

Chamberlain Elementary School

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The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

Learning is always in season at Chamberlain. Your student's achievement and growth are our focus! Each day your child is provided learning that is focused on the academic standards for their grade level, as well as learning opportunities that focus on individual growth. Chamberlain has a committed staff, your child (ren) matter to us and it is a daily joy to help them to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and in spirit as well.

I want to extend a special thank you to those families who are "getting on board with TEAM CHAMBERLAIN". This has been done recently by attending the parent informational night, family reading night, as well as the day to day checking in with your child to support them in their learning. We are approaching the state ISTEP Assessment (for grades 3-5) and IREAD-3 (for 3rd graders). Please watch for communication on these dates and support your child, encourage them, be sure they get enough rest, and remind them to do their best! Our students' achievement is a reflection of their learning over the school year. Our school is rated on both the passing rates and the growth rates for each individual child. This is a team effort involving your child(ren), our staff, and you as parents, we ALL need to do our part to support learning!

Be sure to stay "connected" to what is happening at school. I always encourage your involvement in learning! If you even want to find out how you can become more involved or if you have ideas to share I welcome the opportunity to hear from you!

You Are Invited!

Coffee & Doughnuts with the Principal!
April 1—8:00am

For all Chamberlain parents!

UPCOMING DATES:

Mar 3—PTO meeting; 7:00pm; café
Mar 9—Daylight savings time begins—turn clocks
AHEAD one hour!
Mar 13—End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 14—POPCORN DAY!
Mar 17—**SNOW MAKE-UP DAY**

Counselor's Corner

Greetings!

I'm noticing a bright glowing yellow ball in the sky that people have told me is referred to as a "sun" is appearing more and more. I hope you are noticing it as well! :)

Our school-wide positive behavior system is well under way, centered around showing the "Chamberlain Way". As I mentioned last month, this is centered around showing our three expectations- responsibility, respect, and safety. Students are earning "Brave Bucks" when caught showing these great behaviors and actions. In turn, they are able to use the Bucks to enter weekly classroom and grade level drawings for rewards, like eating lunch with an adult or using a iPad! Eventually, these Bucks will earn the entire school a whole building reward. We really mean it when we say we are "Team Chamberlain" and are all working together to improve school climate- not just in academics, but in attitudes and behaviors that will make them successful citizens now and in the future.

Students are now able to report alleged bullying incidents using two boxes located in two areas of our school- the library and outside my office. These boxes are locked and covered so that students can safely report to me if they think they or someone else is being bullied. The boxes are checked by me twice weekly, allowing me to then follow up with students to offer support. Please continue to discuss with your child things that make a situation not just a conflict but actual bullying- it is on purpose, it is repeated, and there is an imbalance of power between two people or groups.

Enjoy the sun,
Mrs. Johnson

ISTEP TESTING— GRADES 3-5— MARCH 10-14
IREAD-3—FOR 3RD GRADE—MARCH 17-21

PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS TO SCHOOL ON TIME!

PTO NEWS:

NEXT PTO MEETING: Mar 3; 7:00pm
POPCORN DAY: Mar 14