

# Charger Chatter

for parents and friends of Churchill Junior High

August 27, 2015

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

PTSA needs your support. Its parents, teachers, and students who do so much to help our school out, and you can participate, too. Now is a great time to join PTSA—visit the Churchill web store and show your school spirit!

## FIRST PTSA MEETING SEPTEMBER 2

Please come to the first PTSA meeting, which will be September 2 at 11am in Room 201.

## NATIONAL PTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL KIT IS NOW ONLINE



**GET THE NEW BACK-TO-SCHOOL KIT ONLINE**

AND IT'S MOBILE-FRIENDLY  
FOR YOUR SMARTPHONE  
AND TABLET!

**PTAKit.org**

We know you're extremely busy, that's why we made sure you can access the kit easily from your phone or tablet. All the information you need is right at your fingertips.

The newly revamped digital kit provides a set of interactive resources to help your local PTAs kick-start a winning school year. It contains user-friendly printables and shareable forms, as well as tools and checklists to help PTAs deepen their impact and venture into new territory.

Simply go to [PTAKit.org](http://PTAKit.org) and cheers to a new school year! Questions about the kit? Contact us at [BacktoSchool@pta.org](mailto:BacktoSchool@pta.org).

## GET YOUR ART ON WITH REFLECTIONS!

Students should start to think about their Reflections entries this year. Entries are due to the school office on Thursday, October 22.

Create a piece of visual art, choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song (voice and instrumental pieces require musical notation), or take a picture, and tell us your interpretations of this year's theme:

**"Let Your Imagination Fly"**

All required forms are available in the office.

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## COMING SOON: CHURCHILL JR HIGH 2015-2016 STUDENT PHONE DIRECTORY!

This year's directory will include each student's full name, grade, address, home phone number, and a parent email address. Directories can be purchased through the Churchill PTSA for \$5. To order a directory, visit <http://schools.graniteschools.org/churchilljr> and follow the link to the Churchill web store.

Any families who would like to remove their information from the directory must make the request by Monday, September 14. To opt out, send an email listing all information you wish to have removed to [mtsoelberg@aol.com](mailto:mtsoelberg@aol.com).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SEP DINNER FOR OUR AWESOME TEACHERS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us with the SEP Dinner on Wednesday, September 30th. Churchill PTSA provides a buffet for teachers and staff so that they can eat before Parent Teacher conferences begin that afternoon.

We are still in need of a green salad, 2 pasta salads, a fruit platter, 3 plates of cookies, and one pan of brownies or bar cookies.

Food needs to be delivered to Room 201 by 3:00pm on September 30th.

Please contact Kathy Peterson ([kathypeterson2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kathypeterson2002@yahoo.com)) if you would be interested in helping with this event.

## YOGA NIGHT AT CHURCHILL

Bring your mat and celebrate Churchill's commitment to positive mental wellness at our Yoga night on September 16th from 6:30 to 8 on Churchill's soccer field. Understand and participate in the basics of mental wellness. Julie Schwartz from N.A.M.I. will talk briefly about good mental wellness strategies as well as tips and signs of mental illness. Resources from other agencies regarding mental health and illness will also be available. Denise Druce, yogi extraordinaire, will guide us through mental wellness activity in the form of yoga! Donation of \$5 suggested to benefit Churchill's booster club, but come either way. Open to all levels and community members so bring the whole family!

This event also will introduce our positive behavior expectations for being responsible, safe, and respectful. All of our expectation for this year will fall underneath one of those guidelines.

For example, under the branch of mental wellness these are:

- **Be Safe:** Watch for signs of mental stress or illness in yourself or others and talk to an adult for help.
- **Be Respectful:** Honor yourself and others by speaking and behaving positively.
- **Be Responsible:** Have a balanced diet, exercise regularly, get recommended amount of sleep.

## BRING US TO YOUR LEADER

Does your student want or have leadership skills? Do they promote or look for the good in others? Do they want to make a difference?

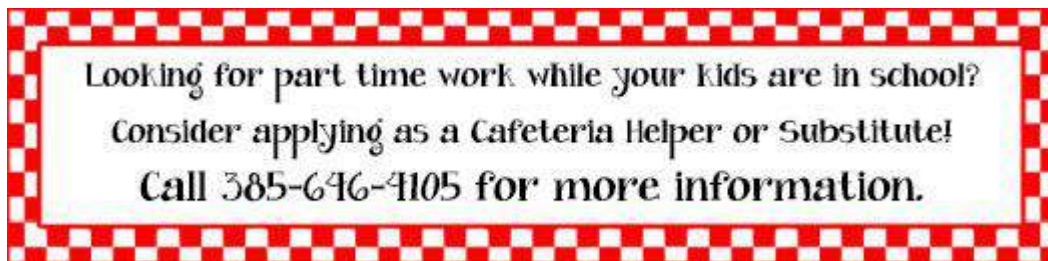
Have them come and be a Peer Leader at our school!

Peer Leaders will be directly responsible to align our school to our behavior expectations, educate others on positive behaviors, set examples of those behaviors, and recognize those behaviors in our school! Please have your student complete and application, available in the office starting on Monday, August 31st and due no later than Tuesday, September 8th. Selection will be done by September 11th and announced the following Monday.

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## CHURCHILL IS NOW HIRING!



## HALLOWEEN HUSTLE

Pull out your running shoes! Our school's 5K run will take place during morning school hours on Thursday, October 8th. There will be a Halloween costume contest and awards. Immediately following the run will be a BBQ cookout. This is a great event to encourage our students to be active and have fun at the same time. To make it a success, we need volunteers to help guide the students along the course for safety and at the finish line. Volunteers willing to help should email Aimee Larkin at [bitbanana@yahoo.com](mailto:bitbanana@yahoo.com).

## CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/31/2015	9/1/2015	9/2/2015	9/3/2015	9/4/2015
A Day	B Day	A Day	B Day	A Day
	Class Office Petitions Due	Class Officer Posters Due PTSA Meeting 11am Rm 201		Class Officers Introduction
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9/7/2015	9/8/2015	9/9/2015	9/10/2015	9/11/2015
Labor Day--No School	B Day	A Day	B Day	A Day
	Community Council Meeting Cross Country Practice	Girls' Soccer @ Bennion Boys' Volleyball @ Home with Bennion	Cross Country Practice	

## SAVE THE DATES!

September 8: Applications for Peer Leaders due.  
September 16, 6:30-8:30: Yoga Night at Churchill Junior High.  
October 8: Halloween Hustle.