

Really Outstanding  
Churchill Kids

# CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY

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## Churchill Elementary

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### All Visitors

Please stop into the office and  
fill out a visitor pass when  
visiting the school.

Thank you.

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## Calendar of Events

Mar. 7	Popcorn Day & Hat Day - Wear Sports Attire MRM
Mar. 14	Paperback Book Exchange - See MRM Handout End of 2nd Trimester PTO Meeting - 11:30 a.m. - Media Center
Mar. 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal 1st Grade Field Trip - Norton Shores Library
Mar. 25	Art Show - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal Popcorn Day/Ice Cream Sandwich/Hat/Movie Day
Apr. 7-11	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 14	School Resumes
Apr. 17	Middle School Staff visits 5th Grade - 9:00 a.m.
Apr. 18	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal
Apr. 22	5th Grade Orchestra Concert - 7:00 p.m. Middle School
Apr. 24	5th Grade visits Middle School - 9:00 a.m.
May 2	Popcorn Day & Hat Day
May 9	PTO Meeting - 11:30 a.m. - Media Center
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	5th Grade Orchestra Concert - 7:30 a.m. High School Kindergarten Field Trip - John Ball Zoo
Jun. 4	1st Grade Field Trip - Country Dairy
Jun. 5	Reading Buddy Picnic Mrs. Miller's & Mrs. Bartkowiak's Classes
Jun. 9	3:30 Dismissal
Jun. 10	Last Day of School Half Day - 11:45 Dismissal 5th Grade Completion Ceremony

ALL REMAINING MONDAYS ARE 2:00 p.m. DISMISSAL  
Except June 9th - 3:30 Dismissal



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

February is coming to an end and it has been another cold, but successful month at Churchill. The weather is hopefully warming up in March, because indoor recess is getting old (just ask the teachers and/or students...). We know one thing the reading will definitely turn up the heat in March. We have goals for all the students to maximize reading during March (you should receive information on those daily/weekly goals on Friday, February 28th). We also have authors, journalists, state representatives, and athletes visiting Churchill to read and talk with our students about the importance of reading and education throughout March!

### Parent Teacher Conferences:

Friday, February 21st – Forms sent home in student folders (parents sign up for a conference time)

Friday, February 28th – Parents return forms to school by this date (earlier is always nice...)

Friday, March 7th – Parent letters stating the exact time of conference will go home in student folders

Friday, March 14th – Report Cards sent home in student folders

Monday, March 17th – Conferences from 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday, March 20th – Conferences from 12:30pm – 3:30pm & 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Respectfully,

*Lowell Whitaker*

Mr. Lowell Whitaker  
Principal  
Churchill Elementary  
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### PEANUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

There are students at Churchill Elementary who have severe food allergies which can be life threatening. Peanut allergies are of particular concern in our school building. The following are some things that we can work together on to help prevent a child from having an allergic reaction:

- When packing your child's lunch and classroom snack, please consider choices other than peanut or foods containing nuts. There are many foods that we do not even realize contain a peanut product.
- Inform your child that sharing snacks may be harmful to some of their classmates with food allergies.
- A peanut-free table is available in the cafeteria. Children with Peanut Allergies are able to sit here without the worry of peanut residue or oils left on the table that may cause a reaction.
- Encourage your child to wash his/her hands before and after eating.
- Speak with your child about the serious consequences of peanut allergies so that they can be sensitive to the needs of their classmates who have peanut allergies.
- For peanut free snack ideas please check out: [www.snacksafely.com](http://www.snacksafely.com)

Thank you for your assistance!







## Rockstar Hall of Fame

Congratulations to this months Hall of Fame Winners:

Macey Baker	Logan Brunworth	Vance Carew
Zoey Carey	Joaquin Chavarria-Stark	Connor Corbit
Katie Cree	Peyton Flowers	Claire Fouchea
Spencer Freeman	Scott Funderburg	Patti Gaiser
Raegan Girard	Avery Gorajec	Lucas Grigg
Tobias Judson	Oscar Justian	Frances Kendziera
Amy Knight	Vaughn Lakatos	Zeta Lakatos
Logan Langlois	Jake Lee	Riyne Locke
Kennedi Loudermill	Reid McAvoy	Anthony McDaniel
Alana Morin	Chloe Nelund	Reianna Nink
Autumn Paul	Peyton Peterson	Chesney Robbins
Cohen Seiferlein	Emily Selby	Arienne Sharp
Reese Smith	Gavin Stoker	Chase Thalman
Riley Trygstad	Luke Uptigrove	Sam Uptigrove
Daken VanDusen	Briawna Zimmerman	

6,091 Rock Stars for  
2013/2014  
and Counting!

