

# Churchill Junior High School



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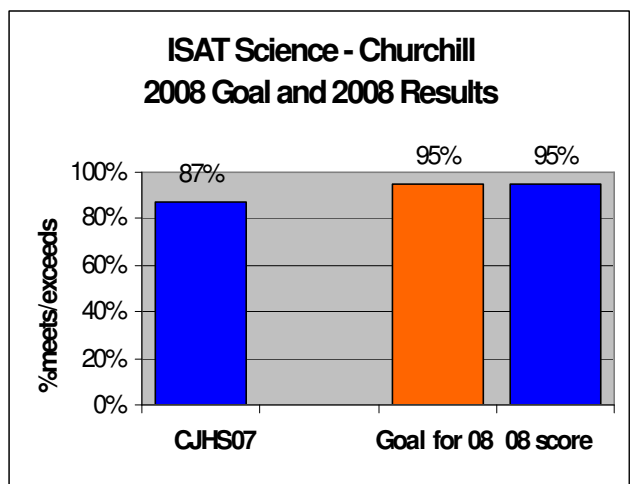
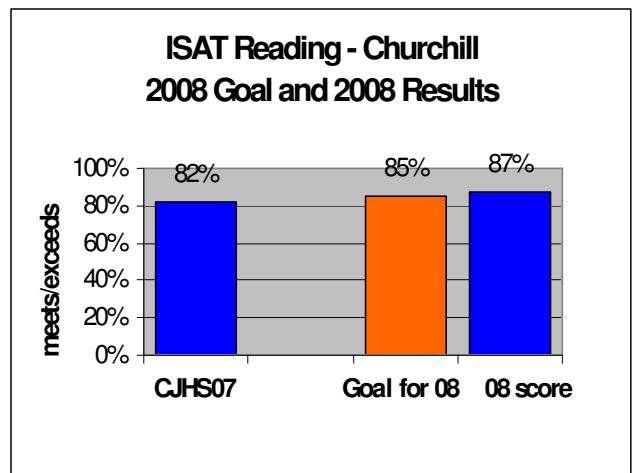
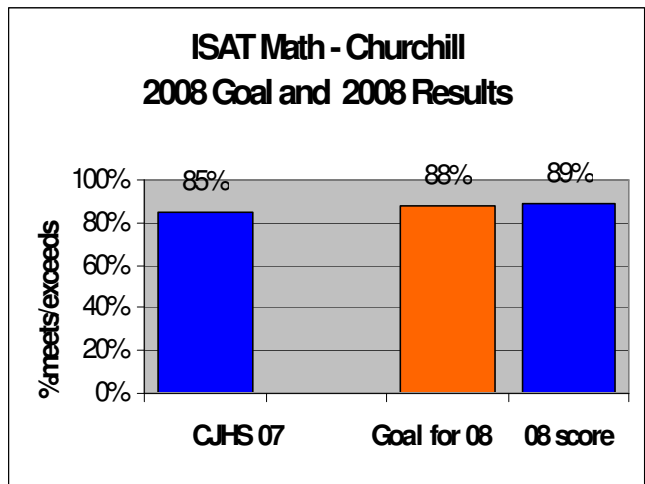
*From the  
principal's  
desk.....*

## Churchill Students Reach All School Goals on ISAT

The final results have arrived from the Illinois State Board of Education with the scores for the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests and once again, we did very well. Churchill students, teachers, parents and the community should be proud of these accomplishments!!! This is the first year that we achieved every school goal we set for the state tests. We have shown consistent improvement in student achievement for the past 4 years and will continue to strive to be a model middle school in Illinois. We received the Academic Achievement Improvement Award from the ISBE for our 2007 test scores and we anticipate that we earned that designation again in 2008. We will continue our goal to close the achievement gap and leave no child behind. Thanks to all of our stakeholders for the support of our school and most importantly for the hard work the teachers and students have demonstrated to reach these high levels of achievement.

*Bart Arthur*  
Principal

Individual ISAT results will be sent home with students' report cards on November 6. Take the time to discuss areas of strengths and areas for improvement with your child.



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.

## Important Dates

### October

- 10 No School Teacher's Institute
- 13 No School Columbus Day
- 20 Choir Concert 7:30 PM
- 24 End of First Quarter-1:55 Dismissal
- 30 All School Dance 6-8 PM

### November

- 6 Parent Teacher Conferences- 3:30-7:00 PM
- 7 No School Parent Teacher Conferences- 7:45-11:15 AM
- 11 No School Veteran's Day
- 18 Author Visit: Esme Raji Codell
- 26 1:55 Dismissal
- 27-28 No School-Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 19 1:55 Dismissal
- 22-31 No School-Holiday Break

### January

- 1-2 No School-Holiday Break
- 5 Back to School
- 12 Author Visit: Sarah Weeks
- 16 End of Second Quarter No School-Teacher's Institute
- 19 No School-Martin Luther King Day

### February

- 16 No School-President's Day

### March

- 2-13 ISAT Testing
- 20 End of Third Quarter
- 26 Parent Teacher Conferences-PM
- 27 No School Parent Teacher Conferences-AM

## Did you know that Churchill has a great website?

You can check the school calendar, read the school newsletter, see what is being offered for lunch, contact teachers, and get helpful hints to make your child's year more successful.



