

# the Chesterfield Channel

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Dear Chesterfield Families,

Generosity...giving of your time or money. This term can be used to define our students. The Chesterfield students spent the last few weeks determining how to help families in Haiti and support St. Jude's. Our kindergarten students developed the Hundred for Haiti idea, which was used across the district. A fourth grade student collected over \$240.00 on the Dads' Movie Night. Our fifth grade students collected more than \$1,700. There are many great stories of the selfless acts of giving. These acts give us, as parents and teachers, many reasons to be proud. If you are interested and able to continue giving, St. Jude's donations are still being collected.

Teachers are continually working to help all students be successful. As we meet and discuss the grade level goals and most recent data, we find reason to celebrate, update the goals and/or re-evaluate what we are doing. Below is the current data collection that we completed as of January 26, 2010. Ask your teacher if you would like to learn more about what your teacher is doing.

### **First Grade-Communication Arts**

*Goal:* 80% of first grade students will score in the proficient range or above when given the Building Common Assessment.

*Progress:* 75% are at or above proficient.

### **First Grade-Math**

*Goal:* 80% of first grade students will score in the proficient range or above when given the Building Common Assessment for counting mixed coins to a dollar.

*Progress:* 87% of students were able to count a combination of money using pennies and nickels.

### **Second Grade- Communication Arts**

*Goal:* 80% of students will be reading at the proficient or above proficient level in reading fluency.

*Progress:* It was decided that all students struggling with reading fluency will be determined through the implementation of the upcoming District Common Assessment reading fluency theme tests.

### **Second Grade- Math**

*Goal:* 80% of students will master addition and subtraction facts 0-18.

*Progress:* It was determined that the initial goal of 80% of second grade students mastering both addition and subtraction facts is unattainable. Therefore, the goal has been adjusted so that 80% of all second grade students will monitor addition facts 0-18 fluently and individual students who progress further will be monitored accordingly.

### **Third Grade- Communication Arts**

*Goal:* 70% of third grade students will score an 80% or higher on weekly reading tests

*Progress:* All actions have been implemented. 70% or higher of the third grade students have earned an 80% or higher on weekly reading tests.



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**Third Grade- Math**

*Goal:* 73% of third grade students will score 80% or higher on the math District Common Assessments.

*Progress:* 79% of third grade students averaged 80% or higher on the District Common Assessments.

**Fourth Grade- Communication Arts**

*Goal:* We will decrease the number of students who have a discrepancy spread of more than 10 or more percentage points on the Gates test in Vocabulary and Comprehension by 10%.

*Progress:* Created formative assessment plans for Superspeed 1000 and had students write their goals. We administered theme 3 reading test to monitor student progress.

**Fourth Grade- Math**

*Goal:* Increase the number of students who are in the top 2 levels on the MAP test to 69.1% from 65.5%.

*Progress:* Utilizing weekly exemplars and District Common Assessments. Realigning exemplars and will choose practice items for the MAP test to meet weaknesses of previous years MAP data.

**Fifth Grade- Communication Arts**

*Goal:* 75% of fifth grade students who take the Communication Arts assessment of the MAP test will score at an achievement level of proficient or above.

*Progress:* Began implementing lesson plans based on the learning targets in the areas of inferencing, sequencing and main idea, and in writing, constructing a paragraph using detail and support from the passage. Pre-assessments were given to determine the needs. The post assessment will take place in the beginning of February.

**Fifth Grade- Math**

*Goal:* 70% of fifth grade students who take the Math assessment of the MAP test will score at an achievement level of proficient or above.

*Progress:* Began implementing lesson plans based on the learning targets in the area of patterns, clock time, elapsed time, and multiplication and division facts. The mid-check will take place this week.

As I shared in last month's newsletter, we are changing over our website to the Sharepoint site. The goal is for our communication take place in a timely manner. We will begin working to keep the site up-to-the-hour. With this said, there may not be a need for a monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jodi Davidson  
Principal

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the half-day or full-day optional program for the 2010-11 school year will be held at Chesterfield Elementary on Wednesday, February 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parents are requested to park in the back lot and enter through the back entrance.

Children must be five years of age before August 1, 2010 in order to enter school for the 2010-11 academic year. Due to a state law, there is no variance in this date as readiness testing has been eliminated.

