



Chelsea Intermediate School News – April 2009

Note from the Main Office

Dear Parents,

As you know, we received funding through the Education Foundation in October that enabled us to purchase additional LCD projectors for a multitude of classrooms in the building. We are pleased to inform you that those items have been purchased, and the equipment has been installed. At this time, every classroom at Chelsea Intermediate School now has a drop down LCD projector available for instruction. In addition to this, the school district also purchased ELMO's for each of these classrooms, allowing us to finish our technology project with ELMO's and LCD projectors in all instructional classrooms in the building. ELMO's are a wonderful instructional tool that takes the traditional overhead projector and makes the experience three-dimensional. This is critical for the use of manipulatives and demonstrations for varying activities and experiments. We also have purchased enough SMARTBoards to have one in each of our computer labs, one in the library, and one at each level of the building for teacher check out.

The infusion of technology tools into daily instruction has been a multi-year project within our school district. Our next step in this process is to add additional SMARTBoards and to continuously update our software options within the classroom setting. We want to thank the FSP for their generous donations that have led to the purchase of some of this equipment, along with the Education Foundation.

The new addition, which is slated to open this fall, will have eight regular education classrooms and one large multi-purpose room that can, if need be, convert to three individual classrooms in the future. Every classroom in the new addition will be filled immediately in the fall, and the multi-purpose room will be used for building-wide events and indoor recess activities daily. Every classroom in the addition will have a drop down LCD projector and an ELMO available for instructional use.

The additional technology tools in the existing building, along with the new space provided by our addition project will offer all the students at Chelsea an incredible learning environment for upcoming years. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our building improvements!

Sincerely, Mrs. Fuqua, Principal Mrs. Mullin, Assistant Principal

Reminders

We know that many students have special items from home that they occasionally bring to school. We encourage you to talk with your child about what they are bringing to school to ensure that none of the items are valuable in nature, or violate the school handbook in any way. Toy or look alike weapons are strictly prohibited, and bringing those items to school carries a significant disciplinary consequence. Please give your child a gentle reminder about this and let us know if you have any questions.

FYI

Parents please remind your child to board and exit their bus only at their assigned stop.



Technology Time

With Mrs. Plestina-Pettit

Our **third graders** have begun their Autobiography PowerPoint presentations. They are learning about slides, titles, bullet points, and presentation skills. The students will also learn about color, clip art, and slide transitions. I am very excited to hear and see their slideshow presentations because I will learn a lot about each of them!

Fourth graders have begun their state research using the Internet. This project integrates with their social studies curriculum. They have almost completed their basic state facts. In addition, they will start finding pictures next. I will teach them about how to use Boolean terms to narrow searches and how to copy and paste pictures from Google Images into an MS Word document as well as how to maneuver the pictures in Word. I anticipate some students will complete the research before spring break and others may need the rest of April. In May, they will take their research completed during technology and use it to create state posters with their teachers.

The **fifth graders** have completed their Excel projects, and are they ever relieved! The project was challenging, but they worked extremely diligently managed to rise to the challenge. They will have a little time to recuperate before we begin our next project.

Most excellent news! Our three students who will represent Chelsea are Victoria Butler, Claire Chung, and Logan Winkler. Our fifth grade *Excel at the Stock Market Game* has been accepted into TECH 2009 which is a showcase for technology projects that takes place in Springfield, Illinois. This will give legislators an opportunity to view how teachers and students use technology.



I am planning a May Click! order. If you would be willing to help with stapling order forms, please e-mail, call, or write. Thanks!

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Art News

Be sure to mark your calendars for the FSP Creative Arts Showcase. This event will be Friday April 3rd from 5:00 to 7:30 at Grand Prairie. The event will have a variety of fine arts presentations as well as hands on activities. Your own Mrs. Newman will be leading an activity based on the work of Jackson Pollock. He liked to abstractly sling paint at his canvas. Sounds like fun but wear your painting clothes.



