



## RtI: A New Approach to Helping Students

### An Introduction to RtI

Response to Intervention (RtI) comes from a change in federal and state education laws. This change is focused on *earlier identification of students* who are having difficulty achieving in the core curriculum.

These new laws seek to hold school districts accountable for the progress of all students and to ensure that students are provided high-quality, scientifically based instruction and interventions. Perhaps the most important part of the RtI process is the collaboration and support of our students' parent/guardians. Please let us know how we can best serve you in being an advocate for your student.

Galesburg CUSD is committed to providing students with the highest quality of education in an effort to help all students achieve their dreams.

### What is RtI?

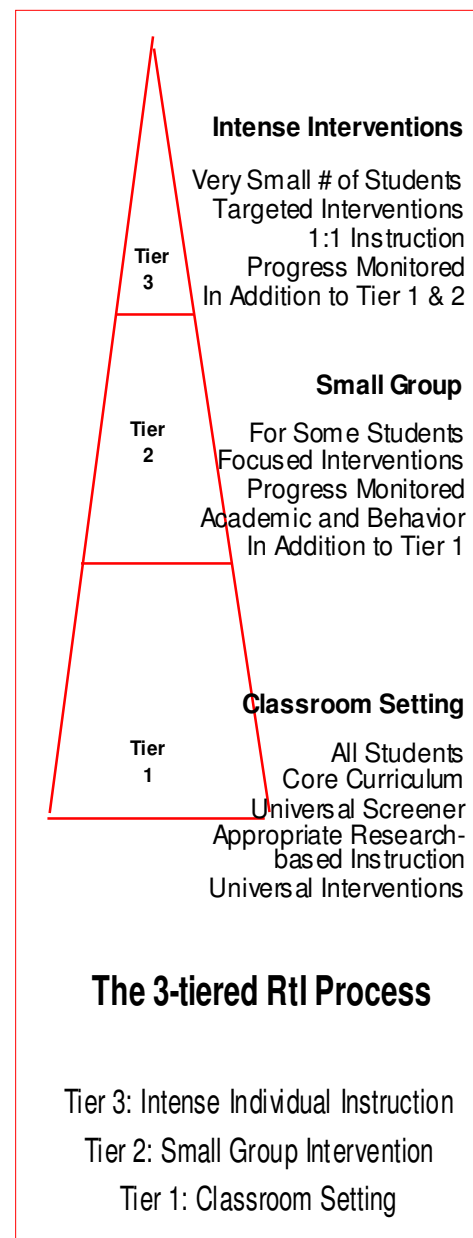
RtI is a research-based instructional and intervention method for students who are having difficulty achieving in the core curriculum. Students are first selected and then monitored to assess if further interventions are necessary. RtI helps students receive the highest-quality services and interventions.

### How is RtI Beneficial?

The greatest benefit of RtI is that it eliminates a "wait to fail" situation. This is done by giving students immediate assistance within their general education setting (Tier 1). If problem areas are identified for the student, further interventions are put into place (Tier 2 & 3) to assist the student in achieving maximum educational success.

Throughout the RtI process, student progress is monitored by school staff. The progress is then regularly reviewed as student needs are evaluated. Based on these needs, students are then matched with the most effective instruction, resources and interventions

*Please call your building principal with any questions you have regarding the RtI process.*



# FISH Winners



## October FISH Winners

Left to right:  
Mrs. Ullrich (staff), Emily Weaver (7th), Jalyn Stanley (6th), Lauren Feely (8th)



## November FISH Winners

Left to right:  
Jasmine Hempfing-King (8th), Devyn McBride (6th), Antonio Nieves (7th), Mrs. John (staff)



Churchill students attended an assembly where they watched a media presentation called "Truth of Lies." The message to students was to take time to sort out information in order to make good choices. This assembly was funded by a grant from the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation.

If you are a parent or guardian of a student who District #205 does not provide transportation to and from school and you are transporting your child to school because you feel a safety or hazardous conditions exists, you may be eligible for reimbursement from the State of Illinois. For more information, please contact the Regional Superintendent's office prior to February 2010.



## Important Dates

### December

- 7 7th & 8th grade band concert at GHS 7 PM
- 14 Choir Concert 7 PM
- 16 Geography Bee 3 PM
- 17 Parent Child Book Club 7 PM
- 18 1:55 Dismissal
- 21-31 No School-Holiday Break

### January

- 1 No School-Holiday Break
- 4 Back to School
- 14 End of Second Quarter
- 15 No School-Teacher's Institute
- 18 No School-Martin Luther King Day

### February

- 11 1:55 Dismissal-Teachers' Meetings
- 15 No School-President's Day

### March

- 1-12 ISAT Testing
- 16 Avi Author Visit
- 19 End of Third Quarter  
1:55 Dismissal  
Blood Drive 2:00 - 6:00 PM
- 23 Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:30-7:00 PM
- 25 Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:30-7:00 PM
- 26 No School

### April

- 2, 5-9 Spring Break

### May

- 31 No School-Memorial Day

### June

- 1 No School-Teacher's Institute
- 2 Report Card Day
- 3-4 Emergency Days
- 7-9 Emergency Days

Churchill staff members do not report for morning supervision until 7:35 AM. During periods of rain, snow, cold or bad weather, we open the doors at this time. Please make sure your children do not arrive too early.

