



Chamberlain Elementary School

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The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

It has been a busy November at Chamberlain and I predict December to be equally busy! Among the busy, it is important to take time to recognize all of the constant efforts that are occurring here at Chamberlain! The efforts are to make the most of your child's day. It is a daily joy for me to walk the classrooms of Chamberlain to observe the students in a caring learning environment. I am confident that each teacher and staff member is giving his/her all, to contribute! The gift of giving is always in season at Chamberlain!

Family nights are growing! The Family Game Night was a success. Many families joined us for BINGO, popcorn, drinks, and memories! Family game time can occur at home, we encourage you use the games that were sent home. It is an inexpensive way to spend time together as a family. Communicating with your child on a daily basis is another way to build relationships and support their learning. There are more Family Nights to come....watch the calendar and come and join us!

Welcome & Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs. Faldoe on her retirement! She has giving so much to Chamberlain in her many years of service. She will be truly missed and we wish her our best!

Welcome Mrs. Hull! Chamberlain is glad to welcome our new secretary! Mrs. Hull comes to us from 12 years at West Goshen Elementary and she recently spent a few months in Texas. We are so thankful to have Mrs. Hull part of Chamberlain, please welcome her when you see her!

Families, please be aware that Mrs. Hull and front office staff might ask for photo identification when picking up a child. This is for your child's protection and to ensure the safety of all.

UPCOMING DATES:

December:

- **3rd** – PTO Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- **19th** - Santa's Shop – Sponsored by PTO
- **Dec. 24- Jan. 4** – Winter Break

January:

- **21st** – No School

Counselor's Corner:

Happy Winter! The air is cold, but thankfully the students keep my heart warm. :)

I am interested in starting a new small group next semester, The Friendship Club. If you are interested in your student learning ways to make and keep new friends, please call me here at Chamberlain or email me a kjohnson@goshenschools.org. **As a reminder, your interest does NOT guarantee your student will be in a group this year, but his or her name will be kept for consideration for future Friendship Clubs. You will be notified with a letter when and if your child is considered.**

Students in the Friendship Club will learn how to: listen to others, ask questions, give compliments, share and cooperate, apologize, ask for help, and many more things, including HAVING FUN once a week for 8 weeks.

We are also fortunate enough to have Ryan's Place on 5th street being able to come to Chamberlain and have weekly small groups that focus on grief with death or loss of a loved one. Groups are formed if there is enough interest in a certain grade level. Again, please call or email me if you are interested in your child participating; if there is not enough interest to make a group, I will be sure to contact you with referral help to Ryan's Place.

Happy Holidays! ~Mrs. Johnson

PTO News:

PTO news: Next PTO meeting December 3 at 7pm in Mrs. Kinchen's room. Santa store will be held on December 19. Popcorn days this month are Dec. 7 and Dec. 21. Mrs. Drescher's and Mrs. Diaz's classes won free popcorn for collecting the most box tops in October. The PTO has opened a storefront for Tinyprints for a fundraiser. A portion of all sales of cards and invitations goes to the PTO. The website is www.tinyprints.com/storefront/chamberlain. Don't forget- please like us on facebook!