

Churchill Junior High School



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Parent Newsletter

Issue 5

From the principal's desk.....

SUMMER SCHOOL IS A REALITY



Middle school students from Lombard and Churchill will be given the opportunity to attend summer school. This program will give struggling students a chance for remediation rather than be retained at the same grade level if they are failing 2 or more courses. The summer program will also support those students who are not meeting grade level standards in math or reading.

As part of Galesburg CUSD #205's strategic plan to meet the needs of all children, students in 6th and 7th grades will now be offered the chance to build and strengthen skills during the 6 week program. Instruction will be provided in reading, writing, and math for students who are deficient in those areas. Summer school will begin on June 9 and end on July 24th, with some time off over the 4th of July holiday. Specific schedules will be discussed with parents when they are notified of their child's placement into the summer program. The classes will be held from 8:40 am until 12:15 PM on Mondays through Thursdays at Galesburg High School. Mrs. Mol, the assistant principal from Churchill Junior High School, will be the administrator in charge of the program. Your team of teachers will be in touch with you very soon to discuss the possibility of your student being involved in the summer school program. Once again, 8th grade students will be supported with the "On Track" program which is also a summer school event, but it is staffed and managed by Galesburg High School personnel. We are proud to continue to work as hard as possible at "Achieving Excellence Together."

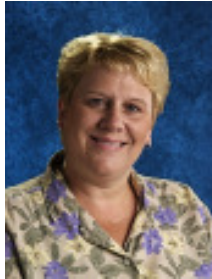
Bart Arthur

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Because of spring break and conference day scheduling this year, please note the change in our normal conference routine. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 18 from 3:30 PM-7:00 PM and Thursday, March 20 from 7:45 AM-11:15 AM. Contact the school office if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teachers.

Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Helle, choir teacher at Churchill Junior High School, was named January Teacher of the Month by Today's Light Rock 105.3 KFM. Mrs. Helle was nominated by student Kayla Beadles, who said Helle "has a vast knowledge of music ... she knows when to have fun and when to work." She has taught music for 21 years in area districts. As the Teacher of the Month, Mrs. Helle received a \$100 gift certificate from Toys & Teachers and an engraved granite plaque, the Big Red Apple Award.



Important Dates

March

- 3-14 ISAT Testing
- 14 End of 3rd Quarter
1:55 Dismissal
- 18 Parent Teacher Conferences
3:30-7:00 PM
- 19 Report Cards Distributed
- 20 No School
Parent Teacher Conferences
7:45-11:15 AM
- 21-28 Spring Break
- 31 Back to School
IAA Testing

April

- 1-11 IAA Testing
- 7 Spring Pictures
- 18 Midterm

May

- 22 Eighth Grade Recognition 6 PM
Eighth Grade Dance 7-9 PM
- 26 No School Memorial Day
- 29 No School
- 30 Report Card Day

June

- 2-4 Emergency Days (if needed)

Churchill Take First Place

Churchill's MATHCOUNTS team took first place at the chapter competition was held on February 3, 2008 in Bettendorf, Iowa. Four team members were among the top 10 individual and advanced to the final round. Evan Kelly, Henry Ward, David Whittle, and Andrew Welch competed at the state competition on March 8. Nik Welch will be the alternate. Congratulations to the MATHCOUNTS team!

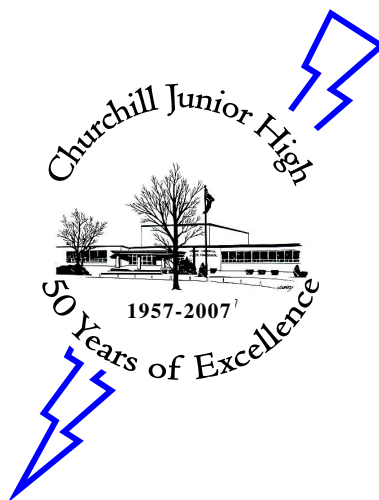


Back Row: Henry Ward, Evan Kelly, David Whittle, Nik Breslin
Front Row: Austin Myers, Kate Schlake, Johanna Smith

2008 Spelling Bee Winners



Ashley Genisio, First Place
Austin Myers, Runner Up



As part of our 50th anniversary celebration and in honor of being named a spotlight school, all Churchill students were given a new Churchill shirt. We have a few additional shirts and they are for sale in the Churchill office.

January FISH Winners



(L to R) Jeffrey Knox (6th),
Mr. Mowen (staff), Jennifer Corona
(7th), and Morgan Crowl (8th)