Parents who want to enroll a child should bring:

- Your child's original state birth certificate
- Your child's immunization records
- Parents' work and cell numbers
- Two proofs of residency, such as parents' unpaid utility bills, real estate receipts, lease agreement, signed sales contract, real estate deed, occupancy permit, or personal property tax receipt
- Names and phone numbers of your child's physician and dentist
- A phone number of someone who should be contacted in case of emergency

Please inform any friends or neighbors in the Chesterfield attendance area who do not already have children in school of the date and times of Kindergarten registration.

### Adventure Club Enrollment

Adventure Club begins enrollment for the 2010-11 School Year beginning on February 3, 2010 at 7:00 am. Apply Early! Our services are in high demand and waiting lists start early.

You may access the online enrollment form by visiting:

[www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub). The application fee of \$70 per child/\$140 family max is due at the end of the enrollment process and may be paid with either MasterCard or Visa. If you don't have access to a computer please visit the Adventure Club office at 1900 Hawkins Road in Fenton. For more information, call 636-861-7768.



# Volunteers Needed

For

## Rockwood Science Expo

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Rockwood Science Expo Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work at the Rockwood Science Expo on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at Rockwood Summit High School to supervise science exhibits. On-site training will be provided. Visit [www.RockwoodScience.com](http://www.RockwoodScience.com) for additional information on Expo Events.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I am interested and available to work at the District Science Expo on Saturday, February 27, 2010. (Indicate preference below.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ALL Day:** 11:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> Shift ONLY:** 8:30 a.m. - Noon

\_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> Shift ONLY:** Noon - 3:15 p.m.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

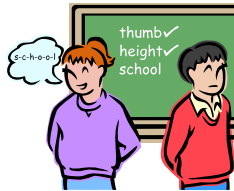
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

### RSD Healthy Family Expo

The Rockwood School District presents the Healthy Family Expo on Saturday, February 6 at Wildwood Middle School from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This free district wide Expo offers families an opportunity to participate in health screenings, demonstrations and interactive fitness activities suitable for all ages.

**Congratulations!!!**  
**Spelling Bee Winners**  
**Spelling Bee Champion is.....**  
**Collin Limp**

**Runner up....**  
**Dylan Minichiello**



**Jump Rope for Heart**

The PE Department will be hosting the Jump Rope for Heart Event on Friday, February 19. Jump Rope for Heart is an event that encourages students to jump rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. The money collected by students can be turned in any day up to March 1st to their PE teacher. Checks should be made out to The American Heart Association. The Jump Rope for Heart Event will take place during their PE times.



**2009 –10 Chesterfield Yearbooks**

Notices have been sent home in the last week to students/families who have not ordered yearbooks to date. If you did not receive a reminder notice but are unsure if you have ordered, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Orf-Davis in the office. Final order to Lifetouch is due in late February, so please get your orders in soon.

**Classroom Treats**

Parents please send classroom treats in the original packaging with the nutritional labels. The nurse may need to review for students with allergies/medical conditions.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Dysko and Mrs. Trettel

**Black History Month**

Black History Month has been celebrated in American schools since the 1970's, thanks to the efforts of African-American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Known as the "Father of African-American History," Dr. Woodson wrote many books and articles to make the public aware of African-American history and achievements. Schools across the United States use the opportunity of Black History Month to teach children about the contributions African Americans have made to the nation and to the world. At Chesterfield, we focus on the contributions of these Americans by using our character words to demonstrate the "character" that each of these individuals possessed.



*Carver*

**Applications for the Full Day Preschool**  
**2009 – 2010 Program**

The Full Day Preschool program locations are: Marquette High School, Lafayette High School, Eureka High School, Rockwood Summit High School, Vandover Early Childhood Center and Clarkson Valley Early Childhood Center. The program hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children must be three years of age by July 31 to be eligible for Full Day Preschool.

If you would like more information or a tour of the program, please contact Patricia Wilde at the Vandover Early Childhood Center (636-861-7772).

If you would like to receive an application, please call the Clarkson Valley Early Childhood Center (636-207-2600) or the Vandover Early Childhood Center (636-207-2600). Enrollment is taken on a first come basis.

## **Guiding Good Choices Program**

Want to learn proven strategies to help your family develop healthy beliefs and clear standards, practice refusal skills to avoid trouble, manage conflict, and involve everyone in strengthening family bonds? **Guiding Good Choices** is a program that teaches parents of children ages 9-14 how to do just that. By following the strategies taught in **GGC** you will reduce the risk of your children developing problem behaviors in their adolescent years. The program is free and will meet one night a week for 5 weeks. If possible we encourage both parents to attend all 5 sessions.