5th Grade

5th grade students were inspired by the work of Edgar Degas and have been busy creating designs with depth and visual form. We will add color with value shading to give these designs a 3 dimensional look. These finished works are very impressive indeed.

4th Grade

Mona Lisa is the inspiration for 4th grades' next project. Students will learn Leonardo wasn't just a Ninja Turtle and that renaissance art was realistic. After a practice drawing to find all the details of an eye, students will draw a realistic pair of eyes from a photo. We will also learn where to draw the eyes on a face for a well proportioned portrait.

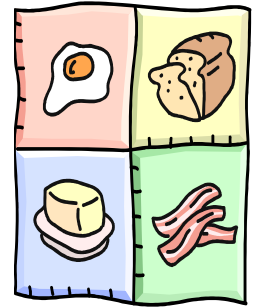
3rd Grade

After finishing their beautiful bug designs, third graders are trying their hands at tempera paint. Students will experiment with the kinds of brushes and brushstrokes needed to make lines and shapes with paint. Their repeating designs will give them the opportunity to use primary colors and to mix secondary colors. Our paint is washable, but you might want to wear older clothes on paint days.

Physical Education News

March was NUTRITION MONTH

Physical education teachers have worked with students on what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. We have discussed various topics including, the food pyramid, importance of water, how much exercise in a day, and more.



March Madness hit Chelsea students at an elementary level. The students spent one week working on ball handling skills. The next week's lessons revolved around playing "Knock-Out" and 3 on 3 basketball.

Character Education "Caught Being Good" slips are being modified. You will no longer need to sign the caught being good slip.

Now students will bring home their Caught being Good slips and put the attached raffle ticket for their chance to win a monthly prize. Poor Choices will need to be signed. We feel that it is important for you to talk to your child about the decisions they make at school. All decisions they make have an impact on their character, whether they are in the hallway, lunchroom, or at recess.



SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS AND NESTLE WATER LABELS!!!

We are still collecting old shoes for our recycling project this year.

Upcoming Events:

April PE Units: Health and Nutrition, Omni-kin ball, Climbing wall, Character Education "What is a Bully?" Frisbee's, and Blast ball.

Jump Rope for Heart prizes should be arriving before Spring Break. Watch for them coming home soon. Thank you again for your generous support. \$28,746.72.

Field Day May 28th: The theme for the 2009 field day is "**Chelsea's Day at the Beach**". Tee shirt orders will be going home on April 3rd.

Music News

All **fifth grade** classes are working with mallet instruments preparing several group activities. After spring break, each class will have their own little talent show. All 5th graders are encouraged to participate.



Fourth grade classes have been working on the recorder and learning songs. We will be working with recorders until the second week of May. Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to practice on his/her recorder. April 6th is the date for the 5th grade band to perform for all 4th grade students. **May 6th and 7th are the days all 4th grade students will try out band instruments.** Quinlan and Fabish Music Company is sponsoring this event. **May 12th is band sign up day.** Thanks for your cooperation!

Third grade are playing games using body percussion, ball bouncing, and movement as a part of the learning process. Students are also learning about instruments of the orchestra and band and the families to which they belong.

Character Counts

Trustworthiness is the Pillar of Character for the month of April. Students will be learning different ways to show others that they are trustworthy. Trustworthiness lessons will be centered on the following discussion points: be honest; don't deceive cheat or steal; be reliable - do what you say you'll do; have the courage to do the right thing; build a good reputation; be loyal - stand by your family and friends.

Going to the library?

Here are a few books that discuss the importance for showing others we are trustworthy; *Night Journey's* by Avi; *Twenty and Ten* by Bishop C.; *After the Goat Man* by Byars B.; *Courage of Sarah Noble* by Dalglish A.; *Great Brian Reforms* by Fitzgerald J.; *Tread Softly* by Gerson, C.; *Fragile Flag* by Langton J.; *Strawberry Girl* by Lenski L.

