

# Chamberlain Elementary School

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## The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

The weather outside might be frightful, but there is warmth of learning here at Chamberlain Elementary. The students are part of learning each day, and we remind them regularly that it "their job" to come to school and the payment for the effort is learning. What an exciting paycheck for our students.

I encourage all of our families to continue to remind your child of the importance of coming to school and making the most of their learning opportunities. Chamberlain has such a devoted staff, it is our mission each day to take your child to the next level of his/her learning. This is truly a team effort. The team consists of your student, the staff of Chamberlain and YOU! You're an important player on the team! The goal is success and growth of the achievement of your child! Being PRESENT in their lives, PRESENT in their learning, and PRESENT in their involvement with others... is such a GIFT!

I encourage you to get involved here at Chamberlain. Come to a PTO meeting, a family night, and ask your child about their learning each day. Not just "how was your day?"; extend it to "tell me something new you learned today, what was the highlight of your day?" This might take time, but the benefits in showing the importance of learning are endless! Feel free to contact me or your child teacher for more ideas on how to get involved or how to encourage your child! Remember it is ALL ABOUT GROWTH!

## 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 fun way to try some fruits and vegetables that we don't normally eat. Find out what your students favorites have been!

## Counselor's Corner:

I hope you're having a wonderful Winter and staying warm (or enjoying the snow if you like that kind of thing!)

**Ryan's Place** is offering to run small groups for grieving students here at Chamberlain. If you have a student still grieving the death or loss of a family member or close one, please contact me at 534-2691 or [kjohnson@goshenschools.org](mailto:kjohnson@goshenschools.org). If there is enough interest, a group MAY be formed and parents would be notified. You may also call Ryan's Place anytime at 304-5645 to receive support for your child(ren).

**Girls on the Run** applications are due February 15! This program is open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The first 15 girls turning in their application and fee will be on the team; any applications received after the first 15 will be put on a waiting list.

**Attendance reminder.** please remember to bring in a doctor note EVERY TIME your child(ren) are absent due to appointments. We never have to question absences when we have this! Any doctor's office will give you one if you ask. Thanks in advance!

Mrs. Johnson

## UPCOMING DATES:

**Feb 4—7:00pm**—PTO meeting; Mrs. Kinchen's room  
**Feb 5—6:30pm**— **GMS** Informational meeting for 5th grade **parents** for "Growing Up" presentation  
**Feb 8**—Popcorn Day  
**Feb 21— 5:50-7:30pm**—BOOK FAIR in the gym  
**Feb 22**— Book Fair open for students

## PTO NEWS:

- Feb 4- 7:00pm- PTO Meeting. All parents welcome!
- The Book Fair is , Feb21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Students will also have a chance to buy books during the day Feb22<sup>nd</sup> . If you would like to volunteer please contact Jessica Elliott at [jesselliott77@msn.com](mailto:jesselliott77@msn.com) . We will need volunteers for both Thurs evening and Friday during the day.
- Our Kleenex supply is very low. Please help us by sending a box of Kleenex with your child to school.