

Churchill Junior High School



May 2008

Parent Newsletter

Issue 6

Important Notice to Parents

All 6th grade students must have a dental exam on file in the Churchill office before May 15, 2008.

Eighth Grade Recognition and Dance

This year Churchill's 8th grade recognition and dance will be held on the same night, Thursday, May 22. The recognition ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM followed immediately by the dance from 7:00-9:00 PM.

This ceremony is in recognition of our eighth grade students for their hard work and effort for the past three years. This is not a graduation ceremony. Parents and students are asked to be respectful during the ceremony for those students on stage. The dance is a time for students to celebrate their time together for the past three years.

We ask that students dress appropriately for the ceremony and dance. This is not a "prom dress and tuxedo" event, but we encourage students to dress their best.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9th is a special day to honor teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students. On that Friday, the Parent Advisory Committee would like to provide a catered meal to our teachers and staff to celebrate the final day of Teacher Appreciation Week. We would appreciate any financial contribution you are willing to donate to make it an enjoyable experience. You may place the money in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation" and drop it off at the Churchill office from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. We hope to have all of the money collected by May 5, 2008 to determine what we can order. If you have any questions please call your Parent Advisory Committee member:

Linda Hawkins – 342-5073

Cindy Fuller – 342-0495

Tom Harrison – 344-1039

Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and our schools.



Showing off the new 50th anniversary shirt the first day of ISAT testing

From the principal's desk.....

After School Hours Are Critical For Students' Success



New research shows that the after-school hours are very important for students' success. Those who take part in supervised after-school activities are more likely to do well than those who spend many hours at home alone. In fact, research says that students who take part in

clubs, teams, or other after-school activities are more likely to graduate from high school. Here in Galesburg we are committed to raise our graduation rate at the high school.

Here's how you can make sure your child puts after-school time to productive use:

- **Find out what the school offers.** We have numerous after-school clubs, sports, activities, and yes, we even offer homework assistance 3 days a week in SUCCESS. Please check on our web site to see all of the activities we offer and encourage your child to find one or more that interest them. If you don't have internet access, stop by our office and ask for the Frequently Asked Questions brochure that lists all of our activities, clubs, and sports along with the name of the contact person.
- **Use community resources.** We are very fortunate to have wonderful relationships with many community sponsored after-school programs. We partner with the Carver Center, the YMCA Teen Reach program, and Big-Brothers Big-Sisters to name a few. All of these programs offer a safe and enjoyable place for your child to spend after-school hours with fellow classmates in an adult supervised setting.
- **Encourage your child to volunteer.** Children at this age are interested in making the world a better place. Help your child look for a volunteer activity.
- **If your child must come home to an empty house,** make sure you set up a routine. Don't let them spend all of their hours watching TV or playing video games. Give them some chores to do, and expect them to do their homework. If possible, you should call at least once or twice to check on kids who are at home. We can offer help so students don't have to be alone by getting them registered for some of the activities listed above.

Thank you for the support you give your children here at Churchill Junior High School.

-Mr. Arthur

Important Dates

May

- 4 Eighth Grade Band Concert at GHS 2 PM
- 12 Spring Choir & Singing Streaks Concert 7PM
- 20 Spring Band Concert 7 PM
- 21 Teacher Retirement Reception
- 22 Eighth Grade Recognition 6 PM
Eighth Grade Dance 7-9 PM
- 26 No School Memorial Day
- 29 No School
- 30 Report Card Day 10 AM-Noon

June

- 2-4 Emergency Days (if needed)
- 2 Sports Physicals at GHS

August

- 13-15 Registration
- 25 First Day of School (AM only)

Fish Winners



March Winners

(L to R) Matt Young (6th), Miss Lessner (staff), Lacey Rudolph (8th), and Jake Hannam (7th)



April Winners

(L to R) Jamaal Morris (6th), Jamie Frymire (8th), Sophie Moreno (7th), and Mrs. Rasso (staff)

Churchill Wins Knox County Geography Bowl Competition



(Back) Evan Kelly, Michael Harms, Marc Cooper, Alex Anderson (Front) Axel Peterson, Maury Cohn, Henry Ward, Joey Peterson, Mark Wilson

Churchill's Illinois Young Author Finalists



(Back) Stephanie Saey, Tim Beetler, Cole Selliers, Brittany Robertson (Middle) Savannah Ojeda, Jordan Ronk, Desirae Coleman, Savannah Krischer (Front) Angel Peterson, Abby Haslem, Jacob Garcia, Micaela Creech (Not pictured) Morgan Cole

Geographic Bee Qualifier

How would you do as a contestant in your school's geography bee? A Mediterranean climate occurs in only one state in the United States. Name this coastal state. (California) Known for its production of alpaca wool, Arequipa is a major commercial and tourist center in what country just south of Ecuador? (Peru) These are two of the questions students had to answer this year in the Churchill Junior High Geography Bee.

Eighth grader Marc Cooper, son of Marc and Kathy Cooper, won the Churchill competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. After winning the school bee, Marc took a written qualifying test and was notified that he was one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2008 Illinois Geographic Bee. Students with the top 100 scores were invited to compete at the state level. On April 4, 2008 Marc and Mrs. Ullrich, Churchill Geography Bee Coordinator, traveled to the Field Museum in Chicago for the state competition. Unfortunately, Marc did not progress to the national level. Congratulations Marc on representing Churchill and Galesburg at the state level of competition.

