will also meet in their Restoration of Prairies and Ponds Groups, a project started two years ago as a partnership between fifth and sixth grade. Some students are focusing on maintaining nestboxes found on the property, while others are studying the Savannah Prairie. This project is currently funded by a grant received by the fifth and sixth grade teachers and Peter McCreedy, The Toyota Tapestry Science Grant. We are working to increase biodiversity of plant, bird and animal species to Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale.

In English Language Arts students will read and discuss literature composed by Patricia Polacco. Additionally, we will continue reading aloud *Harris and Me* by Gary Paulson. Students will compose a short narrative writing piece to a prompt provided by the teacher.

Home-School Connection Feel Free to Contact Us!

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Important News Cont'd

Safety is Important!

To provide a safe and smooth end-of-the-day exit for our Lower-El and Kindergarten students, please remain on the upper level of the main entrance hallway (near the office areas) and off to the side.

Lower-el students and Kindergartners need to be safely escorted by their teacher out of the building.

Thank you in advance for your understanding!



Outdoor Sessions...

Students should expect to go outdoors every Friday afternoon to participate in our restoration project or to complete a Phenology (study of seasonal change) activity. Students should come to school dressed to go outdoors, to possibly get muddy or wet. They should have on hand a change of clothes, socks and shoes. Boots or old tennis shoes are suggested.



Library begins this week!

Students will visit the library on Tuesdays between 9-10 a.m. Additionally, students will take turns each week reading to a toddler from our Wee Dolphins Child Care.



Important CMS Dates...

- Grand Tour and Grand Pie Grandparents Evening Sept. 29, 6-7:30
- CMS DANCE: October 29, 7-9 p.m... More details to come...
- Progress Reports, Oct. 14
- MEAP Testing, Oct. 11 and 12, Oct. 18 and 19
- Chatfield Fall Festival...More details to come...Oct. 29



This Wednesday students will participate in a hands-on science activity called, "Portable Pond Ecology" with Randy Baker from Naturalist Endeavors.