

# Chamberlain Elementary School

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## The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

Fall is here! It is certainly a time to enjoy the fresh air! Take time with your child(ren) to enjoy the season. There are so many possibilities right here in Goshen, many of them free of charge! Your presence in your child's life is the best gift you can give them. Remember the importance of encouragement and talking with you child daily.

Thank you to the many of you that attended parent teacher conferences. This time connecting with your child's teacher is key to success. It does not stop here, recall the things the teacher shared with you and stay connected to school by periodically contacting the teacher and asking your child what they learned each day at school. Don't accept nothing as an answer, have them retell part of the day with you!

We live busy lives, remember it is the quality of the time that you spend with you child! Make it a point to read with you child, it is never too late to start this routine. The time together, learning, and impact it can have on the years ahead is significant. Turn off the TV/technology, even if for an hour each evening! Your child's growth as a learner happens here at Chamberlain, learning can happen anywhere, make it happen! We are in this together!

Mrs. Branham, Principal

## PTO NEWS:

Upcoming PTO meetings are November 4 and December 2 at 7pm in cafeteria. All parents are welcome! Meetings last only about 30-60 minutes.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the book fair and fundraiser pick-up, as well as to all the kids who participated in the fundraiser. It was a success!

Next popcorn day will be November 22. Miss Maust and Mrs. Nafziger's class will receive one free bag of popcorn for being September's box top winners, as well as the October boxtops winners once they are determined.

Goshen Noon Kiwanis has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Elkhart County Community Foundation to be used to help build Chamberlain's playground! We are getting closer!!!

## UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 4- PTO Meeting; 7pm  
Nov 22- Popcorn Day!  
Nov 27, 28, 29—NO SCHOOL; THANKSGIVING BREAK

## Counselor's Corner

Last month, I let parents/guardians know about the new state law, HEA 1423, that mandates schools have a clear plan for reporting and addressing alleged bullying incidents. Part of this plan requires all students at Chamberlain in grades 1-5 to receive bullying prevention education every year. I have provided your students with this with guidance lessons. Please ask your child what he or she has learned.

Students in grades 3-5 have specifically learned that bullying:

Is a **repeated** action in which one person targets another person with the intent to hurt, scare, or embarrass them.

The person targeting the other person is doing so ON PURPOSE.

The person being targeted cannot or doesn't feel they can defend themselves, or the person targeted continues to be bullied even when they try to defend themselves.

***ALL 3 CRITERIA MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR THE INCIDENT TO BE CONSIDERED BULLYING.***

### **Bullying IS NOT:**

Two friends having a conflict

One person giving another person a "put-down" in an isolated situation.

One person "bugging" or "bothering" another person in class.

These incidences are more conflict-related and often times the student can resolve the issue themselves or with adult support. Please ask your student what skills he or she has learned from me to stand up for themselves when "put down", or when having a conflict with a friend.

### ***If you suspect your child is being bullied,***

Learn as much as you can about what happened.

Do not blame anyone, including the alleged bully or your child.

Ask your child what solutions he or she has tried.

***Contact the school and let us know what has happened!***

Work together with the school until the alleged bullying is resolved.

If we all work together, we can help our school be as safe and welcoming a place as possible. Please call me anytime with questions or concerns.

Mrs. Johnson