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Challenger Intermediate

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December and January Calendar of Events

December 3—Orchestra 6th grade—Towne West Mall—1:30-3:00

December 9—PTO Pizza Hut Day

December 10— Orchestra 5th grade—Towne West Mall—1:30-3:00

December 12—5th & 6th grade Orchestra Concert—EHS @ 7:00PM

December 13—PTO Meeting in the Library—3:00-4:00PM

December 15—Sonic Night 5:00-9:00PM

December 16—Winter Classroom Parties @ 2:00-2:40PM

December 19-January 3—Winter Break

January 2—Teacher Workday—No Classes

January 3—School Improvement—No Classes

January 4—Classes Resume

January 10—PTO Meeting in the Library—3:00-4:00PM

January 13—Awards Assembly—5th grade @12:30 & 6th grade @ 1:30

January 16—Martin Luther King Day—Offices Closed



January 19—Sonic Night—5:00-9:00PM

January 20—PTO Pizza Hut Day



From the Principal

As our lives become busier, I know that many of us find that it is more and more difficult to sit down at the dinner table each evening and enjoy a meal as a family. It seems that we are always rushing off to some sort of practice or other event. As the holiday season is here, I challenge each of you to sit down with your family at least one time during the week and enjoy a meal together. This is a great opportunity to visit with your child about their day, discuss upcoming family events, and share other aspects of your lives with each other.

The holiday season has arrived, and many of us have begun that yearly mission to find a “special gift” for our loved ones. For many of us this is an exciting time of the year; however, for some families the holidays can be very stressful. Our students, parents, and staff members do an outstanding job of helping people in need. During this time of the year there are many opportunities to assist area families. One example of this is the Goddard Operation Holiday. Your donation to this cause will go to families in the Goddard area that are in need of food and gifts during the holiday season. The Goddard Lion’s Club also places a “mitten tree” at the Goddard Pizza Hut, which is located in Goddard. On this tree are the names of area children that are in need of assistance. Each year many of our students and staff members adopt a child through this program. If possible, I encourage you to make an effort to help those that are less fortunate than others.

On December 16, we will have our first classroom holiday party of the year. The party will be held from 2:00-2:40. As this date is rapidly approaching I would like to take this opportunity to review the Goddard School District's Wellness Policy. As stated in this policy "The Goddard School District is committed to providing a school environment that will promote children's health and ability to learn". In an effort to assist us in meeting this goal, the wellness policy addresses the types of snacks that can be served during a classroom party. The following is a list of food items that may be served:

- Fruits and/or vegetables
- Yogurt
- Water
- Milk with less than 360 calories
- 50-100% juice

As you plan for upcoming classroom and birthday parties, we ask that you please help us follow these guidelines by providing our students with healthy choices. We have enclosed a copy of the policy in this newsletter. Should you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The month of January will be busy for the students and staff of Challenger Intermediate School as we have many activities planned. Students will return from their winter break on January 4, 2012. The second awards assembly of the year will be held on January 13, 2012. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our student's successes from the second nine weeks. During the assembly we will be presenting certificates to our students in the following areas: Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and the Principal's Honor Roll. The 5th grade assembly will be held at 12:30 p.m. and the 6th grade assembly will be held at 1:30 p.m. We hope that you can attend this activity.

On behalf of the Challenger staff, I would like to wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season.





5th Grade News

Wow what a busy month! Thank you to all of the parents who sent food for the food drive. It is always nice when students can give back to the community.

We are busy doing many activities. Please continue to check your child's agenda and weekly progress reports. Let your child's teacher know if you are not receiving these emails or if an address has changed.

Just a few reminders as we near this very busy time of year; please make sure you send your student with a warm winter coat as we will be going outside for recess as much as possible. Please continue to work on multiplication facts with your child. Also, encourage them to read at home.

The winter break is a great time to replenish any school supplies that your student may need. Please let us know if you have any questions.

As always your support at home is appreciated.

Thank you and have a safe and happy holiday!



Fifth Grade Teachers



WORD OF THE MONTH

COMPASSION: I have compassion. I notice when someone is hurt or needs my help. I take the time to show that I care.

