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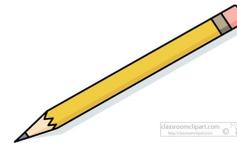


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Principal Notes

Dear Churchill Families:



I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing winter break and holiday season.

All of our students did a great job during the winter "Sing-Along" on Friday, December 21st. We all had fun, and it was a great way to kick off the holidays. Thanks to Mrs. Van Camp for all of her hard work!

Thank you to all parents who volunteered during the classroom parties. Everyone had a lot of fun!

With January upon us, we are officially halfway done with the school year.

Please remember to complete the 5 Essentials survey to give us input on our school and ways we can improve. Here is the link: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/> Once you get to the website, you will need to enter your email, the county (Kendall) and the school. Once you start typing "Churchill" the school will be listed. 4th and 5th graders and staff will also be completing the survey (in January).

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Friday, January 17 — Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
Wednesday, January 22 — Culver's Night, 4th Grade Serving
Saturday, January 25 — HSA Mother/Son Event 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, January 30 — HSA Chuck-E-Cheese Family Night 3:00-9:00 pm
Thursday February 13 — HSA Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday, February 14 — Valentine's Day Parties 11:30 am
Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
Monday, February 17 — President's Day, No School



"When should my student stay home from school?"

Your child is too ill to go to school if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- ⇒ Vomiting and/or diarrhea in the **past 24 hours**
- ⇒ Shortness of breath or wheezing (not controlled with an inhaler if they have asthma)
- ⇒ A cough that interrupts his/her normal activity or **wakes** them, or other family members at night.
- ⇒ An **undiagnosed rash** unless cleared by a physician's note
- ⇒ Drainage from the eye
- ⇒ Severe sore throat
- ⇒ Fever- If your child has a temperature of **100°** (or higher) in the **past 24 hours** they cannot attend school. Children are to be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- ⇒ A contagious illness that is treated with antibiotics, such as strep throat or pink eye, and has not been taking antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school.



Tracey A. Dawson BSN, RN Churchill Building Nurse

Notes from the Music Room

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break. The new year always brings a feeling of fresh beginnings and excitement for all the new things that will be coming our way. We're going to be learning a lot of new things in music class over the next few months as well!

First grade students will be improvising rhythms using expressive qualities such as piano/forte and allegro/largo. We will also be learning about high and low sounds and how notes can move upward and downward. We are continuing to sing melodies using So-mi-la, and students will be making up their own melodies as well.

Second grade students will be improvising more complex rhythms and adding expressive qualities including pianissimo and fortissimo. We will be working throughout the rest of the year on solfege using so-mi-la and adding do and re. Students will create their own melodies and also identify notation of performed melodies using the solfege syllables.

Third grade students will also be improvising rhythms using the notes and rests learned during 1st trimester and adding expressive qualities learned previously, as well as mezzo piano and mezzo forte, and andante and moderato tempi. We will also be playing the melodic instruments and discussing and performing melodic shapes while using proper mallet technique.

Fourth grade students are also improvising more complex (8-beat) rhythms using expressive qualities. We will be reviewing solfege syllables and adding fa and ti to complete a major scale. By the beginning of February we will review the letter names of the notes on the staff in preparation for learning to play recorders during the 3rd trimester.

Fifth grade classes will be finishing up their recorder unit playing more challenging melodies and rhythms during the month. After we finish up recorders, we will do a short unit on the families of the orchestra and their distinguishing characteristics.

I'm excited to do more improvising and composing with the students this year! I've found that creating their own music and learning to play it really gives them a sense of accomplishment and ownership, strengthens their interest in music, and gives them another creative outlet! I'm looking forward to seeing all of their musical creations during the remainder of the year!

Julie Van Camp, Music Teacher



PE Activities

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a restful break. Starting off the year, the students will have a week of brain games to get them focused on fun. Then we turn our attention on some B.E.E.F. (Balance, Elbows, Eyes, Follow through) with a basketball unit. The students will use their dribbling skills in a wide variety of games like follow the leader, dribble knockout, make it – take it, and the famous NBAced it Skill Challenge. Following that the students will stretch their muscles and learn all about their favorite muscles.

Please make sure that each student has PE shoes!

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PE Teachers



Character Counts!



January is the month when our Churchill community celebrates the Character Counts! pillar of **FAIRNESS!** After winter break, each classroom will do a lesson to introduce fairness. We find it important that students understand fairness in the context of the classroom and school. Our students at Churchill show fairness by: showing respect to all students and teachers, taking turns, following the rules, including others, giving help to those who need it, standing up for what is right, never making someone feel left out. To show support for the pillar, students are encouraged to wear the color **ORANGE** on Wednesdays during the month of January.

Heidi Miller, Character Counts!

Art Room Update

K **Kindergarten** students will be creating cute arctic winter penguin buddies. They will be exploring the use of combining oil pastels with watercolors for their arctic wintery scenes.

1 **1st Grade** students are going to explore the habitat of winter animals and where and how they live in the cold winter months. Inspired by the book “Over and Under the Snow” students are going to be creating their own winter landscapes where you can see the winter homes of nature’s furry friends.

2 **2nd grade:** Students will be learning about the famous artist Gustav Klimt, and his beautiful shimmery gold paintings. Students will be creating their own gold shimmery paintings inspired by one of Klimt’s most famous paintings, The Tree Of Life. Second graders will be creating their own tree of life paintings with gold paint, and filling their trees with different patterns and symbols just like Klimt’s artwork.

3 **3rd Grade** is going to be learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his most iconic artwork, Starry Night. Students will learn how the use of color and movement make this artwork recognizable around the world. Taking inspiration from the Starry Night, students will be creating their own version of this well known piece.

4 **4th Grade** students are learning about the current artwork of famous artist Romero Britto and his use of colorful patterns that make up his well known designs. Students will be creating their own versions of Britto’s style through creating their colorful pattern letters.

5 **5th grade** students are learning about the famous artist Andy Warhol. Fifth grade students are learning about Warhol’s iconic pop art images as well as his importance in the art world. Students are creating updated pop culture art using images from today’s popular culture in their own colorful Andy Warhol style inspired art pieces.

Heidi Miller, Art Teacher