The meeting places and dates for the next two sessions are:

Babler Elementary School  
February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2, 2010  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Childcare Provided

Pre-Registration Required  
Contact Ms. Sharon Strollo  
636-938-2363

## **Library/Media Center**

Please check out the new library toolbar at the Chesterfield Elementary website. You have access to the library's catalog and many websites including the St. Louis County Library website. Your children have been given passwords to access some of the sites that require passwords, but ask your child to stop by the library for a password sheet if he or she needs one.



## **Preferred Card Program**

The Rockwood Schools Foundation is once again sponsoring the Education Funding Group Preferred Card Program in all Rockwood elementary schools Tuesday, February 16 - Tuesday, February 23. You will receive more information in a flyer about this program next week.

The Rockwood Schools Foundation supports teacher grants and student scholarships. Twice a year, Rockwood teachers are encouraged to apply for grants to fund an innovative program. A couple examples of previous grants awarded are last year, Mrs. Sainz received a grant to facilitate a 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys' book club, as well as funding for students' applications for the Dream Catchers scholarships. Profit from the Preferred Card Program is split between the Foundation and Chesterfield.

## **Community Education**

### **Kdg - 5 Spring Baseball/Softball**

The Rockwood School District Community Education Department is offering spring baseball/softball programs for boys and girls in grades K-5. The K-1 league is a Co-ed Coach Pitch/T-ball league while the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys play Machine Pitch Baseball and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls play Coach Pitch Softball. The registration deadline for these programs is Friday, March 5.

To register or for more information about these programs and other Community Education programs, please visit our website at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed) or call our office at 636-938-2307.

## **Taste of West County**

On Monday, February 22, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Lafayette High School Class of 2011 is hosting the Taste of West County. Come enjoy wonderful samples provided by over 30 area restaurants. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$35. To order tickets, please complete the form attached to this newsletter.



## ART Mrs. Luczak

Hello!!! The Art room is bustling with activity as usual. So many of my students have such creativity, I am impressed every single day!

The District Art Show is coming up soon! It will be held at Wildwood Middle School on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Besides all the wonderful Chesterfield work, there will also be artwork from every school and every grade level in the district. Some of the work is simply amazing. Please join us in viewing the talent of our Chesterfield Elementary students! I will be sending home letters to the parents of all Chesterfield students participating, sometime in early April.

Here's what's going on in the art room currently:

**Kindergarten:** We are working on an artwork based on Eric Carle's story *Hermit Crab Finds a Home*. Students are getting to work as Carle did, creating colorful papers, then gluing all the parts together.

**First Grade:** First grade studied the difference between shapes and forms, and identified a sphere, cylinder, cube, and cone. They then made "beads" out of clay in the shapes of those forms. We will be using the hand-made beads to create some Native American jewelry.

**Second Grade:** We are studying decorative arts, and are learning about the Australian wind instrument, a didgeridoo. Students are using geometric lines and shapes, dots, and earth colors to create their own unique didgeridoo. Next, we will be talking about texture.

**Third Grade:** We are studying landscapes, seascapes, and cityscapes. Students are asked to recognize and include in their own drawings a horizon line, foreground, middle ground, and background. We are turning these paintings into a 2-way picture.

**Fourth Grade:** Fourth grade is doing something really cool. We studied artists from Missouri and talked about Missouri art. Students are creating their own Disney based drawing, while also participating in a full grade level mural about the state of Missouri. The mural will be displayed in the school permanently upon its completion.

**Fifth Grade:** After completing a study of the human body's proportions and how it looks in action, we are moving on to a 3-D sculpture of a figure. Students are building an armature covered in plaster and painted to resemble a person doing some kind of activity. I think this year's fifth grade class has come up with some of the most creative ideas and poses for their figures yet.

If anyone is interested in helping me to get all the student artwork prepared for the District Art Show this year, please contact me ASAP. I would like to include as much artwork as possible, but could definitely use the help! Thanks!



## MUSIC Mrs. Norvell

It's hard to believe the school year is more than half over. It was fun watching the kindergartener's parade through the halls as they celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

In kindergarten we have been playing singing games and singing about Martin Luther King, Jr. We recently sang our 100<sup>th</sup> day song and watched *Sleeping Beauty*.

