

Principal's Paige

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Fall Exhibition

Thank you to all the families who attended Charter School's Fall Exhibition last night. It was a beautiful evening. All the classrooms looked incredible. Just a few examples of some of the great projects / things I learned were:

- The kinders grew very tasty organic lettuce
- The 2nd graders demonstrated where the food we eat comes from and how it gets to our tables.
- Flat Stanley has seen more of the world than I have!!
- There were many differences between Paleolithic and Neolithic life.
- That Brett Farve really is the greatest quarterback!!

The teachers truly appreciated all the thought provoking questions you asked the students. They really worked hard and a tremendous amount of learning connected to grade level standards was evident in the products they displayed. The Charter School's project based learning approach contributes to making this a special school where our students do an extraordinary amount of learning and discovering. We look forward to sharing our projects again at the Spring Exhibition in May.

More Wishes Coming True!!

More wishes were granted this week as a result of our Clos LaChance auction. The wishes granted this week were:



Mrs. Nelson's first grade class received a bright new rug. They also received a number of games and manipulatives to support reading.

Many of you may see, Mr. Cross, our middle school history and technology teacher, walking around campus taking videos with his two new flip cameras. He will soon be enjoying a new A.V. cart.



The office is very excited to have a new industrial size shredder. It does over 20 sheets at a time and does not overheat after use like the "old" shredder. They also have a brand new electric stapler.

The Forgotten Jacket Story

Off to school I go during the cold morning weather keeping my owner warm. Recess time comes and after just a short time of playing, I am taken off and thrown onto the ground. The bell rings and off runs my owner – please don't forget me I yell but am not heard. I lay on the ground all afternoon until some sweet lady comes and collects me at the end of the day. I hang on the fence or in the multipurpose room with my owner passing me everyday but not recognizing me. I want to go home!! Please come and claim me before I am hauled off to another home.

All lost and found will be packed up and given away on November 25th. Also, put names in clothing so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.

Attendance

It is very important your child(ren) are at school everyday. Of course, if they running a fever or have vomited they need to stay home until well. Otherwise, they should be at school.

We have a number of minimum days coming up for parent-teacher conferences. Important learning will still be occurring in the classrooms every morning and all the students are expected to be present. Please do not plan vacations during these weeks, vacations should be planned during our holiday breaks.

Also, as a school, we depend on attendance. We do not receive funds when your child is not at school, even though our costs remain the same. We lose approximately \$40 per child per day. In these tight economic times for schools, we are watching every dollar and need to keep our attendance numbers up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Staff Development

At the staff development next week, the teachers will be examining math assessments and writing assignments that the students have done in class. They will be working in grade level teams and will be evaluating student work using rubrics. They will use the information they gather from these assessments and assignments to plan classroom instruction. This is a very important process and the staff appreciates the time they have been given to accomplish this important task.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 10 th and 11 th	No School - holiday and staff development
November 12 th	Middle school boy's soccer game at 4:00 at Complex
November 13 th	Middle school boy's soccer game at 4:00 at Oakwood
November 14 th	End of first trimester 1 st graders (Gillis and DeRome) on field trip
November 17 th	Academic Chess
November 18 th	CSMH Board meeting at 7:00 pm at school Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
November 20 th	Middle school boy's soccer game at 4:00 at Aromas
November 19 th - 21 st	Minimum Days for Parent Conferences Book Fair
November 24 th	Middle school boy's soccer game at 4:00 at Complex
November 24 th - 25 th	Minimum Days for Parent Conferences Book Fair
November 26 th - 28 th	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 1 st	Academic Chess
December 2 nd	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45 Middle school boy's soccer game at 4:00 at CSMH

**Don't forget - No school on
Monday and Tuesday!!**