



Eighth Grade Newsletter

Chatfield School

January 19, 2010



News and Events

End of Semester Exams

Students will have end of semester comprehensive exams for English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Math. We will focus on test taking strategies this week.

Exam Schedule

Thursday 8:45 English Language Arts Exam
Thursday 10:30 Math Exam
Friday 8:45 Social Studies Exam
Friday 10:30 Science Exam

Students will be provided with a study guide for Science and Social Studies. To prepare for the English Exam students will review the novels they have read this year in class. The math exam is based on lessons completed in the first semester and the book/ website may be used to review.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, Jan. 29.

Get Ready for the 3rd Card Marking

The 3rd card marking begins Monday, January 25. Most students will begin new Career Explorations and Fine Arts classes.

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 last Friday. If you have not, please make sure your child completes the form this week. The Science Fair booklet can be found on the Chatfield School website with the Newsletter downloads and on the Educational Resources page.

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.

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 begin a new novel called, Milkweed. This novel address life in the Warsaw ghetto during World War 2. We will also watch a movie called The Boy in the Striped Pajamas which relates to the novel.

In Social Studies we will work on understanding how and why our constitution was created.

In Science we will work on Atomic theory focusing on the subatomic particles that make up an atom. **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.

Upcoming Dates

- January 21 -22 End of Semester Exams
- 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!

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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 begin 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.

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.