Unless students are with a teacher, they are to leave the building after school by 3:05 PM and should be off school grounds by 3:15 PM. Please make arrangements accordingly.

## Churchill Front Drive

The driveway in front of Churchill is one way. Please enter through the south entrance only. Parking is allowed on the east side of the drive only. Please do not park on the sidewalk. For the safety of our students, the driveway in front of Churchill will not be open to cars from 7:30-8:00 AM and from 2:45-3:15 PM. We appreciate your cooperation.

Copies of Churchill's 2009 Illinois School Report Card are available in the Churchill office, on the Churchill webpage, or at <http://www.galesburg205.org/rc/2009/Churchill.pdf>

# We have some wonderful opportunities to help your child if you have access to the internet.

## You can now access your science and social studies books on the internet.

To access your social studies book book:

Go to [www.glencoe.com/ose](http://www.glencoe.com/ose)

In the box under student access code,

6<sup>th</sup> graders enter D9FE920654

7<sup>th</sup> graders enter F13ED96F38

8<sup>th</sup> graders enter C38EFE5117



When your book appears, click on Table of Contents. If you click on the chapter you are doing, you can find specific sections. Click on a section and you will go to the pages from your book. This will allow you to look and read pages from your book on-line.

To access your science book:

Go to [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com)

In the boxes under Already a SuccessNet User?, you will need to create a student account first. The access codes are

8th grade Life science: PHSCSE05NTENLIT

7th grade earth science: PHSCSE05NTENEAT

6th grade physical science: PHSCSE05NTENPHT

Follow the directions to register.

When your book appears, look at the section at the left of the screen. If you click on the chapter you are doing, it will open the sections. Click on a section and you will go to the pages from your book. You may now read the pages of your book. If you click on the icon that looks like a speaker, the pages will be read to you. If you click on the vocabulary words, the definition will appear. Some worksheets are available, as well as video clips to enhance the reading.



## Study Island

Study Island is an on-line program that helps students prepare for the ISAT test using a fun approach. Students attempt to earn blue ribbons by answering questions correctly. This can be done in a test mode or by playing games.

To log in go to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com).

Type in your user name (for example: JWayne@CJHS).

Your password is your id number.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the teachers.**

Please take a moment to complete the **District #205 Technology Survey for Parents**

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB229XP52LV7S>

There is a link on Churchill's main page. Results from this survey will be used in developing goals for our District Technology Integration Plan.

## Santa's Elves Hard at Work at Churchill

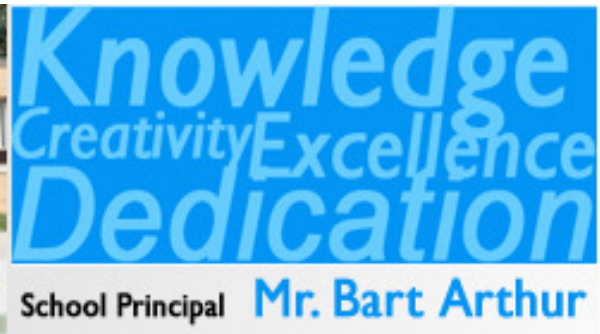


It takes many elves to get Santa's work done and students on Churchill's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Blue Team became part of St. Nick's work force this year. Thanks to the combined efforts of students, staff, and community, ten filled stockings were shipped to American soldiers this month. Churchill elves became part of Operation Santa, under the auspices of "Citizen Support for America's Military." The 5<sup>th</sup> annual project shipped 42,400 hand-made stockings stuffed with goodies. They are on their way to Iraq, Afghanistan, and numerous other foreign countries where American soldiers are

stationed. Ten of those stockings were crafted and filled at our school!

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## New Design for Churchill Web Page



If you haven't noticed, our webpage has undergone a change. We hope it is a bit more user friendly now. On the left is a listing of areas of interest. Assignment pages for many teams and daily announcements are under **Podcasts and Blogs**. **Staff email** will allow you contact with your child's teacher through email. **Department Pages** and **Textbooks** allow you to access your textbooks on line. **Clubs** allows you to see all the opportunities to be involved at Churchill. **Books/Destiny Catalog** allows you to search for books in our library. Check out the lunch menu under **Menus**. There are links to allow you access to **Skyward** to check your child's academic progress and **Study Island** to allow your child to practice skills for the ISAT test on-line by playing games. There are still a few adjustments and updates to be done, but we hope you will investigate all we have available.