



The Chatfield School

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter



From the Desk of the Directors

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Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the M-STEP, Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress beginning in mid-April. We want to thank you in advance for supporting your child to do well on the assessments and for supporting the testers with snacks. Please stay tuned to your child's grade level newsletter for details regarding the assessments. Please take a moment to read the state superintendent's letter regarding M-STEP.

There are a lot of incredible learning opportunities going on right now at Chatfield. Recently third grade students participated in an Underground Railroad reenactment traveling across the Chatfield campus and experiencing what it might have been like on the journey. Middle School students are completing a Project Lead the Way course called App Creators in which students design, test and analyze the impact of mobile app development. Reading month activities abound through out the school and will culminate this week!

The Chatfield Archery Teams are experiencing a lot of success and will complete the season with an upcoming tournament in Howell. Cassandra Verellen, Emily Hill, Anna Heffel, and Charlize Haworth qualified for states. The Chatfield Middle School recently won third place at the Chatfield Invitational.

Spring Break is March 26-March 30. School resumes on Monday, April 2 with a full day of school.

Candy Hunt is coming Friday, March 23! Please send in a bag of candy with you child early this week. Times are listed in this newsletter.

We have a kite sale going on this week. Please turn in your preorder form this week.

Middle School schedule forms are due to the homeroom teacher on or before April 6.

Matt Young and Bill Kraly, Co-Directors

BRING IN YOUR BOX-TOPS

There will be a special award for the month of April for any class that brings in 400 box tops (minus expired ones). They will receive a Cotton Candy Party! Remember, the proceeds go to PIE to help out our classrooms and our school!



HOGWARTS SCHOOL CELEBRATION



Chatfield School will be hosting a magical celebration at the end of March is Reading Month. This magical celebration will include treats, games, activities, crafts and more.

Tickets may be purchased in the office through March 23rd.

Tickets are \$6.00 and are limited to the first 200 guests.

CHATFIELD CANDY HUNT

Friday, March 23rd, Chatfield will hold our annual Candy Hunt on the Chatfield grounds!!

NEEDS:

One bag of wrapped candy from each child. Please have your child deliver the bag of candy to the classroom teacher ASAP!

Lots and lots of parents to hide the candy. Parent hiders meet in homeroom area 20 minutes before your child's hunt time.

Younger siblings may join the hunt.

In case of rain, goodies will be distributed in the classroom.

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for classroom participation schedule.



M-STEP NEWS

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the M-STEP in April and May. These computer adaptive, high quality tests assess students in Reading and Writing, Math, and at various grade levels Science and Social Studies. The M-STEP a valuable assessment tool that provides:

An important snapshot of student achievement.

Valuable information to parents on their child's academic achievement.

Important data for teachers, schools, and districts to help guide instruction.

These assessments are required by both state and federal law in order to ensure all children are learning and receiving a high-quality education.

You can help your child be ready for the M-STEP by:
Establishing routine times at home for reading, math fact practice, and homework.

Making sure he or she gets a good night's sleep prior to testing.

Making sure he or she eats breakfast and have snacks and water.

Encouraging him or her to work diligently on the assessment.



OFFICIAL SCHOOL DAY CALENDAR CHANGE

April 2nd is now a required school day and students are expected to be in attendance.



SIBLING ENROLLMENT-LAST CALL

If your Chatfield student has a sibling or siblings that you would like to have attend Chatfield for the 2018-2019 school year, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to the office by **April 2nd**.



"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." Laura Ingalls-Wilder

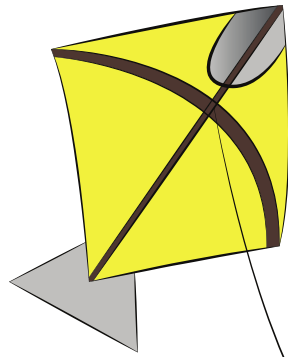


CHATFIELD TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, March 21
6:30PM

PIX THEATER in lovely
downtown Lapeer
Ticket Price: \$5

Come and enjoy as Chatfield students share their talents!



"Let's Fly A Kite"

Kite Kit Sale

WE ARE SELLING A READY TO DECORATE RAM
AIR SLED KITE KIT:

THE RAM AIR SLED KITE HAS POCKETS INSTEAD
OF STICKS SO THERE IS NOTHING TO BREAK
AND THERE IS NOTHING TO ASSEMBLE. RAM AIR
SLED KITES ARE THE EASIEST OF ALL KITES TO
FLY. JUST OPEN THEM AND LET THE WIND DO
THE REST.

THE KIT INCLUDES THE KITE AND A D-HANDLE
WIND OF 100 FT FLYING LINE. IT IS BLANK AND
CAN BE DESIGNED WITH PERMANENT MARKERS
OR FABRIC MARKERS.

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS FROM
WITH PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 23.
DELIVERY IN EARLY APRIL.



Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Number of Kites: _____ x \$5 per kite = \$_____ due
Checks may be written to Chatfield School. Any proceeds support Chatfield Activities.

--CHATFIELD FAMILIES--

You are invited to the 21st annual Chatfield Candy Hunt



FRIDAY, March 23



THE CHATFIELD GROUNDS

Time:

Wee Dolphins	10:00am	Front Gardens
Kindergarten	2:00pm	Front Gardens
1/2 Grades	1:30pm	Playground
3/4/5 Grades	11:00am	Playground
6/7/8 Grades	2:20pm	Amphitheater

We need your help! Needs:

- 1) One bag of wrapped candy from each child. Please have your child deliver the bag of candy to the classroom teacher on or before March 21.
- 2) Lots and lots of parents to hide the candy. Parent hiders meet in homeroom area 20 minutes before your child's hunt time.
- 3) Younger siblings may join the hunt.
- 4) In case of rain, goodies will be distributed in the classroom.

