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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

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 4th & 5th Grade Talent Show - CH Gym -2:00p.m.
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 28	2nd Grade Field Trip - Betsy Cutler House
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 Pandalouan 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 are coming down the home stretch and the team at Churchill Elementary is confident our students have shown excellent growth this school year. Spring time is going to be extremely busy for many of you and I just want to remind you to pay close attention to the teacher's emails, newsletters, and school wide notifications. This form of communication will let you know of upcoming important events in every grade level (academic projects, standardized testing, field trips, musicals, celebrations, etc.).

Our teaching staff has done an excellent job this year of being consistent with communication, instruction, and assessment. I personally feel all students can be successful in every classroom here at Churchill. At the end of the school year our team will meet and place students in classes for next year. We look at academic performance, gender, student relationships with peers, student learning style, and teacher instructional style when determining the best classroom to maximize student success. We will provide the opportunity for parents to complete a request form for the 2014-2015 school year. **These forms will be available in the office between Monday, May 5th and Friday, May 16th.** The only teaching change we have at this time is Kristin Terpstra, she will move to third grade (other changes could occur in the future based on enrollment). If you have any questions let me know and have a great May!

Respectfully,

Lowell Whitaker

Mr. Lowell Whitaker
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Rock Stars Walking Club

Walking Club is in full swing during Tuesday and Thursday after-noon recesses. I am still looking for volunteers during Lower EL recess from 1:55-2:25 to punch the paper feet. 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

8,965 Rock Stars for
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News From The PTO

Many fun events are being planned this spring to wrap up the school year. As always, thank you to all of the wonderful Churchill families for your continued participation and support to make these events a success for your kids!!

- The *Red Wings for Reading Program* concluded with a visit by Joe and Sheryl Abdelkader to congratulate students who completed the program, and to raffle off Red Wings prizes. A special thank you to the Abdelkader's not only for donating the wonderful prizes, but also for attending the assembly! Congratulations to all students who completed the program!!
- Parents of 4th-5th graders have probably heard students talking about the upcoming *Churchill Rockstars Got Talent* talent show, a new event at Churchill. All students will be invited to watch 4th-5th graders show-off their wonderful talents on May 9th at 2:00.
- Flyers went home this week for our annual *Spring Flower Sale*. As in the past, you may pick out your own baskets or flats from Fisher Pawlowski Greenhouse. The flowers are a great way to brighten up your yard for spring, and also make a great Mother's Day gift. Order forms should be returned to school no later than Wednesday, April 30th.
- Churchill's annual field day has been scheduled for Monday, June 2nd (rain date of Tuesday, June 3rd). Look for more information to be forthcoming. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help!
- Now that the ground has thawed, the new soccer nets have appeared on the playground! Enjoy!
- *Staff Appreciation Week* is May 5th-9th. While PTO will have some surprises planned for our awesome Churchill staff, it is a great week to do something special for your child's favorite teacher or staff member!

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.



Please complete this form and return it to school no later than Friday, May 9, 2014 if your child is **NOT** returning to Mona Shores this fall.

_____ My child will **NOT** be returning to Churchill Elementary in the Fall of 2014. (This does not pertain to 5th graders going to Mona Shores Middle School.)

_____ My 5th grade student will **NOT** be going to Mona Shores Middle School in the Fall of 2014.

He/she will be attending _____ School.

Gym Class News

With Warmer Weather approaching, students are starting to wear sandals and flip flops to school. Please remind your child to make sure they bring tennis shoes on the days they are scheduled for gym class. You may even want to consider leaving a pair of tennis shoes in their locker.

Thank You!



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

End of Year Procedures

It's been a pleasure working with the Churchill students as they have expanded their knowledge through reading these past eight months.

The end of the school year is approaching quickly. Please note that the Final Due Date for all Churchill Media Center Books is Thursday, May 22, 2014. If books are not returned by this date, a notice will be sent home indicating the cost to replace any lost books.

Most public libraries have wonderful summer reading programs. Please consider taking your child(ren) to the Norton Shores Library, or other public libraries throughout the summer months. Reading for enjoyment on a consistent basis helps children to maintain what they have already learned and will increase their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

You may also want to read a chapter book, or a book series together during the summer. Whatever you do, keep books handy and encourage your child(ren) to READ.

*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
Jacqueline Kennedy*

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Community Services

Mona Shores Community Services Office will be sending out Summer Activity information by email around the middle of May, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox. Also, Mona Shores Tuition Preschool Program is continuing to take applications. For more information, please call us at 231-780-4748.