

CHATFIELD NEWS

May 11, 2020

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTORS

Our focus must be on student learning and that means we need to continue to partner together enthusiastically supporting our students' online education. Those students that are putting their full effort into their studies are going to be well prepared for the next grade. We have had excellent participation and great student results with online learning! Please continue to support your child's online learning. Additionally, it is very valuable for your child to be reading 20-30 minutes per night and working on math facts and mathematic practices. Mathematic practices at all ages include working with change and money; doubling, tripling or halving a recipe; and measuring for sewing or building, etc.

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the teacher appreciation car parade last week! Thank you also to everyone that expressed thanks with emails, letters, gifts, and treats! Your appreciation to the fantastic teachers is very kind and meaningful.

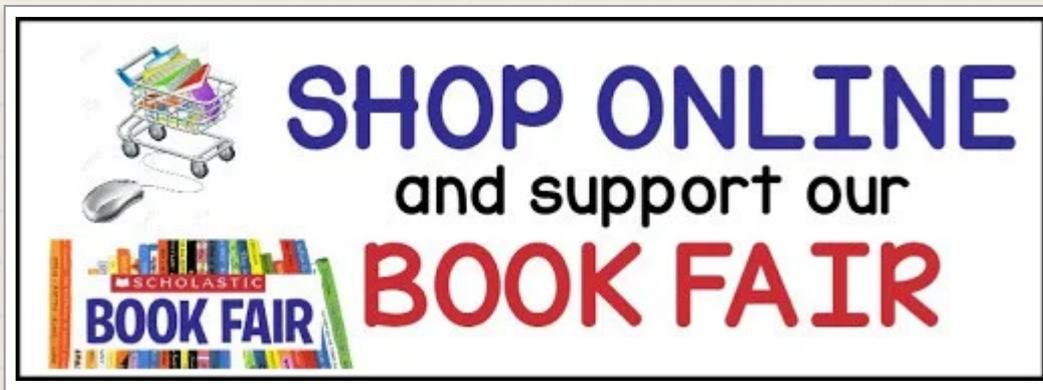
In the next couple of weeks we will outline plans for students to clean out lockers and classrooms, turn in materials and Chromebooks, and pick up their summer reading assignment while maintaining social distancing. Also stay tuned for plans regarding recognizing our 8th grade students. Currently, each day we are recognizing our 8th grade students on Facebook and Instagram. Please follow Chatfield School:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChatfieldSchool>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chatfieldschooldolphins/>

In coordination with other Lapeer County schools, there will be no student activities, camps, or programs at Chatfield through mid-August. Our goal is to have a healthy opening to the school year in August!

Below in this newsletter we have highlighted some student work and projects. Keep up the great job! If your child would like to submit work or news to be included in the school newsletter please send it to bkraly@chatfieldschool.org.



ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – ENDS THIS WEEK

Even though school is not open, we want to offer the Book Fair to our families.



[LINK to Book Fair!](#)

All book-only orders over \$25 will ship free to your home.

We've teamed up with the popular Scholastic Store online to offer an all-new Virtual Book Fair experience where customers can shop exclusive titles, best-sellers, Raise a Reader Sets, collections, and more! Shoppers can take advantage of free standard shipping on book-only orders over \$25 and all orders ship to the location of your choice, which is great for gifting. Please watch for instructions on how to access the Scholastic Store through the school's Book Fair Homepage.

6TH GRADE AND 7TH GRADE TRIPS

If you and/or your child was scheduled for the 6th or 7th grade class trips, please see the letter regarding refunds or credits at the bottom of this newsletter.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The first day of school is scheduled for Monday, August 24. We are looking forward to the new school year. The school year calendar is attached to this newsletter.

NOT RETURNING TO CHATFIELD? PLEASE LET US KNOW

We need your help with finalizing enrollment. If your child will not be returning to Chatfield in August please inform us via email to Mr. Young at myoung@chatfieldschool.org by Monday, June 1, 2020. This will allow us to plan effectively for the coming school year.

