

Chamberlain Elementary School

RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY • SAFETY

FROM MRS. BRANHAM

Welcome to 2016!

Success in '16 – at Chamberlain we are committed to continually growing the learning in our students! As a staff Crew we keep a close eye on student progress and monitoring and adjusting our learning and support systems for students to insure that we are fostering growth! As a school for EL Education, we believe that character is built *through* academic work that challenges and engages students, and that academic success is built *through* strong character that allows students to work together, persist, and do their best work. At Chamberlain, character is not something that is merely discussed or acknowledged on special occasions. Instead, it is part of the daily life in our classrooms. We are building student character through a comprehensive, whole-school approach that comprises: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & School Culture!

We are glad you and your child are part of our journey!

May this year be one of good health, learning, and joys!

#WEARECREW

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UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 4—PTO; 6pm

Jan 11— Report Cards sent home

Jan 18— No School

Jan 26— Family Craft Night; 6pm



*Chamberlain Crew
Sails the high seas!
January 2016*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month in your child's guidance lessons, I will be discussing active listening and working together. Each grade level will have a read aloud to reference and an activity which will require listening to one another and working together to solve a problem. By focusing in on the topics of active listening and working together, students will learn how to best organize their ideas and communicate with one another.

Remember, the skills that students learn at school can be reinforced in the home setting. Ask your child about the lessons and what they learned, and then think of opportunities at home in which these skills can be practiced and reinforced.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach me at the school.

**Every good
conversation
starts with
good listening.**

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FAMILY INTERESTS

January Family Night

CRAFT NIGHT!

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2016
6:00pm



Come make all sorts of crafts
from candles to "I spy" bottles!

Delia Murillo
Chamberlain Parent Liaison

PTO NEWS:

- PTO meeting schedule has changed to the first Monday every month (when school is in session) at 6:00pm. ALL PARENTS welcome!
- PTO is looking for volunteers to help make and bag popcorn on Popcorn Days. Help is needed from 10:30-1:00 on these days. If interested, please contact Alicia Smith at:
aksmith@staff.goshenschools.org

GOALS AND ASSESSMENTS

"The motto "We are Crew, not Passengers" guides our schools as they build cultures of respect, responsibility, courage, and kindness - where students and educators are committed to quality work and citizenship. Students take responsibility for each other, for their learning, and build leadership skills that help them excel."
- EL Education

As we enter into second semester, we will continue to strengthen relationships, develop character, and understand our Habits of Scholarship on a deeper level. Each month we will revisit one of our Habits of Scholarship. This month our focus will be on COMPASSION. Crews will dive deeper into understanding what compassion sounds and looks like and be encouraged to apply this learning both in and out of school. Primary grades will focus on themselves and the impact of having compassion, while our upper grades will focus on how compassion affects themselves and others.

We encourage you to talk with your child about crew. There are many amazing activities happening each day! If you ever have questions about Crew, please don't hesitate to ask.

Erin Haseley
Chamberlain TOSA

EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING!

Our staff is half way through our work of building learning expeditions, and our students have had the opportunity to interact with all five of our Habits of Scholarship on a deep level during crew and throughout the day. We know that transitions consist of balancing the best of the "now" while having focus to plan for the future. "It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure to EMBRACE the new" -Alan Cohen. We look forward to learning and teaching courageously in the new year!

Sarah Kingsley Metzler
Instructional Guide