COOPERATION: I am cooperative. I work and play well with others. I respect the rules. I keep myself and others safe.



6th Grade News

The sixth grade team has busy, exciting months ahead. State assessments are on the horizon. Students and teachers are diligently focusing on the standards that will be assessed. Some students are taking advantage of the after school program that is being offered for students on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for extra help with Math concepts. Formatives are being utilized in preparation for the test ahead. The entire school achieved the Standard of Excellence in both Reading and Math last year. We look forward to a repeat or exceeding our goals we have set this year.

Second semester ushers in the need for replenishment of school supplies. Please check with your child to make sure they have paper, pencils, red pens, highlighters, dry erase markers, colored pencils and maybe even a new binder to keep them organized.

As winter is finally approaching please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing on those days when it is cold and windy outside. Also the temperatures in the classrooms vary and they may need to dress in layers to be comfortable.

Thank you to the parents that helped with the holiday parties. The students enjoy the food and activities that you provide. The sixth grade team hopes that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for your continued support at home .

6th Grade Teachers





5th and 6th Grade Science



This is an exciting month in science at Challenger! 6th graders are wrapping up the systems of the body. Digestive and Respiratory systems are coming up. Plans are being made for the annual 6th grade field trip to the Cosmosphere in late January. We will get more information to you when the date approaches.

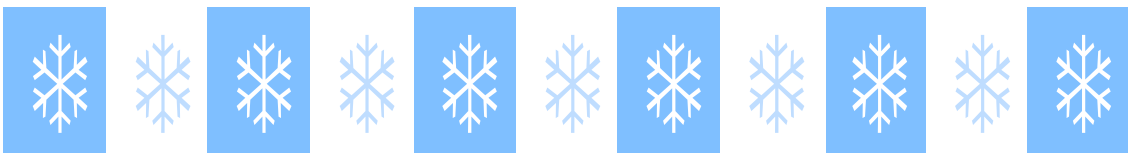
5th graders are beginning to explore rocks and minerals. Lots of 5th graders have talked to me about rocks they have collected from various places and are happy that we can start to put them in basic rock families! I encourage you to continue to explore those rocks and even go be a “rock hound” for some neat rocks around Kansas! Geodes are a fun rock to find. If you want to know where to find them, check out the extra credit page on our website at www.goddardscience.weebly.com.

Please continue to encourage your child to explore the sciences. There is nothing better than figuring out how and why things work the way they do!

As always, please contact us at jlester@goddardusd.com, and dmann@goddardusd.com if you have any questions.

Doug Mann—5th grade science

Jim Lester—6th grade science





News From the Nurse



Tis the season for holiday fun and excitement! But with the fun comes the added stress of gift buying, wrapping, mailing cards, decorating, and baking. During the holidays, people can find themselves feeling blue and overwhelmed. What can we do to help ourselves enjoy the holidays? Plan for stress and plan ways to keep stress from taking over! Two simple strategies for battling stress are good nutrition and exercise. In winter we tend to crave fats and sweets, but the more fat and sugar we eat, the less energy we have, and the more stressed and run down we feel. Eat in moderation, cut back on the amount of fat and sugar you eat, drink 6-8 glasses of water each day, and don't forget to eat FIVE servings of fruits and vegetables each day. A few extra minutes of exercise a day can benefit your overall health. And don't forget to rest! Try to get eight hours of sleep each day and allow time to relax and take in the wonders of the season.

We are still in the middle of the cold and flu season and there are lots of viruses going around the school and in the community.

Ways to stop the spread of germs:

WASH your HANDS, especially before eating.

When unable to wash your hands at school, use any of the hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the building.

Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue or your arm when you cough or sneeze.

Try to keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes, and nose.

If you are sick, stay home to get well.

I am almost finished with 6th grade hearing and vision screenings. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns about the referral information sent home. I am only sending letters home if a follow-up is needed. Also, if you have not already done so, please check one of the options at the bottom of the letter and return it to the nurse.