SIBLING ENROLLMENT...PAST DUE

Siblings of enrolled Chatfield students are given priority for any vacancies during the enrollment of new students.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year (student must be 5 or turning 5 no later than September 1st) or a child/children in grades K-8 who is/are NOT enrolled in Chatfield School currently, and you would like to have their siblings added to our sibling waiting list, please complete the form below by April 17, 2020. [FORM LINK](#)

WEE DOLPHINS ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

Have you heard about our Wee Dolphins program? Wee Dolphins Childcare is a place for children ages 2-5 years old to come and learn pre-reading skills, early math skills, science, and art. We also spend our days playing with friends and developing socially. We endeavor to have a balance of teacher guided academic centers along with play based/hands on learning experiences to give children a great start to their education. We also get to participate in all that Chatfield has to offer, including visiting the Willows, attending music class, playing in the gym, and enjoying the library with Mrs. Neumann. For more information, and to get your child enrolled, please fill out the Wee Dolphins Waiting List form <https://forms.gle/R6i1WdpjrsDNMTgK7>.



FREE MEAL PICK UP

Chatfield will continue to work collaboratively with Lapeer Community Schools providing breakfast and lunch to all children under 18 years old and students with special needs under 26 years old.

Meals will be distributed using drive-thru pick-up style at the Center for Innovation Building located at 170 Millville Rd in Lapeer between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Each bag will contain a breakfast and a lunch.

Tuesdays – *Pick up Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday meals.*

Fridays – *Pick up Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday meals.*



TIPS FOR PARENTS ABOUT ONLINE INSTRUCTION

1. Check Google Classroom daily with your child.
2. Provide your child with a quality work space that is free of distractions. Provide some scrap paper, pencils, etc.

3. Provide reading support or explanation of the directions as needed.
4. Talk positively about learning and doing school work online. We know this can be tough! Your attitude will impact your child's attitude.
5. Parents, you are the guide, but you are not the evaluator. Try to be non-judgemental with your child. Adhere to your expectations of completion, but allow the classroom teacher to provide the evaluation and feedback of actual quality of work.

INTERNET ACCESS AT CHATFIELD

Internet access is available for Chatfield devices in the north parking lot around the library and the gym lobby area. Basically, where you would park in the middle school pick up line should provide good service. Most libraries in the county are providing internet access in the parking lots.

ONLINE SAFETY

With over 100 additional devices out to Chatfield families we want to remind everyone of the importance of keeping children safe online. Using various applications, Chatfield School monitors the use of our technology and is able to see how each device is being used. While Chatfield School does have firewalls in place to help with online security, parents must provide supervision of all computer use. The parent/guardian is ultimately responsible for a minor's use of technology. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Parents' rules about technology stand. If a child is not able to follow your rules he or she should not use the technology.
2. Set guidelines for when the technology can be used.
3. Set a time at night when technology must be off. Minimally 30 to 60 minutes before sleep.
4. Keep the device in an open space in the house.
5. Be aware of your child's online activity. Teach your child not to give out personal information.

GETTING SUPPORT FOR A TECHNOLOGY ISSUE

To request support for your Chatfield issued device, please email your request to Helpdesk@chatfieldschool.org. Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Huestis will be happy to help you.

CHROMEBOOKS TURN IN FOR THE SUMMER

All Chatfield issued Chromebooks will be collected the first week of June when families come to clean out lockers.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

We do intend to have a completed yearbook for the 2019-2020 school year, though it may not be done until later this summer. These will be for everyone that turned in an order form.

STUDENT WORK HIGHLIGHTS!

Walk Two Moons Collaboration Project



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P.I.E. BOX TOPS – IMPORTANT UPDATE

We know the program has been through a lot of changes, but we're still collecting box tops! Please keep collecting at home if it is possible for you to do so.





2020-21 Chatfield School Calendar

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