

Chamberlain Elementary School

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The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

Spring is here and it is the last month of the school year! There are many events going on this time of the year, both at school and in the community, mark your calendars. There are many free or low cost opportunities in Goshen for our students and families. Stay in tune, check this out, this can provide enrichment for your children! If your child has been invited to summer school, take advantage of this opportunity for continued learning!

As we jump into spring, days are lighter longer, remember the importance of your child getting enough rest! Research tells us that "Sleep-deprived students tend to be more restless, irritable, and impulsive than other students, they also may be more depressed and have lower self-esteem than their classmates who sleep more. Another consequence of sleep deprivation is lower academic achievement. Poor sleepers are more likely to fail a grade than other students are." Please be sure to create routines that help your child get enough sleep. Elementary students need 10-11 hours of sleep per day. If you would like some tips on helping your child get more sleep, please feel free to contact me. Sleep plays an important role in learning!

As we approach the last few weeks of school, I encourage students to stay strong EVERYDAY, at Chamberlain. It has been a wonderful first year for me as principal! It is an honor to be at Chamberlain with our students, families, and the amazing staff that are devoted to the learning of your children. Thank you for the role you play in the lives of your children, they look to you as a role model, please don't take this opportunity lightly.

UPCOMING DATES:

- **May 17** Popcorn Day!
- **May 27** Memorial Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- **May 28** **5th grade Celebration**
1:30-2:00pm—desserts with families in gym
- **May 29** **Last Day of School**

Counselor's Corner

Happy Spring, and Happy May!

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over and I will be completing my fourth school year as your child(ren)'s counselor. What a joy and privilege it is to know and support them.

I wanted to give a brief update of what I am doing at all grade levels, and around the school as well:

Kindergarten- we have been working on giving a "Bug and a Wish" to resolve conflicts when bothered, and we will finish the year thinking about what we want to be when we grow up!

1st and 2nd grades- We have been talking about school responsibilities and compare them to adult job responsibilities so they can see the connection that what they are doing now is practice to be successful as an adult!

3rd grade- We are exploring various careers and talking about using our time effectively.

4th grade- We discovered our learning styles and are learning the SMART way to set school and life goals.

5th grade- We are exploring cultural differences and similarities and will transition to thinking about life at GMS next year.

I am also ending the school year with K, 1st, and 2nd, and 3rd grade Friendship Club small groups, as well as 11 graduates from 4th and 5th grade Organizational Skills Boot Camp!

Our 4th and 5th grade Student Leadership Team will end they year with doing a service project here at school, cleaning the playground and maintaining our landscaping.

And our Girls on the Run team will celebrate May 18 by running a 5K together in South Bend! Whew!

Enjoy these last precious weeks of school, and have a joyful and safe summer. READ!

Mrs. Johnson

PTO NEWS:

- Please remember to collect Box Tops over the summer. All money collected from the Box Tops goes to the playground fund.