

Chamberlain Elementary School

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The "Buzz" From Mrs. Branham

Dear Chamberlain Families!

We are entering the month of May. This is an exciting time of the year for students, as the weather warms up and there are celebrations that state academic assessments are completed for the year. I want to thank all of you for your commitment to your child(ren), parenting and life are often very busy and can test the patience. We, Team Chamberlain, The Chamberlain Family, are thankful that you are part of the team, and if you are not an involved player on the team, we encourage you to come alongside us!

Here are some exciting things going on at Chamberlain in the near future! Field Day, Track, Volleyball, Basketball teams for 4/5 grade, Girls on the Run, Spring Sing, Continued learning, and showing the Chamberlain Way (respect, responsibility, and safety). Recently I had a conversation with a family, who is moving to Goshen and looking for a home in the Chamberlain neighborhood. They have chosen Chamberlain, as the mother states, "so their children can have a diverse and enriching learning environment". One of our current families recommended Chamberlain because how "Chamberlain puts students first" and this was very meaningful to all of us. Chamberlain has a devoted staff and we look forward to finding more ways to support you and work as a team to continue to make student achievement gains and build a strong sense of community at our school!

Mrs. Branham

UPCOMING DATES:

May 6—PTO meeting; 7:00pm; café
May 13—5th grade visits GMS
May 14—2nd grade to Ox Bow
May 16—KBG to Reith Interpretive Center
May 21—3rd grade to Merry Lea
May 22—5th grade to Camp Amigo
May 26—NO SCHOOL
May 29—Spring Sing 6:30-7:30pm—gym
May 30—4th grade to Notre Dame
June 2—1st grade to Ox Bow
June 4—5th grade Celebration!
June 6—Last Student Day, Field Day, POPCORN

Counselor's Corner

Greetings! Welcome to the last weeks of the school year!

This is such a busy time of year- reflecting back, focusing on our students' present needs, and looking forward. We are looking forward in terms of student support in two major ways- through a "Learn More" student survey for grades 3-5, and supporting 5th grade as they "graduate" from elementary school and transition to middle school.

Parents of all students grades 3-5 received from me in last week's Monday folders a description of the "Learn More" student needs survey with the option to "opt out", or **NOT** have their child take the survey. *If you haven't received this information, please look in your child's folder or backpack or call me here at Chamberlain with any questions. The survey will anonymously assess students' academic and personal/social choices and counseling needs. This information will help both Chamberlain and its counseling program make decisions in the 2014-2015 school year to best support students. Please note that if you **do not fill your student's name on the form, he or she will be surveyed, regardless of parent signature.***

The 5th grade will have their annual field trip to Goshen Middle School in mid-May, followed up by a visit from the 6th grade principal and counselor to address questions and concerns. In addition, I will be teaching a "transition to middle school" guidance lesson in all 5th grade classes. We will of course have our annual 5th grade graduation and celebrations, as well as awards and acknowledgements, in June.

It has been my privilege to have been Chamberlain's counselor for the past five years. Have a fun and safe summer!

Mrs. Johnson

PTO NEWS:

NEXT PTO MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 6, 7:00pm

POPCORN DAY: JUNE 6

The PTO will give each student 1 FREE bag of popcorn on the last day of school! Additional bags are not available for purchase on this day.

**MORE EXCITING PTO NEWS WILL BE COMING SOON!
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MONDAY FOLDERS!**