Julie Spence, RN





Every Voice Counts



Congratulations to the sixth grade students on a fine concert performance. They started the concert with an arrangement of the “Laudamus Te” movement from Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, followed by a Korean folk song and African-American spiritual. Four pieces from the Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* closed the performance. Several songs featured percussion ensembles to accompany singing, and we also added some staging and choreography to the Broadway section. Parents, please know how much your support of the concert and the students was appreciated.

December presents so many opportunities for music both inside and outside the classroom. Both grades will spend the month working on familiar seasonal songs as well as some unfamiliar tunes with instruments and movement activities. We will continue working on technique and note reading skills. Please remember that if your student attends or is involved in Christmas or holiday musical productions, he or she can earn extra credit for those productions.

Thanks for sending your best!
Mrs. Cromwell, Music





Band News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a wonderful first concert, our focus has shifted to building technical facility and broadening our musical knowledge. Each student has received a goal checklist for the remainder of the first semester. This is an opportunity for you and your child to track his/her progress and be aware of where we are headed. These sheets will be turned in for a grade on December 15th.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Goddard High School Musical, our next concert has been rescheduled.

Our next concert has been moved to:

Tuesday, March 13th @GHS

Discovery: 6:30pm

Challenger: 7:45pm

Practice logs continue to be due each week (DIS- Wed; CHA- Thurs). In order to receive full credit, the form must include a parent signature, legible student name and a daily breakdown of practice time. No more than 10 minutes per day can be credited towards the 40 minute goal.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's musical development. As always, please feel free to contact me by phone or email!

-Mr. Schapker





Orchestra News



All orchestra students are invited to perform **Christmas Carols** at the **Towne West Square Mall** during the month of December. The performance is optional as students will not be graded nor receive extra credit. I have scheduled for our performances on the following days and times:

Saturday December 3, 2011

Challenger & Discovery 6th grade orchestras-(both schools combined)

1:30-3:00

Saturday December 10, 2011

Challenger 5th Grade Orchestra 1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Discovery 5th Grade Orchestra 3:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M

Unless we will have adopted orchestra t-shirts by this date, students should plan on wearing white shirts & blue jeans. Christmas ornaments such as Santa hats and jewelry are encouraged. Students will need to bring their metal folding stands for this occasion.

This event is not a school sponsored field trip, so students who plan to perform at the mall must have their own transportation. Students who play bass should make prior arrangements for transporting their instrument if it is stored at school. In addition, I am asking that all parents plan on remaining in the mall with their children until the performance is over. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



The Challenger & Discovery Intermediate School Orchestras will present a Winter Concert on **Monday, December 12, 2011 at Eisenhower High School**. The concert will be held in the school auditorium and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Please plan on arriving with your child by 6:15 P.M. so that we can tune and warm-up.

Our theme for this concert is **“Music for the Holidays”** and our concert dress for this occasion is:

Girls: White dress top, black skirt/pants, and black dress shoes.

Boys: White dress shirt w/dark colored tie, black dress pants, black dress shoes.

Students are encouraged to wear holiday ornaments such as Santa or elf hats, jewelry, etc. The concert will be free of charge, so please be sure to invite your family and friends. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lawson, Director of Orchestras & NBCT
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P.E News



DASHING THROUGH THE GYM

FOR EXERCISE AND PLAY; OVER THE RULES WE GO; TEAMWORK ALL THE WAY!

We started the “100 Lap Club” in November, which is a great cardiovascular workout. The students are asked to jog for a certain amount of time and keep track of how many laps they complete. The fifth grade started out at 1 ½ minutes = 90 seconds of continuous jogging. The sixth grade started out at 2 ½ minutes and are now up to 3 ½ minutes. It will be fun to see which students from each class can be the first to make it into the “100 Lap Club”.

COLLECT & SAVE: Please continue to collect and save Box Tops, Campbell’s Soup Labels, and Tyson Chicken Project A+ Labels. We mailed 7,842 Box Tops to the General Mills Co. in late October. This will help us purchase a new set of hockey sticks, badminton equipment, and 6 more scooters. We will have another turn-in date in mid-March. A special “Thank You” to Joyce Urban for keeping track of all the numbers! We really appreciate her time and effort!