### CHURCHILL ROCKS!

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## News From The PTO

The PTO has been busy behind the scenes preparing for some fun events coming this spring! Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities. The best place to find when volunteers are needed are by liking the Churchill Elementary PTO Facebook page!

Our Rockstars continue to amaze us each month with the number of Box Tops for Education being brought in! Mrs. Johnson's class won for February for the second time in a row, bringing in 1213 Box Tops. Congratulations! Our total for the school was 4044!! Many thanks to **Bree Berghuis** for her time and dedication to the program. This month we would also like to thank Carla Flanders, Dana Darrow, Chris Drexler and Amy Whalen for their help in clipping, counting, and bundling so we could get everything submitted before the March 1st deadline. Speaking of the time involved, did you know that the Box Tops have to be cut down to the dotted lines and bundled in groups of 50 with similar size Box Tops? It would save a lot of time if each parent could cut the Box Tops out on the dotted lines before sending them in. If you don't have time for that it's okay, please still send them anyway! We have just found that most people don't know that we have to go through and cut each one down. Thank you in advance for your help!

Please continue to send in your "Abby's All Stars" forms to the Red Wings for Reading Contest! Justin Abdelkader has donated a jersey and a stick to be raffled off at the end of the program. All students who bring in the letter that they get back from Justin will be entered into the raffle.

The next PTO meeting will be on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center at 11:30am.

The Mona Shores  
Middle School Allegrettos  
proudly present



March 6, 7 & 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Mona Shores High School  
Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$10

Available at the door • Free to ages 3 and under  
General Admission

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley

Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse & Timothy A. McDonald

Based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

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### Churchill Art Show

Please join us  
Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

for the annual Churchill Art Show

Every student in grades K-5 will have one art project displayed. The students have created wonderful projects and want you to see their artwork.

There will be colorful marbled note card sets created by the forth grade students, and mosaic picture frames created by the fifth grade classes that will be for sale during the art show. We will also raffle baskets of art supplies.

Light refreshments will be served.

All items listed below can be purchased at the show:

Raffle Tickets - \$1.00  
Note Cards Sets - \$10.00/Set of 10  
Mosaic Picture Frames - \$15.00 each

I look forward to meeting our Churchill families and celebrating our students creativity.



## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

### 5th Annual Churchill Barnes and Noble Book Fair

GOING FOR THE GOLD  
TO PROVIDE BOOKS FOR OUR  
CHAMPION CHURCHILL READERS

Friday, February 28, 2014  
6 :00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.  
Harvey Street Barnes & Noble Store

The funds raised at this family friendly evening will be used primarily to update our Sports and Biography Titles.

### March is Reading Month

Please look for a packet of information coming home with your child today.

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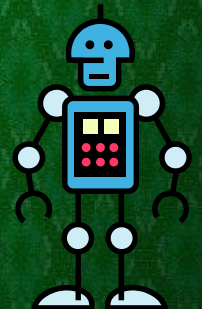
### Good Luck DI!

We would like to wish all of the Mona Shores Public School's teams  
Good Luck this Saturday in the  
Destination ImagiNation Affiliate Regional Tournament.

Best Wishes Tomorrow to the following Churchill Teams:

The South Pole 7 (3rd Grade)  
Churchill Comic Crew (5th Grade)  
The Improvians (5th Grade)

Super 6 Circus (6th Grade) - Coached by Ms. Norkus



### Community Services

**HEAD START AND GSRP PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2014** - Head Start is a Federally funded free preschool program available for 3 and 4 year old children whose families are income eligible. The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is the State Funded free preschool program made available to 4 year old children meeting eligibility guidelines. We are currently accepting names to place on our mailing list to receive information regarding both programs. If you have a child or know of a family with a child, who will be 3 or 4 by October 1, 2014, please have them contact Jill or Tricia at 231-865-4102.