

# Chamberlain Elementary School

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## The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

**Welcome to 2014!**

**Team Effort**.... A major theme as we journey into the new year! Your child is important to you and to all of us at Chamberlain. I believe in the staff of "OUR" school! There are so many positive things happening at Chamberlain each day. YOUR CHILD, is definitely one of the key players in his/her growth and learning.

We aim each day to communicate to your child; in the form of clear learning goals in all subject areas, communicating progress toward goals, and providing encouragement and feedback. We need to work to encourage students in all grade levels to "get involved" in the ownership of their learning. Ask your child daily what they learned, even specially how they rate their learning on a scale of 1-3 (or even 4 exceeding expectations) this is a scale that teachers use and student are familiar with.

Make school a priority, attendance daily for students, come join us for one of our monthly family nights....Make it happen! We are in this together!

If you would like to find out more, feel free to call or email me. Please come join us at the January Doughnuts and coffee with the Principal (Jan 14; 8:00am) The topics will be our school wide positive behavior initiative and student academic growth. Hope to see you there, Mrs. Murillo will be there to translate.

## **You Are Invited!**

**Coffee & Doughnuts with the Principal!**  
**January 14—8:00am**

***For all Chamberlain parents!***

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

Jan 6—PTO meeting; 7:00pm; café  
Jan 14—Coffee & Doughnuts with the Principal  
8:00am—café  
Jan 17—POPCORN DAY!  
Jan 20—NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day  
Jan 23— 6-7pm Family Exercise Night

## **Counselor's Corner**

Greetings!

You may have asked this question, because many of our students and staff have asked it- *WHERE IS CHAMPS!?!?*

As many of you know, our CHAMPS program has existed for many years as a way to recognize students doing the right thing at Chamberlain, day in and day out. This program has been very special to all of us and has been a source of much fun and positivity.

We are hoping to capture the same spirit of CHAMPS as we shift to what is called showing the "*Chamberlain Way*". Students that are continuously showing the attributes of **safety, respect, and responsibility** will be recognized on a regular basis, much like with CHAMPS. I will speak in much more detail about this in future newsletters, but for now, please know that we are not wanting to decrease the number of students being recognized, but actually increase it, as well as recognizing students more frequently throughout the school year!

Change is not always easy, but it can often be exciting and for the better! I look forward to sharing more with you about the "*Chamberlain Way*" soon.

Mrs. Johnson

## **Notes From The Nurse**

With cold and flu season upon us, here are some guidelines regarding when to keep your sick child home from school: temperature of 100 or higher, diarrhea, or vomiting all within the last 24 hours; severe cold symptoms. You know your child best; use common sense. Please notify the office of an absence each morning. The best offense is a good defense! Get a good nights sleep (9 hours a night is recommended for elementary aged kids), dress for the weather, eat a well balanced diet, drink plenty of water, and wash hands, wash hands, wash hands!

## **PTO NEWS:**

NEXT PTO MEETING: Jan 6; 7:00pm  
POPCORN DAY: JAN 17