

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

Oct. 31	Halloween Parade - 2:10 p.m. Halloween Parties - 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Popcorn Day & Hat Day Michigan/Michigan State Day
Nov. 6	2nd & 5th Grade Field Trip - Lumberjacks
Nov. 7	4th Grade Field Trip - Lansing
Nov. 14	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center
Nov. 15	Report Cards Sent Home
Nov. 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	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.
Nov. 22	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal
Nov. 25	3:30 p.m. Monday Dismissal End of 1st Trimester
Nov. 27	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal
Nov. 28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	3:30 p.m. Monday Dismissal
Dec. 6	Popcorn Day & Hat Day
Dec. 9	3:30 p.m. Monday Dismissal
Dec. 12	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center
Dec. 16	3:30 p.m. Monday Dismissal
Dec. 20	5th Grade Orchestra Performance 7:30 a.m. - High School Holiday Parties - 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 23-31	No School - Holiday Break
Jan. 1-3	No School - Holiday Break
Jan. 9	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center
Jan. 10	Popcorn Day & Hat Day
Jan. 20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 7	Popcorn Day & Hat Day
Feb. 13	Valentine's Day Parties - 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	No School - Mid Winter Break
Feb. 17	No School - Mid Winter Break

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The month of October was a successful one with many social and academic events. The Harvest Sale, Walk-To-School Day, and Spirit Week were big hits for our students. The third, fourth, and fifth grade students did an excellent job with MEAP testing. I'm in classrooms daily and teachers at Churchill are truly maximizing student learning by utilizing a variety of instructional strategies, providing an intentional focus with each lesson, differentiating instruction, challenging students with rigorous assessments, establishing positive relationships with students, and creating positive learning environments. You should be proud to be a Churchill parent!

The following are details for important upcoming events:

Halloween Activities – Thursday, October 31st

Please do not send students to school dressed in their full costume. If partial attire is needed we understand. Please make sure costumes are **school appropriate**. We do not allow weapons (real or fake) or gory masks, which may be scary to younger children (no blood). Parade begins at 2:10 p.m. on the walking track, located behind the school. If there is inclement weather, we will not have a parade, due to limited space indoors. Classroom parties will begin at 2:30 p.m. Parents assisting with parties will be able to begin setting up at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact the office (231) 798-1276.

Internal Lockdown Drill – Tuesday, November 5th

We are having an internal lockdown drill on Tuesday, November 5th at 9:00 a.m. We conduct this drill to practice current procedures, to make sure our students/staff are well prepared in case an emergency situation presents itself. We work with local law enforcement to make sure we are doing everything possible to maximize the safety of our students/staff here at Churchill. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Parent Teacher Conferences Process:

- Friday, October 25th – Conference sign up forms go home in student folders (sign up for time options)
- Friday, November 1st – Please return the sign up form to school by this date (earlier is always nice...)
- Friday, November 8th – Letter from teacher with conference date and time go home in student folders
- Friday, November 15th – Report Cards sent home in student folders
- Monday, November 18th – Conferences from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 21st – Conferences from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lowell Whitaker

Mr. Lowell Whitaker
Principal
Churchill Elementary
(231) 798-1276, Ext. 8999

TRICK OR TREAT



October 31st, 2013

Halloween Parties and Parade

- 1:30 p.m. - Parents Can Begin Party Set-Up
- 1:50 p.m. - Students Begin Getting Dressed
- 2:10 p.m. - Parade Begins
- 2:30 p.m. - Parties Begin



STUDENT DROP-OFF

When dropping off students, whether in the front of the school or at the east entrance, please keep moving while using the curbside lanes. If you would like to walk your child up to the building, please use the spaces for parking. It creates a lot of congestion when the curbside is used for parking.

Thank You!



Michigan/Michigan State Day

Next Friday, November 1st is the eve of the Big Game!

Make sure to sport your Michigan or Michigan State gear in honor of your favorite team!

2,053 Rock Stars for 2013/2014 and Counting!

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News From The PTO

Dear Churchill Elementary Families:

Thank you to all who helped make the recent Harvest Sale, Walk-to-School Day, and Spirit Week fun and successful events. The huge level of support and participation from Churchill families is awesome!!

As the year progresses, we want to keep everybody informed as to how PTO funds continue to provide improvements for our children. At our most recent meeting, we approved funds to:

- Replace the failing refrigerator in the teacher's lounge
- Purchase 60 new headphones for the computer lab, as well as the computers on wheels moving between classrooms
- Purchase an add-on to BrainPop which will allow it to be used by ESL (English as a second language) students.

Box Tops

The PTO would like to thank Linda Welch for her years of service and dedication to the Box Tops program. We know it is a time consuming job and appreciate it so much! We are very excited to have Bree Berghuis taking over as the new Box Tops Coordinator! If you would like to help Bree with clipping and sorting, please be sure to let us know at ptochurchill@gmail.com and we will pass along your information.

The Box Tops for Education efforts are well underway and we had record breaking numbers in September! The combined total for the school was 5,870 Box Tops! Way to go Rockstars! The winning classroom for September was Mrs. Whalen's 2nd grade class. They will be receiving a special treat for doing such a great job!

Please be sure to clip and collect Box Tops. They are found on SO MANY items and each one earns 10 cents for our school!

Next Meeting is Thursday, November 14th in the Media Center. We would love to see you there!

Thank you,

Churchill PTO

MEDIA CENTER NEWS



The new Core Curriculum State Standards requires students to read more non-fiction books and articles. Reading Non-Fiction can be a challenge for some students. The writing format is different and quite often the information is gleaned from charts, graphs, and other visuals rather than just the written text. The website below provides ten tips you can use to help your child read non-fiction materials:

http://www.scholastic.com/discovermore/readers/pdf/DiscoverMore_Tips.pdf

The following authors have written non-fiction books and have websites that you may want to view with your child. Many of these sites have interactive activities to help reinforce the information provided in the books.

www.davidaadler.com
www.jimarnosky.com
www.basherbooks.com
www.gailgibbons.com

www.stevejenkinsbooks.com
www.loreenleedy.com
www.seymoursimon.com
www.gregtang.com

www.magictreehouse.com - This particular series started with fiction stories, but now includes non-fiction books to supplement the original stories. The non-fiction books are at a higher reading level than the fiction. This site provides some fun incentives to keep the reader involved.

It is my hope that Churchill students will enjoy non-fiction materials and choose to read these books for pleasure as much as they would choose an exciting fiction story.

Keep Reading,
Mrs. Rank

MONA SHORES COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS...

The Mona Shores Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 2, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

170 Booths!
Handcrafted items
by vendors from all
over Michigan!

Mona Shores High School
1121 Seminole Road in Norton Shores

Booths located in the Sailor Center,
Hanichen Gym, Auxiliary Gym & Cafeteria
Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks Available
\$1.00 Admission, Free Parking

For more information, call (231) 780-4748 or visit our website at www.monashores.net



Community Services

Don't forget "Singing Christmas Tree" tickets go on sale to the public the day of the show. Mark your calendars now and we'll see you on November 2nd!