



Eighth Grade Newsletter

Chatfield School

February 1, 2010



News and Events

******Science Fair Count Down******

The pressure is on to devise the great Science Fair project for this year. The Science Fair project approval form was due in December. The Science Fair booklet can be found on the Chatfield School website with the Newsletter downloads and on the Educational Resources page.

Middle School Open House

We will host an Open House Tuesday, Feb 9th for prospective middle school students currently enrolled in grades 5-7.

Report Card Envelopes Must Be Returned

Please sign and return the report card envelope as soon as possible. Report cards were sent home on Friday, Jan 29.

Special Event

Wednesday, Feb 10 we will be having a special event please see the note that was sent home with the report card.

Winter Survival Intensive Study Week

This event has been postponed because of the weather conditions.

New Fundraisers

Please see the back of this newsletter to see the individual fundraisers that are coming up.

Sledding Day February 7, 2010

P.I.E. will host a sledding day from 2-5 p.m. at Camp LAEL. Bring your own sleds! Enjoy the sledding hill. Warm up by the fire! Cost is \$5.00 per Family.

"Daddy Daughter" Dance

Sixth grade will host this dance on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for girls ranging from K to 8th grade while note everyone has their father in their life, girls are encouraged to invite a father figure. The cost is \$10 per family. Corsages are available to order as well for \$8.00. See the Chat.

Encyclopedia Britannica

The school has a log in for students to use the online Encyclopedia Britannica at home. Log onto www.school.eb.com.
Log in Username: chatfield
Password: research.
Please use this valuable resource at home.

Academically Speaking

This week students will continue with the novel Milkweed. This novel address life in the Warsaw ghetto during World War 2. We will present our small group picture book reading comprehension lessons.

In Social Studies we will continue work on understanding constitutional rights and the process involved in writing the US constitution.

In Science we will continue work on our Atomic theory chapter focusing on the subatomic particles that make up an atom. Specifically we will focus on a basic understanding of electron configuration and how electrons release photons when the change energy levels. **Reminder: Students should be working on their Science Fair Projects. Booklets were sent home in December and are available on the website.**

Students will be working in math groups this week. Parent support of homework is appreciated.

NO Homework?

Your child **should** be bringing homework home several times a week. Students should have between 15 minutes to an hour of homework most nights. A good rule of thumb is that even if there is no homework, you child should still silent read and/or work on math facts for 30 minutes a night. This should be a non-negotiable time commitment.

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Upcoming Dates

January 27 Chinese New Year Lunch
January 29 Student Report Card
February 12 Valentine Celebration
February 15-19 Mid-Winter Recess/No School
February 22-25 Parent Conferences
March is Reading Month
March 4 Chatfield Science Fair Extravaganza

7th and 8th Grade Fundraiser for Our Washington D.C. Trip

7th and 8th grade students sell items at a snack cart in the middle school to raise funds for our end-of-the-year class trip. We would like to ask families to donate water bottles, Kudos bars, Cheez-it snack bags, granola bars, and anything else that is a "healthy snack" for the snack cart.

Donations can be given to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you!

Washington D.C. Individual Fund Raisers January - March 2010

We currently have four individual fund raisers that kids or families can choose to participate in. Please contact the contact person if you have any questions.

Pizza Kit Sales

Little Ceasar's Pizza Kit sales end this week on Wednesday. Michele Guerra is the contact person for this fundraiser.

Erin Wetzel Photography

Students will be able to sell tickets for sitting fees with Erin Wetzel, photographer. Tickets sell for \$15 and will be available for sign out on Wednesday. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

Basketball Camp Concessions

Students may sign up to work a concession stand post for the Basketball camps that will run for the next six weeks. Students interested in working can sign up beginning on Tuesday outside of Mr. Kraly's room. Amount sold will be evenly distributed among the workers for the number of hours worked. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

Barracuda Woman's Self Defense Class Taught at PKSA Lapeer

This mother/daughter class will cost \$30 and is on Saturday, January 30 from 1pm to 3pm. Mrs. Higgins is the contact person for this fundraiser.

Lapeer Conservation Tree Sale

We will sell pine and spruce trees at the start of March. The trees are four years old and costs will range from \$3-\$4. Students will make \$.50 per tree sold. The contact for this fundraiser is Mr. Kraly.

Please note that these fund raisers are being done outside of the classroom and are available for all seventh and eighth graders to participate in with parent support.