RETURN EMERGENCY CARDS THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

Please return the pink emergency card to your homeroom teacher on Wednesday, Sept. 2 or Thursday, Sept. 3. It is important that we have your updated information. Thank you.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

At this time of year we sometimes have longer than usual wait times for drop off and pick up everyday as people develop their routines. Please be patient and watch for pedestrians that may be crossing through the lot. Please keep your speeds SLOW and be careful!!

PICTURE DAY SEPT. 10

Picture Day is Thursday, September 10, 2020. Each child should bring home a personalized form this week. Detach the envelope section and have your child bring it in on picture day. Please note the form includes a student specific code for online ordering.

USE THE WEBSITE
WWW.CHATFIELDSCHOOL.ORG

Do you have a question? Maybe wondering what's for lunch or how to sign up for an event? Most likely there is a link on the school website. Take a look. Find your child's grade level information. We try to keep the website updated regularly.
ARE YOU USING SKYWARD?

The answer should be yes! All parents should be able to log into the student data system, Skyward from www.chatfieldschool.org. If you need a user name or password please contact Mrs. Borck at lborck@chatfieldschool.org.

LIBRARY NEWS!

Dear Chatfield Families,

Library at this time will be “Library on a Cart” Students will be able to check out a book from a selection brought to the classroom. If your child has a particular book or author they would like, please feel free to email the request to the Library, or they can tell us or give us a note. We will do our best to accommodate the requests.

Books will be due back the following week. However if their book is too long to finish in that time, they may let us know and they will be given additional time.

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HOT LUNCH NEWS

Please check our lunch menu online at chatfieldschool.org. We will be delivering hot lunches and milk to classrooms daily.
You are welcome to send in cash daily for lunches and milk. However, you are also welcome to visit chatfieldschool.org to make a payment that will credit your student(s) accounts. From the homepage click on Online Payments. You will need your Skyward username and password to login, or you may click on Quick Pay. You may also send in a check with your student or drop off payment to the school office. Whatever way is best and easiest for you is fine with us! We look forward to serving your student(s) this year.

Payment Portal

VOLLEYBALL IS STARTING UP!

Grades 5-8 Volleyball is getting started. Use this LINK to register.

BIKE CLUB - A FALL SEASON ADVENTURE LEAGUE

HELD EVERY TUESDAY

The first Bike Club of the season is Tuesday, September 8 from 3:45-4:30pm. Bike club is free and open to any student grades 3-8. Parents and non-Chatfield students are welcome. Please sign up using this LINK and arrive by 3:45. We will do most of our riding on the new Oakdale trail system, 9 miles of single track with no road crossings. This multi-use, natural surface trail offers some amazing terrain for us to enjoy. Bikes brought in before school can be put on the bike rack near the gym or parked out by the Willows. Helmets are mandatory and we do have loaners. Please direct questions to Mr Brady or Peter. Bike club will last approximately 8 weeks.

Students should have a mask with them and wear when they are close together. No mask will be required once with their bikes since we will be outside and practicing social distancing. Staff
STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM MRS. KRESS, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

As we begin our first week back to school every single one of us comes with our own concerns, fears, anxieties and also excitements. Each new school year brings its own challenges but this year seems to take the cake as far as I’m concerned. We are all approaching this year with varying levels of comfort but as the adults it is our job to make sure that the children feel safe and secure.

Many times our anxieties stem from questions about the unknown. When we don’t know what to expect, many of us tend to feel distressed. When children are feeling this way one of the best steps we can take is to create some predictability for your child. A great way to do this can be to create some morning rituals or routines that your family does everyday. Music is associated in our brain with relaxation, so creating a morning playlist to listen to while your family gets ready to come to school is a great way to start the day and ease anxiety. Another idea is to help your child state their fear or concern and name the feelings associated with the worry. We can help by validating their feelings and then offering our children something to look forward to to help them push through. We can also help our children with some mental rehearsal by having them close their eyes and imagine the steps they will have to take to get through whatever it is they might be concerned about. If they reach a spot in mental rehearsal that produces anxiety, we can help them brainstorm ideas for problem solving and mentally practice working through the problem.

Finally, as adults we all have our own big feelings and worries. It is so important that we are taking steps to care for ourselves so that we can be strong, competent and confident adults for our children. They will model our feelings and behaviors and though it is important to be genuine and authentic, our children need to see us managing our own emotions in a healthy way. Let them know “I feel worried, too; but we can do this!” As always, I am here for each one of you! Please don’t hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do to support you or your child! We really are all in this together!

SPECIAL THANKS!

Chatfield School would like to thank Lapeer County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) for the very generous donation of school supplies and backpacks for students that may need them. Thank you YAC!
**SPECIAL THANKS!**

Chatfield School would like to thank Lapeer Kiwanis Club and Lapeer Optimists that generously donated funds this past Spring to allow Chatfield to mail leveled readers to all of our K-2 students. We appreciate the generosity of the Lapeer Kiwanis Club and the Lapeer Optimists. Thank you for your support!

**FROM THE DIRECTORS**

The 2020-2021 school year promises to be a productive and memorable school year for all. We are all living through a historical time. Our students and staff are incredible and we are very proud of everyone's efforts to make the start of the school year special and educationally challenging. Teachers are working hard to develop relationships with the students that will impact each child's learning all through the year.

Student health and safety is a top priority. We are in continual contact with the health department monitoring the status of COVID-19 conditions. The Chatfield staff is well trained to adhere to safety and cleaning protocols.

Please keep the lines of communication open. Sometimes, as parents, when we have a concern or concerns, we hesitate to share our concerns because we think they might be wrong, or we will look like we are complaining. Please, do not be hesitant to share your concerns with us via phone call or email. We will address your concerns as best we can. We want all parents to know that we value your opinions and ideas. Even if we can not act to please every parent, rest assured that your ideas and concerns are valued and fully considered.

**CAMP LAEL 5K**

Chatfield has partnered with Camp Lael for 24 years! This year's Walk-Run will be held Saturday September 19, 2020. Registration Fee $25 minimum Includes T-Shirt and lunch. Proceeds benefit the Camp Lael summer camp scholarship fund.

Please visit our website at camplael.com to get signed up! Hope to see you on Saturday, September 19, 2020.
The curriculum tie ins for this lesson are vast. Here third graders are learning about plants, energy pathway, and alternatives.

P.I.E. GROUP PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Please stay tuned for information from Chatfield P.I.E. We would like you to get involved!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

8/31/2020 First Day of School Last names A-L
9/1/2020 First Day of School Last names M-Z
9/1/2020 No School Last names A-L
9/2/2020 All students report
9/4/2020 No School
9/7/2020 Labor Day No School
9/10/2020 School Picture Day
10/16/2020 No School
10/19/2020 No School
10/23/2020 End of First Marking Period
10/23/2020 Half Day of School Dismissal 11:30am