The first grade students also enjoyed learning songs about Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition to playing singing games, they have begun learning songs for their spring musical, "Bugz", which will be on April 14.

In second grade we are busy preparing for our musical, "Americans All", which will be presented on February 24. Please watch for costume information which will be sent home soon.

The third graders have been singing rounds and are learning about the percussion and string families. They will be introduced to the following folk string instruments: guitar, banjo, dulcimer, and autoharp.

The fourth grade students have sung partner songs, accompanied their singing on pitched and unpitched percussion instruments, and learned about dynamic markings in music.

In fifth grade we have also sung partner songs, listened to Dvorak's "New World Symphony", reviewed note reading, and listened to Haydn's "Surprise Symphony".

Special Chorus members have begun working on their spring musical, "Camp Deer Path", to be presented on May 4. The Honors Choir is preparing a group of songs to be presented in the spring concert.



## PE

Mr. Fine, Mrs. Hartin, Mrs. Conway

February finds us in a ball handling unit. We have been working on our dribbling skills and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are experiencing basketball. K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are working on controlling a basketball, dribbling, hand/eye coordination, and some fun lead up games to basketball.

It is time for our Annual Jump Rope for Heart Event. This event will take place on Friday, February 19 at Chesterfield Elementary during your child's PE class. Parents are invited to join us that day and jump for the cause, turn ropes, and enjoy your child jumping for their own heart health. The money collected goes to the American Heart Association. It is used to help educate people on having a healthy heart. It is also being used to help families who can not afford expensive heart surgery and treatments. The theme this year is "Be a Heart Hero". Packets are being sent home with directions on how to collect the money. We are jumping on February 19<sup>th</sup> and all money will need to be turned in by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support for this worthy cause.

The next Health Unit will be focused on Body Systems. To support our Jump Rope for Heart program we will be studying the Heart and Lungs first.

We have just finished another great month teaching, and enjoying your children. Thank you!





## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

- 1 Counseling Week
- 2 CCL
- 3 PTO Board Meeting @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- 3 Kindergarten Registration @ 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 4 Kindergarten Registration @ 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 4 E-Hour Classes
- 4 Club Hope @ 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- 5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Book Club @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. (Library)
- 6 RSD Healthy Family Expo at .....
- 8 Rockwood Foundation EFG Card Saver Program Kick Off
- 9 CCL
- 11 E-Hour Classes
- 11 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. (Crestview Middle School)
- 12 Valentine's Day Parties  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 – 11:15) (1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:15-12:15) (Kdg & 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30 – 12:30) (4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:40 – 12:40)
- 12 Staff Development Day/Early Dismissal Day - 12:47p.m.
- 15 NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
- 16 CCL
- 18 E-Hour Classes
- 19 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Book Club @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. (Library)
- 19 Jump Rope for Heart (Gymnasium)
- 19 PE Kids' Night Out @ 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- 22 & 24 Kindergarten Screening for 2010-11 at Early Childhood – Clarkson Valley
- 23 CCL
- 23 PTO Chairpersons' Lunch
- 24 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical @ 7:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- 25 E-Hour Classes
- 25 Beach Blanket Bingo @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- 25 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. (Crestview Middle School)
- 26 Cultural Assembly @ 10:30 a.m. – Kdg a.m., 3rd, 4th, 5th & 2:00 p.m. – Kdg, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gymnasium)
- 26 End of Third Quarter/Spirit Day
- 26 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Book Club @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. (Library)
- 26 - 27 Rockwood School District Science Olympics @ Rockwood Summit High School

### March

- 1 Cat in the Hat Day & Rockwood Reading Week
- 1 Jump Rope For Heart Collection Envelopes Due
- 2 CCL
- 2 VICC Elementary Awards Night @ St. Louis University
- 3 School Principal Day
- 3 PTO Board Meeting @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- 3 Staff Development Day/Early Dismissal Day - 12:47 p.m.
- 3 Club Hope Field Trip @ 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. (Crestview Middle School)
- 5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Book Club @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. (Library)
- 8 Book Fair @ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Library)
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conference (Optional Night) 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 9 Book Fair @ 9:00a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Library)
- 10 Parent/Teacher Conference (Sibling Night) 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 10 Book Fair @ 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Library)
- 12 **NO SCHOOL**
- 15 - 19 **SPRING BREAK – No School**
- 22 School Resumes
- 23 CCL
- 25 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. (Crestview Middle School)
- 30 CCL