

Charger Chatter

Churchill Junior High School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March 16, 2017

Celebrations:

We have a number of celebrations from the last couple of weeks. First of all, congratulations to Ms. Anita Ardi! Ms. Ardi is now an Excel Award Winner. The Excel Awards are awarded through the Granite Education Foundation, and any teacher or administrator in the district can be nominated. Assistant Superintendent Rick Anthony came to school yesterday along with Brent Severe and the rest of the board from the Granite Education Foundation to recognize Ms. Ardi. There were over 1,000 nominations in the district this year, and there are nine winners selected each year. This is a great honor for Ms. Ardi.

Secondly, congratulations to the volleyball team! The girls won the district championship game over Olympus Jr. at Taylorsville high school. It was a hard-fought victory. The girls showed great poise after losing the first set to come back and win the next two for the win.

Last, I'd like to let all the kids involved with *Beauty and the Beast* know what a great job they did! Mrs. Dahlgren did a great job working with the kids and getting them ready for the show. We definitely worked the kids hard this year with four evening shows and two daytime shows. The elementary performance had 900 kids from our three feeder schools here to see the play, and they all left excited and impressed with the production. When the show ended on Friday night, my five-year-old daughter was jumping up and down clapping along with the standing ovation the cast received. Well done, everyone.

End of Quarter:

Next week is the end of third quarter. There is no school on either Thursday or Friday. Please check your student's grade with them and help make sure they get any missing work or quizzes/tests made-up by the due dates the teachers have established. Each teacher is different as far as due dates for getting things turned in, so that is another thing to review with your student. Fourth quarter will begin the day we come back from Spring Break.

Suicide Prevention Night:

Skyline High School is sponsoring a Suicide Prevention Information Night for parents and their teens with Dr. Greg Hudnall. Dr. Hudnall is a nationally recognized expert in suicide prevention. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 4th from 6-7 PM, in the Skyline Auditorium. We understand that suicide prevention is a community issue, so all parents within the Skyline Network are invited to attend.

Birthday Locker Decorating:

It is great that parents and friends decorate students' lockers to celebrate birthdays. This is the only school I have ever worked in that allows that. I would like to ask everyone to help us out with an issue that is starting to arise. It seems to me that the decorating is taking an uptick in showmanship. While this looks great when the locker is first decorated, by the end of first period most of those decorations end up all over the floors of the hallway. There has been a lot of confetti the last few weeks. There has been garland, and balloons are becoming more prominent. The confetti and garland ends up spread from one end of the hall to the other, and the balloons end up popped and scattered as well. Balloons also have the additional concern of being a safety issue for anyone with latex allergies. The process of decorating lockers is beginning to become a hardship for the custodians who work hard to keep our school clean. I am not suggesting that we end the practice of decorating student lockers for birthdays, but I am asking that things get scaled back a little and that consideration for the potential mess being created is given.

Transportation/Bussing Issue:

With the recent change to the elementary schools adding ten minutes to instructional time on Fridays, some of our buses are late to high schools.

So far, this has not impacted junior high schools as they get out at 12:30 pm. On Thursday, February 16, and Wednesday, March 22, the early-out days are not on Fridays; therefore, the busses will be late to junior high schools.

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Once again, on February 16 and March 22, junior high buses may be anywhere from zero to 20 minutes late at junior high schools. Please be aware that students who ride the bus will be later getting home on these two days.

Dance and Ballroom Dance Tryouts:

Dance Company Tryouts will be the week of April 10. On the 10th and 11th there will be workshops from 2:45-4:00pm to learn a lyrical and jazz combination dance. There will be an optional practice on April 12th from 2:45-4:00pm. The official tryout will be on April 13th from 2:45-4:00pm. Dance Company will be for 7th and 8th grade students only.

Ballroom Dance Company Tryouts will be the week of April 17. Workshops will be the 17th and 18th from 2:45-4:00pm. Students will learn a Tango and Swing dance. The optional practice will be on April 19th from 2:45-4:00pm, and the official tryout will be on April 20 from 2:45-4:30pm. Ballroom Dance Company is for 8th grade students only.

Instrumental Music Auditions:

Auditions for Jazz Band, Concert Orchestra, and Concert Band will be held March 21 and 22. There is a sign-up sheet in Mrs. Taylor's classroom for interested students. Students can also email Mrs. Taylor at dtaylor1@graniteschools.org to sign-up for an audition time. Students interested in auditioning for Jazz Band need to email Mrs. Taylor to get the audition music. Students auditioning for Concert Orchestra or Concert Band need to bring two scales of music and a solo and be prepared to play them in the audition.

Kiwanis Hope of America and Freedom Leadership Award:

To earn either the Hope of America or Freedom Leadership Award through Kiwanis Club of Sugarhouse, students need to pick up an application from Mr. LeRoy. The requirements for the Hope of America Award are that a student write a 200-250 word essay on 'Citizenship' and complete a 10-12 hour service project. The Freedom Leadership Award requires a 250-300 word essay and 12-14 hour service project. Students MUST apply with Kiwanis for consideration for the award, and the deadline to return materials to Mr. LeRoy will be May 1.

Important Dates:

March 15, 16	Talent Show Auditions
March 20	Last Day to pay for AP Geography test
March 21	Talent Show Assembly
March 21, 22	Instrumental Music Auditions
March 23-April 2	Spring Recess
April 3-6	Cheer Tryouts
April 10-13	Dance Company Tryouts
April 17-20	Ballroom Dance Company Tryouts

Sincerely,

Josh LeRoy
Principal

CHURCHILL PTSA BOARD 2017-2018

We are still looking for a few positions on the PTSA board for next year. Specifically, we are looking for a Leadership Vice President. This position's main job is to help identify and nominate teachers, administration and staff for the PTA awards. Someone who is familiar with the school and the teachers would be perfect. Ideally, they would be able to come to the monthly meetings, but attendance to every meeting isn't mandatory. If you have a desire to serve on the PTSA board or head a committee, please contact Sonja Blodgett sonjablodgett@gmail.com. Join us as we do what we can to make next year's transition smooth for the students and teachers.

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CHARGERS WIN AT MESA COMPETITION

The Chargers had a great day at the state MESA competition! The final results aren't in, but the team of Henry Jackson, Ben Wagner, Alex Christensen and Sophia Turner won two of the five competitions. Congratulations to the entire MESA Team!

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT SKYLINE

Please see the attached flyer for information about this program, to be held at Skyline on April 4 from 6-7pm.