

# “B” INFORMED

Bierbusse/Boyle 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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Wednesday is Detroit Tiger's Day! Wear your Spirit  
wear- Hats included! ☺  
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## CLASSROOM CORNER

## IMPORTANT NEWS

- **School Web Site...** You can access the school web site at [www.chatfieldschool.org](http://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!!!*
- **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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

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 continue to discuss U.S. government and the purpose of a checks and balances system. Students will also review the Bill of Rights and complete a lesson on U.S. citizenship. 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 continue working in learning centers where they will read and discuss text with the sixth grade teachers, complete an online web quest on how the Asian Carp affects our Great Lakes ecosystem, 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. **Students should expect to go outdoors every Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Thank you!**

In English Language Arts students will read and discuss literature composed by Patricia Polacco. In addition, students will read, respond and discuss the text to develop comprehension skills and improve reading fluency. Next week, we will begin our novel study, Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen.

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