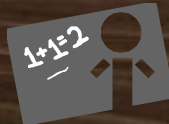


"B" Informed

Bierbusse/Boyle 6th Grade



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Welcome back to school!

Visit the Chatfield web site:
www.chatfieldschool.org

Important News

- **Welcome Parents and Students! We look forward to an exciting year of learning and growing. If you have any questions regarding your child's education and progress feel free to contact us!**

Mrs. Bierbusse, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. McGeary

- **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.
- **Meet the Teacher Night** is Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.. Parents are invited to join the Middle School team in the gym for an informational meeting regarding grade level curriculum and upcoming important events. During the last half of the presentation sixth grade parents will meet in the sixth grade area where we will share information regarding this year's class trip. Parents will also have an opportunity to browse through literature selections, math textbooks, social studies and science materials. As partners in your child's education we look forward to seeing you there!
- **Middle School Academic Policies Letter...** Parents, please take time to read and discuss the attached document with your child. Our policy letter contains important information for the success of your child.
- **Fall Picture Day:** Wednesday, September 16.
- **Constitution Day:** Thursday, September 17. Wear red, white and blue! J
- Congratulations Mrs. Boyle and family!
Grayson Thomas Boyle was born Friday, August 28. He was 8lbs 3oz and 21in long. Baby and mom are fantastic! J

Classroom Corner

This week students will be engaged in various team building activities. We will also discuss procedures and classroom expectations. Please discuss the various activities, procedures and expectations with your child.

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 take an assessment testing their understanding of using a world map and their knowledge of specific geographic features.

In Science, students will begin the ecosystems unit of study next week. To start, we will go pond dipping and engage in a class discussion as we review the concepts: producer, consumer and decomposer. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and has the proper foot wear for pond dipping. We suggest water shoes, old sneakers or rubber boots. They must have a change of shoes and a change of clothes is highly recommended.

English Language Arts will consist of an introduction to Writer's Workshop and phenology. Phenology requires students to be engaged in closely observing seasonal change and to describe their observations in writing. We will also begin reading aloud *Harris and Me* by Gary Paulson. In addition, students will read and discuss literature composed by Patricia Polacco.

Home-School Connection
Feel Free to Contact Us!

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Important News Cont'd

Please sign and return this newsletter indicating that you understand a newsletter will be posted Mondays online at The Chatfield School web site: www.chatfieldschool.org

Under the Middle School menu you will find a link to the middle school newsletters. This link will allow you to view and print the newsletters at home.

We will only send home a newsletter with your child upon request.

If you are unable to view and print the newsletter at home and would like to receive a paper copy, please check the box below. THANK YOU!! J

I understand that a newsletter will be posted Mondays online. I also understand that newsletters provide important information regarding upcoming classroom events.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like to receive a paper copy of "B Informed, The sixth grade newsletter.

Welcome MRS. McGeary!!

My name is Tracy McGeary and I am thrilled to be back here at Chatfield. Most of you know that I had the privilege of filling in for Mrs. Wolinski last year while she had her baby. I am excited about having many of the same students.

I am a lifelong resident of Lapeer. I received my bachelor's degree from Oakland University. I worked for Lapeer Community Schools full time about 13 years ago and then I took time off to have my babies. My husband and I celebrated our 20 year anniversary this summer. We have four children: Brian, 17, Justine, 15, Gregory, 13 and Eric, 11. I love sports especially if my children are playing. I enjoy golfing, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

I am really looking forward to a great time with the 6th graders. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



August and September Birthdays!

Emily S. 8/12
Mrs. Guerra 8/16
Nathan T. 8/31
Caleb C. 9/5
Haley B. 9/12
Parker W. 9/13
Logan C. 9/17
Travis C. 9/5

Outdoor Sessions Scheduled...

Students need to bring a change of clothing and foot wear for Monday, September 14th and Friday, September 18th. They also need to wear closed toe sandals, an old pair of sneakers or water shoes. No rubber boots or flip flops. Peter will not allow students to go into the water barefoot.