

# Chamberlain Elementary School

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## The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

March greets us with a true feeling of busy! It is such a joy to come to the enthusiasm of Chamberlain each morning! The students are growing everyday, and there is an atmosphere of aiming high for learning! As we approach the weeks ahead, keep in mind the importance of encouraging your child! This encouragement can come in many forms. Begin by asking your child each day some thing they learned, follow up by wishing them well for their day at school. Take time to sit and read with your child. This 15 minutes or more can encourage them and help their learning. If you don't have a chance to see your child in the morning before school you can leave them a note to tell them to have a good day. Some of this may not be usual practice for you or your family, but it is never too late to start. Having a positive relationship with your child will open the door to communication between you and them, and this is important for all the stages of their life. If you would like more tips on how to encourage your child please feel free to contact me, I would be happy to speak with you or meet with you.

As we look ahead, we have ISTEP assessments coming soon for our 3-5 grade students. Please be aware of these dates and make sure your child gets plenty of rest, that you encourage them to do their best, and that they eat breakfast at home or at the school offered breakfast. As we approach assessments remember it is about aiming for success, but also for your child to show growth from the learning. Ask your child about their growth at school, ask them how they know where their learning is. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students can share with you about data walls and how this is showing their growth!

As always, we are in this together, and the goal is supporting students and student achievement. We are Team Chamberlain, I am glad to be part of it with you!

## PTO NEWS:

- Mar 4– 7:00pm– PTO Meeting. All parents welcome! The new lunch visitation policies will be discussed with Mrs. Branham.
- Please remember to collect Box Tops. All money collected from the Box Tops goes to the playground fund.
- Like Chamberlain PTO on Facebook.

## UPCOMING DATES:

**Mar 4—ISTEP testing for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade**  
Be sure your student is well rested and eats a good breakfast. Please try to schedule appointments around the testing schedule.

**Mar 4—7:00pm**—PTO meeting; Mrs. Kinchen's room-  
**Mar 4 6—7pm— GMS** Informational meeting for the parents of incoming 6th graders (2013-2014)  
**Mar 8 & 22**—Popcorn Day

**Mar 18—IREAD testing begins for 3rd grade**  
Be sure your student is well rested and eats a good breakfast. Please try to schedule appointments around the testing schedule

**Mar 19—5:30-7:30pm Family Craft Night**  
Join us for a fun night of making crafts! This is for the whole family to enjoy.



**Mar 27-April 5**

## Notes from the Nurse:

**Immunization Update!!** Starting next school year (Aug 2013-2014) ALL students will need to have 2 varicella (chicken pox) immunizations. This will affect all current 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please check your child's immunization records. If you have any questions, please call here or your doctor's office.

We have been blessed by many people in the community who love to help our students here at Chamberlain. One of those ways is the donation of hats from several local churches. Through these donations we were able to give each student a hat. That was over 400 hats!! This was an exciting thing for us to be able to do. You can check out the Chamberlain website to see pictures of this.