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Churchill Kids

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

Apr. 4	1/2 Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal Popcorn Day/Ice Cream Sandwich/Movie Day/Hat 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 7	4th Grade Link Up Concert - Frauenthal Theater
May 9	PTO Meeting - 11:30 a.m. - Media Center
May 20	5th Grade Field Trip - Whitecaps Game
May 22	3rd Grade Musical - 2:30 p.m. - Churchill Gym
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
May 29	3rd Grade Field Trip - White Pine Village
May 30	5th Grade Orchestra Concert - 7:30 a.m. - High School Kindergarten Field Trip - John Ball Zoo
Jun. 2	Field Day
Jun. 4	1st Grade Field Trip - Country Dairy High School Graduation
Jun. 5	Reading Buddy Picnic - 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Miller's & Mrs. Bartkowiak's Classes
Jun. 6	4th Grade Field Trip - Camp Pendalouan 5th Grade Field Trip - Double JJ Ranch
Jun. 9	3:30 Dismissal
Jun. 10	Last Day of School Half Day - 11:45 Dismissal 5th Grade Completion Ceremony - 10:00 a.m. Churchill Gym

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

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have received our MEAP scores and Churchill ranked either first or second in the county for all third, fourth, and fifth grade subject areas. This is a great accomplishment and one that you play a crucial role in. The combination of quality teachers, parent involvement, and student effort are showing up in many positive ways!

March is Reading Month

We had a fun and successful March. Reading was at the forefront and the Churchill students did an awesome job! We accomplished our building wide goal for reading minutes during the month, and a majority of the students completed their personal goal by completing their weekly minutes. Our students experienced some great things meeting a sports writer from the Muskegon Chronicle, Mona Shores football players, two local and well known authors, Lumberjacks Hockey Players, and a State Representative.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for participating in parent teacher conferences. I was able to talk with many of you and the feedback I received was great to hear. Teachers were excited to share your child's academic and social progress with you and we all look forward to finishing the year strong!

Spring Break (April 7th – April 11th)

One simple message for all of you during this time – Have Fun!!!

Respectfully,

Lowell Whitaker

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Rock Stars Walking Club

Walking Club will begin the week after spring break, during Tuesday and Thursday afternoon recesses. I am looking for volunteers to punch the paper feet. Ideally I would like to have two volunteers for each recess (upper and lower el). Upper EL recess is from 1:20-1:50 and lower EL recess is from 1:55-2:25. Each student who completes one foot gets a prize, golden shoes are the reward for the class who walked the most miles each week, and there will be a drawing for prizes each month. The class with the winning amount of miles total for the month will get a free recess. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Norkus at norkusk@monashores.net.

The dates of the walking club will be:

Tuesday, April 15
Tuesday, April 22
Tuesday, April 29
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 13
Tuesday, May 20
Tuesday, May 27

Thursday, April 17
Thursday, April 24
Thursday, May 1
Thursday, May 8
Thursday, May 15
Thursday, May 22
Thursday, May 29

8,276 Rock Stars for
2013/2014
and Counting!

CHURCHILL ROCKS!

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News From The PTO

The "Abby's All Stars" Red Wings for Reading Program will be wrapping up shortly. Please have your children show either the reading certificate received back from the Red Wings, or a copy of your signed entry form to their teacher by April 4th (it can take about a month to receive your certificate, so a copy of the entry form is fine). This will enter your child into a drawing for prizes donated by Justin Abdelkader! One lucky K-2nd grader will receive a Red Wings jersey and one lucky 3rd-5th grader will receive a Red Wings hockey stick! The library and teachers have been doing a great job of rotating the books to give everyone a chance to read them. Also, most of the books are available at your public libraries.

To show appreciation to our awesome Churchill teachers and staff, we provided two dinners during the long hours they worked during the week of conferences. Thank you to *Jimmy Johns* for donating the chips to one of these dinners!