Coming Attractions: In December, the students will work out on the GEO mats which are aerobic dance mats. They will follow along with an instructional DVD and benefit from a great workout. Students have been working on the loco-motor skills of throwing and catching and will have a skill test before the Christmas break. January will bring out the floor hockey sticks. The students sure enjoy playing floor hockey.

Christmas Activity Log: Regular exercise has many benefits from losing weight to fighting those Christmas blues. Students will be given a “Christmas Activity Log” with the dates listed on green paper. **This is due when they return for a homework grade worth 45 points with a parent signature.** Please encourage your child/children to take a break from TV or game station during

the break and log in the time and activity. Have them do some sort of cardiovascular (heart) activity for 20-30 minutes.

I enjoy working with your child and teaching them skills they need now and for a LIFETIME! Have a Happy and Healthy Christmas!

Mrs. Buchanan

Physical Education Specialist



Seasons Greetings

Listen to local radio and TV if weather looks bad.

Enjoy a Holiday Tradition

Breakfast with Santa



Goddard High School

Saturday Dec. 10

9:00 to 11:00 am



- **Santa Arrives at the East Door of Goddard High School at 8:55 AM**
- **Free Cinnamon Rolls and Drinks**

Games, Movies and Craft Activities all Morning

Sponsored by the Goddard Activities Committee

Goddard Operation Mitten Tree



Sunday, December 18th —1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Community Gift Wrapping Day at the Goddard United Methodist Church
300 N. Cedar, Goddard. (Park to the east of the Church)**

Please bring wrapping paper, tape and gift boxes (if available) and come help wrap the gifts that have been generously donated for Goddard Operation Mitten Tree. No signup is required. A certificate indicating how many community service hours worked will be given to any student that helps.

**Cash contributions may be made to: Kansas Lions Foundation –
Goddard Mitten Tree, in care of Emprise Bank,
PO Box 318, Goddard, Kansas 67052.**

Cash contributions are used to purchase gifts for children not selected from the mitten tree and for supplemental food gift needs. All contributions are tax deductible

Grades 5-8 Lunch

December 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Turkey Sub Cool Ranch Doritos Pasta Salad Banana alt: Hamburger	2 Beef Nachos w/ Ref Bean Dip Corn Peaches Cinnamon Bun
5 Meatball Sub Crunchy Cheetos Pineapple Chunks Ice Cream Sandwich	6 Beef Soft Taco Mexican Rice Grapes Pumpkin Puff alt: Corn Dog	7 Breaded Chicken Pattie Macaroni 'n Cheese Broccoli Honey Wheat Roll	8 Buffalo Chicken Wrap Baby Carrots w/Dip Apple Chocolate Yogurt Cup alt: Hamburger	9 Stuffed Crust Pizza Tossed Salad Rosie Applesauce Cheese Filled Breadstick
12 Hamburger Curly Fries Cukes 'n Carrots w/Dip Oreo Pudding	13 Popcorn Chicken w/ Rice 4 way Veggies Mixed Fruit Salad Banana Chip Bread alt: Corn Dog	14 Beef Burrito Corn Jello Cornbread	15 <i>Pizza Hut-EMS/GMS</i> Deli Super Sub Caesar Salad Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie alt: Hamburger	16 <i>Pizza Hut-Chal/Dis</i> Chicken Strip Wrap Nacho Doritos Tropical Fruit Chocolate Muffin
19	20	21	22	23
.....CHRISTMAS VACATION.....				
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Grades 7-12 Breakfast (menu repeats weekly)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Sausage Pizza Breakfast Bar	Biscuits 'n Gravy Breakfast Bar	Pancakes Breakfast Bar	Breakfast Tornado Breakfast Bar	Egg 'n Cheese Sandwich Breakfast Bar
Breakfast Bar includes weekly combination of: pop tart or cereal bar, muffin, fresh fruit or yogurt.				



- All breakfast and lunch meals served with choice of milk.
- Go to www.goddardusd.com for nutrient analysis and nutrition information.
- All menus are subject to change.
- USD 265 Goddard Public Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

