

# Chamberlain Elementary School

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## **The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham**

The new year is just around the corner! With the coming of January will be the cold wintery weather. As the classic song says, "the weather outside is frightful" and the days can seem long when the kids can not play outside; but instead of turning on the TV, I encourage you to use this time to read with your child, or encourage them to snuggle in with a good book. The impact of spending quality time reading can be tremendous!

I invite all of you to join us on Monday, Jan 7 for our PTO meeting. This is a fun time to meet with other parents and help plan activities for the school. You can also connect with other families on Jan 29 at the Parenting Class. Child care will be provided for this evening. Getting involved sends a positive message to your child! I encourage you to take part when you can, we are in this together!

*Happy Holidays!* Mrs. Branham

## **PTO NEWS:**

Keep collecting those Box Tops! We have collected 5,637 so far this year! All money raised goes toward a new playground.

Next PTO meeting: Mon, Jan 7—7:00pm

## **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

Our fresh fruit and vegetable program continues to be a success. We have been serving two fruits and one vegetable each week as a snack for students. Some snacks are a big hit, and others aren't quite so great. But it's been a great way to try some fruits and vegetables that we don't normally eat. Find out what your students favorites have been!

## **Counselor's Corner:**

Attention parents of all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls!

A new program, Girls on the Run, will be starting here at Chamberlain March 5 and run through May 18. Fifteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls will have the opportunity to practice twice a week for 10 weeks to walk or run a non-competitive 5K (3.1 miles) May 18 in South Bend.

All practices will include a healthy snack and will have activities focusing on:

- Self esteem
- Healthy living
- Friendship
- Body image
- Gossip
- And much more!

An informational flyer promoting the program should be coming home today with more information in January. Please call me anytime for more information.

Mrs. Johnson

## **FROM THE OFFICE:**

A reminder from Mrs. Wolfe, bookkeeper: payments for text book rental are accepted Mon-Fri; from 7:00am—3:30pm. Payments can be cash, check, or money order and for any amount. All text book fees need to be paid by the end of the school year (May 2013).

Goshen College is hosting a "baseball academy in Jan and Feb. It is open to any student grades 1-12. Please contact the Chamberlain office if interested; or visit: [www.USBBaseballAcademy.com](http://www.USBBaseballAcademy.com)

**Birthday reminder:** please remember to check with your child's teacher before bringing birthday treats to school. Each classroom has their own way of celebrating these important events!

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

January 7-PTO meeting; 7:00pm  
January 29—Parenting Class at Chamberlain  
6:30-8:00pm