

Sixth Grade Canoe Trip

Mrs. Wolinski's canoe trip is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26** and Mrs. Bierbusse's canoe trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25**. Students should dress appropriately and are expected to bring a change of clothes and shoes. Students will be back in time to eat lunch at Chatfield. The permission slip will go home this week. Please make sure the permission slip is signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Permission Slip

The permission slip and non-refundable deposit of \$65 was due **Friday, October 6**. Chaperones are expected to submit a \$65 deposit, failure to do so will result in losing your spot to attend the trip.

Baybrook Candle Fundraiser

Orders with money are due on Monday, Oct. 9. Each candle sold nets a profit of \$4. All sales will go towards students' individual trip balance.

Vocabulary Study and Homework

A vocabulary quiz is scheduled for **Friday, October 13** and **Thursday, October 19**. Students will take a vocabulary word quiz testing their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary words found in the novel, *Hatchet*. The word lists culminate over a three week period. After three weeks students are given a brand new list. Students are expected to memorize the definitions of the words listed. All quizzes are multiple choice. On Monday, students receive a word list with definitions. Please make time to review the vocabulary words throughout the week with your child.

Fall Break

No School Friday, Oct. 20 and Monday, Oct. 23.

Fall Conferences

Please sign-up for fall conferences using the Sign-up Genius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa5a922a02-parent2>

Conferences are October 12 and 17.



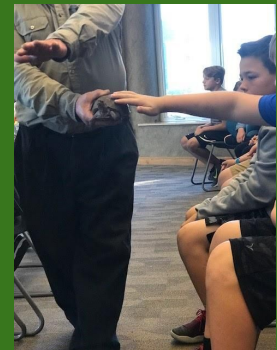
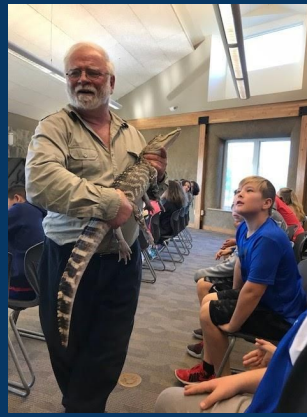
Sixth graders always enjoy a visit from Randy Baker. This time, he brought many different animal species and discussed the importance of why maintaining healthy habitats in Michigan is important to rainforest survival and how rainforests are important to maintaining Michigan's biodiversity.

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Classroom Fall Festivities

The sixth grade will participate in the Halloween parade and trunk-or-treat on **Tuesday, October 31**. Following trunk-or-treat, students return to the classroom area for pizza, breadsticks and soda pop. Please contact Mrs. Bierbusse or Mrs. Wolinski by sending in a note, email or phone letting us know if you would be interested in helping out with the festivities.

We are requesting \$2.00 from each student to cover the cost of food and pop. Money is due by Thursday, October 19. We also need one bag of candy from each student. Thank you!

Costume Expectations

If your child is participating in the Halloween parade, costumes and makeup may not be scary. Students will have time the afternoon of the parade to get dressed. Please leave plastic guns and knives at home. Costumes must also adhere to the Chatfield School dress code. Ladies should not wear costumes that reveal their midriff. Spaghetti straps are not allowed. Dresses and skirts should be fingertip length. Your child will be asked to change if a costume is inappropriate. Thank you!

Skyward and Progress Reports

Reports go home Friday. Please sign and return the progress report to your child's homeroom teacher. Please check Skyward weekly to stay current with your child's progress in all academic subjects. Your child's login ID is their student number found on their lunch card or student ID card. The password is their birthdate in number form with the full birth year. We appreciate your support!

Box Tops Wanted!

Please send in your box tops to your child's homeroom teacher with their teacher's name labeled on the bag.

Classroom Corner

MATH: Each day your child will receive a math assignment. Please check your child's classroom calendar to stay informed on what lesson your child is completing.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Students will continue to understand the differences between GPS and GIS and how these tools assist geographers and scientists. Additionally, students will learn how to read and analyze a climograph.

SCIENCE: Students will continue the ecosystems unit of study. The unit consists of an understanding of concepts, such as biodiversity, biotic and abiotic factors, consumers, producers, decomposers, symbiosis, predators and prey. Students begin the unit by completing a Pond Inquiry and Investigation, specifically focusing on the role of macroinvertebrates to a wetland ecosystem.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: We will continue reading aloud *Wonder*. Students will begin the novel study, *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen. As a class we will read and discuss each chapter. Students are expected to respond in writing for each day's reading to check for understanding and comprehension of the text.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE AND OPEN GYM

Friday, October 27 from 6-8p.m.
Free admission! Casual Dress!
The CMS Cafe will be open to purchase snacks and drinks!