Try this activity!

Who is Trustworthy? Have your child look through magazines or newspapers and try to find articles that portray people that are acting in a trustworthy way. Then have them cut out the articles and make a scrapbook of trustworthy people. They can hold onto this scrapbook for a long time and may later on like to look at what they made to remember things that happened in the past.



PLASE

The next general meeting for PLASE will be held on Tuesday April 8, 2008 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Pioneer Grove Education Center, 601 Willow Street, Upper Level in the Commons Area. The topic will be Transition. For more information you may call Mary Frick at (815) 806-4600. The website is www.lwase843.org/plase.asp.

DARE

The Dare Graduation Ceremony for 5th graders will be on April 8th at 10:30 A.M. After the ceremony, the children will have a pizza and pop lunch that is provided by the Frankfort Police Department. The children also receive a free DARE tee shirt provided by FSP. The Frankfort Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an essay contest for DARE students. One best essay from each 5th grade class will receive a \$50 gift certificate. A big thank you goes out to these generous groups!

April Chelsea Dates to Remember

3/30-4/03	Terra Nova Testing
4/03	Creative Arts Showcase 5-7:30 @GP
4/07	Student Ambassador Lunch for March
4/08	Dare Graduation
4/09	Early Dismissal 12:00 PM
4/10-17	Spring Break
4/20	Board of Education Meeting @ 7 PM
4/21	FSP Hot Lunch
4/24	Spirit Day—Crazy Hair
4/24	Progress Notices
4/28	Athletic Hot Lunch
4/30	Student Ambassador Lunch for April



Note from the Nurse

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to maintain a healthy learning environment for your child, the Illinois School Code requires certain student groups to provide health related information to the school. This information includes:

Certificate of Child Health Examination--

All incoming kindergarten and sixth grade students, and students entering the district for the first time must have a health exam completed within the previous year. This form will be in the registration packet or can be obtained from the health office. Please return this form to the health office as soon as possible.

Hepatitis B--

Students entering fifth grade and those students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade are still required to provide proof of immunization against Hepatitis B. A record review has been completed on all current fourth graders regarding this requirement. If your fourth grade student does not have the required documentation you should have received a letter in the mail describing the problem and possible solutions.

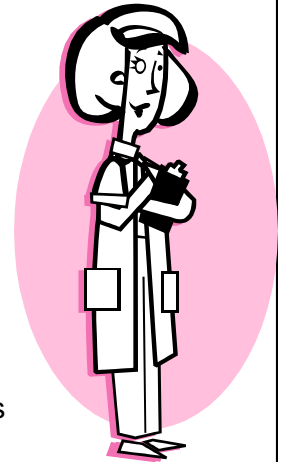
Vision--

All children entering school for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade must submit proof of an eye examination completed within the previous year. The required form will be in the registration packet.

Dental—

All children in kindergarten and second and sixth grades are required to have a dental examination performed by a licensed dentist prior to May 15. The required form will be in the registration packet and can be obtained from the health office.

If you have any questions regarding the state health requirements for the upcoming school year, please call the nurse in your child's school.



Sports Physicals

Once again, "**Sportlink**" will be performing **Sports Physicals** at Hickory Creek Middle School. **All 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students**, who are enrolled in **Frankfort School District 157c**, may participate in this clinic. The physicals may also be used to meet 6th grade and 9th grade State of Illinois school physical requirements. Please be certain to tell the doctor that you will need this, prior to the exam, and bring a copy of your child's' immunization record with you.

"**Sportlink**" also offers EKG's and/or Cardiac Life Screening with the physical, for an additional cost. Please call Arlene Pawlak, R.N. at Hickory Creek Middle School, for further details or if you have any questions. **Pre-registration is required at www.sportlinkusa.com. Online school code is HKCMS.**

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2009

TIME: 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM by appointment

PLACE: Hickory Creek Middle School gymnasium