--Hippity Hoppity, Spring is on its way!

THE CHATFIT CLUB

A PHYSICAL FITNESS CLUB FOR GRADES 4-8

Chatfit Kids Club is based on the mission of fun, mechanics, consistency, and intensity. Consistently good mechanics leads to physical fitness literacy. Numerous resources illustrate exercise is beneficial to physical well being, but also to cognitive function, which can lead to improvements in academic abilities.

Our goal is to provide a fun alternative activity to the traditional sports setting, while teaching proper mechanics and focusing on physical fitness. The program will allow students an opportunity to be active, which will help with all around better health. The program is able to differentiate based on age and individual needs of athletes. Chatfit Club is for students in grades 4-8. The club will meet on Tuesdays after school until 4:30. **Students should be dressed in clean athletic shoes, and clothing that allows easy movement. Clothing must be appropriate for school.**

Chatfit Club will start on **Tuesday, April 3rd and run until May 29th**. We will meet in the 5th grade classroom area for each session. There will be no Chatfit on Tuesday, April 17th due to parent teacher conferences.

The club will be using foundations based on Crossfit Kids and the Brand X Method. It will be facilitated by Jean Block and Amy Lynch. Students will be using equipment such as dumbbells, kettlebells, medicine balls, and barbells with weights.

The cost to join Chatfit Club is \$25 per student. A family of two will be discounted to \$40 and families of three students will be discounted to \$65.

Please contact Jean Block jblock@chatfieldschool.org or Amy Lynch alynch@chatfieldschool.org if you have any questions.

You can turn in permission slips to the office or 5th grade area.

My child / children , _____, has my permission to participate in Chatfit Club.

_____ I have enclosed payment with this form.

Parent signature _____

Phone number _____

Hogwarts School



Invites you to attend a magical celebration
Following March is Reading Month.

Where: The Chatfield School

When: April 5, 2018 from 6:00pm–8:00pm

Who: All ages are welcome

Cost: \$6.00 Tickets may be purchased in the office
until March 23rd. Due to supplies and event preparation, this
event will be limited to 200 guests.

Our magical celebration will include a small treat, games, activities, crafts, and prizes.



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March 1, 2018

Dear Parent,

Beginning in mid-April, your school district will administer the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) to students in grades 3-8. The M-STEP will be given online to nearly all students and will measure student knowledge of Michigan's high academic standards in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies.

High school students in grades 9 and 10 will continue to take the PSAT to provide schools, students, and parents valuable information on what students know in ELA and mathematics. It also helps students prepare for the SAT college entrance exam given to high school juniors as part of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME).

Students in grade 11 will take the MME, which consists of a free SAT that also measures student knowledge on Michigan's English language arts and mathematics standards; M-STEP science and social studies components; and a work skills assessment called WorkKeys.

We all want your child's state assessment experience to be as relaxed and stress-free as possible. Your positive outlook and supportive manner going into these assessments also will influence your child's experience.

Remember, testing is a part of learning. State assessment results do not impact student grades. They are designed to provide information on student knowledge and ability to be career- and college-ready upon graduation. Schools and district use the results for curriculum planning and school improvement initiatives that benefit all students.

M-STEP testing time has been significantly reduced since its first year, with further reductions made for 2018. In fact, students—on average—will spend no more than 3 hours on state tests in math and English language arts. Students in 5th and 8th grade who take state assessments in science and social studies will spend an additional two hours on those tests. Even so, 2018 state assessments *in total* take up less than 1 percent of total instructional time for the school year.

While we support parents in making choices for their children, there is no allowable way in state or federal law to "opt out" of state assessments. Students who are not assessed will count against their schools' participation rate, and create an incomplete picture of school performance. Schools rely on accurate test results to focus on students or

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programs that may need more academic support. That's one reason federal law requires a 95% participation rate target on state assessments be used in a school's accountability rating.

To provide you with additional information on M-STEP, we have attached an overview called *M-STEP: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT MEANS, AND WHAT IT OFFERS*. Additional information, including how you can help your child prepare for testing, is available on the M-STEP web page at www.mi.gov/mstep.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Whiston
State Superintendent

Chatfield School Weekly Events

Weeks of March 19 & 26, 2018

As of March 19, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

Spirit Week-Character Day

3-8th Grade Yoga-Library-3:40 p.m.

Basketball Banquet-Gym-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Spirit Week-Crazy Hat & Hair Day

PreK-K Dance-Commons-3:45 p.m.

Mindfulness Club-Willows-3:40 p.m.

Crossfit-5th grade area-3:40 p.m.

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal-5:00 p.m.

Archery Club-Gym-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Spirit Week-Team Day

1st Grade Field Study-Sloan Museum-9:45 a.m.

1-2nd Grade Dance-Commons-3:35 p.m.

1-3rd Yoga-Library-3:40 p.m.

Talent Show-Pix Theatre-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Spirit Week-Pajama Day

Magic Show-KG-2nd Grade-Commons-1:30 p.m.

3-8th Grade Mindfulness Club-Willows-3:40 p.m.

Archery Practic-Gym-6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts Webelos I Den-Library-6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23, 2018

Spirit Week-Chatfield Day

Annual Candy Hunt

Bowling club-Gerlach's Bowling Center-3:00 p.m.

Archery Team-Gym-6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts-Webelos II Den-Library-6:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Community Shoot-Gym-8:00 a.m

Lapeer Concert Choir-Music Room & Commons

Monday, March 26, 2018

SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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Wednesday, March 28, 2018

SPRING BREAK

Thursday, March 29, 2018

SPRING BREAK

Friday, March 30, 2018

SPRING BREAK

SPRING BREAK-March 26-April 1
RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY, APRIL 2nd