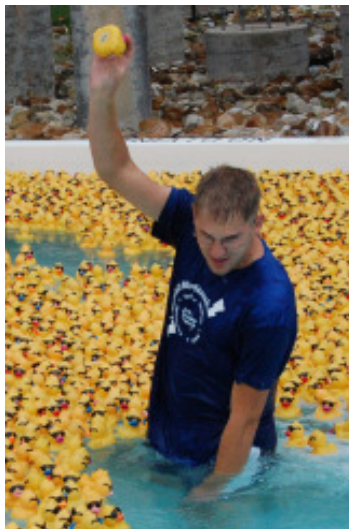
Visit us at [www.galesburg205.org/churchill](http://www.galesburg205.org/churchill)

## Churchill Does Just Ducky

The Galesburg Public Schools Foundation held their annual Rubber Duck Race on Sunday, September 14. After the Cardboard Boat Regatta, the Beach Fun Run Obstacle Course was held. Mr. Mowen represented Churchill and won the race and the opportunity to go down the waterslide and pick the winning duck. Stop in and see the Ducky Award that will stay at Churchill until next year's race. This year Churchill sold 500 ducks and placed 2nd in sales. This is an increase of 197 ducks from last year. A percentage of each duck sold plus the \$400 second place prize money will go to help programs at Churchill. Additionally, Churchill receives money from the foundation for special projects. Way to go Churchill! Thanks to all who supported this effort.



Above: Mr. Arthur and Mr. Mowen receive the Ducky Award from Tom Wallace (center) of the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation.



Right: Mr. Mowen picks the winning duck!



## Take Charge of Education and Help Churchill

When you use your Target Red Card, Churchill could receive a donation equal to %1 of your purchase. If you have a card, please make sure you designate Churchill as your school of choice. Thank you to those of you who have already enrolled. We have already received needed funds this year.

## Community Alumni Day October 17, 2008

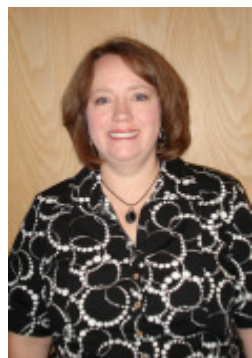
Did you go to Churchill? Would you like to see how things have changed? Would you like to see what happens each day in our classrooms? Here's your chance.

On Friday, October 17th, we invite you to come and visit us. The day will begin at 9:30 with coffee and rolls with Mr. Arthur, our principal. He will take the opportunity to share some of the amazing things and accomplishments of our school. You'll then get a chance to visit classrooms and see our teachers and students in action. You could even go to class with your child or grandchild. We'll even offer you the opportunity to have lunch in the cafeteria.

If you would like to join us or would like more information, please call the office at 342-3129 to sign up.

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### ***New Faces at Churchill Junior High School***



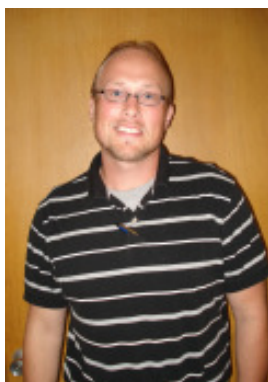
We have two new secretaries joining us this year. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Sevigny (left) and Ms. Pepple (right). Did you know that when they were in junior high Mrs. Sevigny went to Lombard and Ms. Pepple went to Churchill? Ms. Pepple was a member of the yearbook staff here.



**Dr. Allen** is Churchill's new librarian and teaches our new technology class.



**Mrs. Phelps** teaches physical education. She is coaches cross country at Churchill and track and field at GHS. Mrs. Phelps graduated from Monmouth College She has taught PE at ROWVA and at the Galesburg grade schools prior to coming to Churchill. Mrs. Phelps loves to read and spends as much time as possible boating with her husband and daughter.



**Mr. Sutton** teaches 8th grade earth science. He is working on getting his master's degree from Western Illinois University. Mr. Sutton taught in Canton before coming to Churchill. One other thing: Mr. Sutton is a licensed pyrotechnician. He used to shoot fireworks shows as a part time job.



**Mrs. Bahnks** joins the sixth grade blue team as a reading and English teacher. She graduated from Illinois State University and is working on getting her master's degree from Western Illinois University. Mrs. Bahnks taught in Galva before coming to Churchill. She loves being in Galesburg with her husband and three children.



**Mr. Billeter** is our the new industrial arts teacher. He splits his time between Churchill and Lombard.

# Parent Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, November 6 from 3:30 PM-7:00 PM and  
Friday, November 7 from 7:45 AM-11:15 AM**

**Please contact the office at 342-3129  
if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teachers.**

## Safety Measures in Place at Churchill

In an effort to keep your children safe, security systems are installed at district schools. Visitors to the building must now be "buzzed in." At the main Churchill entrance, there is an intercom box on the north (left hand side wall). When you press the button, one of the secretaries will ask you to identify yourself and to look at the camera which is on the ceiling a few feet to the right. After identification, you will be allowed to enter the building and are to report directly to the office. All visitors will need to sign in, and get a visitor's badge to wear while in the building. Please do not be offended if you are asked for your badge. We are just doing our best to protect your children.



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