We've been able to fund numerous academic-related requests from teachers in recent months. Each of these projects directly helps to improve your child's education here at Churchill, and would otherwise not be possible. Examples include financial assistance to help a class "publish" their own book, the purchase of thesauruses, the purchase of supplies for special art fair projects, and privacy screens to be used during test-taking. Thank you to Churchill families for your support, and for making these types of ongoing requests possible!

As previously announced, our Next Meeting is Friday, May 9th from 11:30-12:30 in the Media Center. This will be the last meeting of the school year and we will be electing next year's board members, so please come if you are interested. If you are interested but cannot attend, or have anything else you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact either Melissa Baker or Melissa Brooks.



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Rockstar Hall of Fame

Congratulations to this months Hall of Fame Winners:

Madison Bentley
Mason Brunworth
Trevor Cory
Josh Dubuc
Hunter Engstrom
Jacob Gravlin
Rylee Homoly
Eleanor Kingshott
Brooke Meekhof
Grace Norris
Suknit Saini
Jourdyn Starr
Brady Swanson
Hiram Whitman

Lyberty Bernard
Anthony Cage
Therese Coverly
Ava Dunn
Cooper Freeman
Rebecca Griswold
Zella Johnson
Kennedy McCombs
Alivia Miller
Elliana Piette
Mitchell Seward
Kalan Stonex
Colton Swanson

Mitchell Bettis
Jack Charron
Bora Dogan
Cole Engle
Carlie Gelderloos
Blake Hewitt
Molly Kendziera
Ryan McNiff
Reyonna Morris
Isaac Powell
Olivia Sobczak
Kyle Sutton
Vincent Szymanski

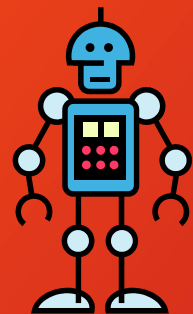
Congratulations & Good Luck DI!

We would like to thank all of the Mona Shores Public School's teams for their participation in the Destination ImagiNation Affiliate Regional Tournament.

The following Churchill Teams qualified for the State Tournament which will take place on April 5th at Central Michigan University:

Churchill Comic Crew (5th Grade) and The Improvians (5th Grade)!

We would also like to congratulate the Super 6 Circus (6th Grade) - Coached by Ms. Norkus!



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

5th Annual Churchill Barnes and Noble Book Fair

I would like to thank EVERYONE who participated and supported our 5th Annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair. A special SHOUT OUT to all of the Churchill Staff and the following volunteers who gave their time to make this evening a fun night for Churchill families: Kristin Avila, Christian and Ellen Berends, Colleen Bettis, Naomi Cardon, Nursel Dogan, Lora Gentzkow, Mark Jaztremski and his friend Sebastian, Miguelle Newman, Lori Sumner, Karen Taylor, Michele Twesten-O'Toole, Girl Scout Troop #20222, and the Mona Shores Mascot. Norton Pines Athletic Club, the Lumberjacks, Barnes & Noble and the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex provided some amazing grand prizes, and Churchill PTO donated Tervis cups.

Over 180 students attended the Family Fun Night. Over twenty new books were donated to our Library and \$1,100.00 was raised. Plus, our students were introduced to Olympic Sports and shared a special evening with friends and family.

March is Reading Month

This is an exciting month with various guest speakers visiting Churchill. So far we have had visits from a Sports Writer, a State Representative, and Football and Hockey Players. They came in to share their love of reading with our students. A few more special activities will follow when our students reach the school wide goal of reading 100,500 minutes.

CHURCHILL CHAMPION READERS ARE GOING FOR THE GOLD!

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Community Services

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

School's closed but we're open for fun! Daily or weekly rates available. Please contact Mona Shores Community Child Care Center located at Ross Park Elementary at 213-780-6720 for additional information. Space is limited so early registration is recommended!

PRE-SCHOOL

Mona Shores Tuition Preschool is now taking registrations for the 2014-2015 school year! To request enrollment information, visit our website or call Mona Shores Community Services at 231-780-4748.