

Chamberlain Elementary School

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The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

Welcome back to all! It has been a very busy and exciting-few weeks! I want to thank families for the support of getting your students back in the swing of the school routine. It takes ALL of us to work together to support these children in their learning journey! I am thankful each day for the supportive Chamberlain Staff. This building is full of individuals who value your child. Learning is what happens at Chamberlain Elementary, it takes all of us working together! I encourage you to ask your child daily about learning. Go beyond, "how was your day". Ask specifically, what they learned, a success that they had, what challenged them. Take time and make it a point to talk with your child(ren) daily, this is both a short and long term investment.

I look forward to a year full of learning at Chamberlain Elementary. I look forward to seeing all of you, and meeting our new Chamberlain Families! Plan to come to the monthly family nights!

Welcome to our new staff:

Miss Krug 4th grade teacher
Mrs. Haseley 5th teacher
Mr. Bokhart – Teacher on Special Assignment
as Assistant Principal
Mrs. Penner – Librarian
Mr. Bigler—lunchroom custodian
Mr. Wheeler—evening custodian

PTO NEWS:

All parents are welcome to join PTO! It is a great way to get involved at Chamberlain. Some events the PTO is involved in are popcorn days, santa store, fundraisers, ice cream social, and the Fun Fair! Meetings are the 1st Monday that school is in session of each month at 7 pm. The first meeting of the year will be September 9. All volunteers at the school must have a background check on file.

Please continue to collect box tops again this year. There will be monthly prizes for classes that collect the most box tops and a grand prize pizza party at the end of the year.

Please like Chamberlain PTO on facebook. It is a great way to get updates on what is going on at school.

Vote for Chamberlain at givewith.target.com weekly. Target gives our school \$1 for each vote that we get.

Notes from the Nurse:

We have been chosen for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program again. We will be starting this month. I'm excited that we have this opportunity to provide healthy snacks for the children here.

Counselor's Corner

Greetings to all! Happy New School Year!
I am honored to begin my fifth year as your child(ren)'s school counselor. As always, I will providing support for all 395+ of our students with classroom lessons, but am excited to help students achieve in other ways!

Small groups- be on the lookout in your child(ren)'s Monday Folder beginning August 26 for small group referral forms if you feel your child would benefit with further support.

Bookworms- will run as a "small group" book club for those needing additional reading help and may need social/emotional support. Book topics may include bullying, friendships, fitting in, etc.

Individual counseling: for those having social/emotional or academic concerns that need one-on-one support; student will be referred to community resources as needed.

Girls on the Run: IS coming back beginning in March for 4th and 5th grade girls wanting to live healthy, confident lives.

Student Leadership Team: 12 fifth grade students will lead our school in projects to promote success for all.

Career Cafe- a once monthly guest speaker to visit Chamberlain to talk to 3rd graders about their careers beginning in January.

Lunch Bunch- students connect with me during lunch time; if your student is new to Chamberlain this year or is in Kindergarten, please ask them over the next few months if they've had lunch with me! They should say yes! :)

And much more! My wheels are always turning. I'm looking forward to the best school year yet!

Mrs. Johnson

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept 9- PTO meeting; 7pm
Sept 10—Fundraiser \$ due
Sept 12– Picture Day
Sept 24—5:30-7:30pm—Family Resource Night
– free car seat inspections
Sept 27– 5th grade to Camp Amigo