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Challenger Intermediate

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February Calendar of Events

February 3— Faculty Dodgeball @ GMS—6:00 –8:00 PM

February 9— Individual and classroom pictures

February 10—5th grade Dental screenings

February 13—Spring Book Fair

February 14—PTO Meeting 3:00-4:00 PM in the Library

Spring Book Fair

February 15—Spring Book Fair

February 16—Challenger students to GHS for “Fiddler on the Roof”

Sonic Night—5:00-9:00 PM

Spring Book Fair

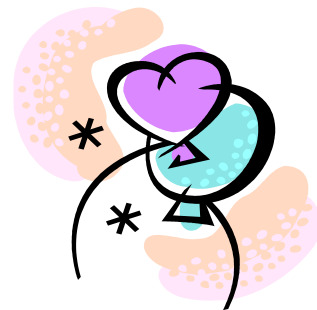
February 17— PTO Pizza Hut Day

Spring Book Fair

February 20—Spring Book Fair

February 21-23—Parent / Teacher Conferences

Spring Book Fair



February 24—No Classes



## From the Principal

The second semester is off to a great start. It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for parent-teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled for February 21-23. We will begin scheduling conference on February 1. Parent-Teacher conferences are a great opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with his/her teacher. If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you at conferences this month.

Our students and staff are continuing to prepare for the upcoming state assessments. The state reading assessment has been scheduled for March 6-8, and the state math assessment will be given during the week of April 3-5. Please look for more information on these assessments in the March newsletter.

Did you know that you can view the Challenger/ morning announcements on line. To view the announcements, simply go to the Goddard Public Schools web site (<http://www.goddardusd.com/>) and click on the link that takes you to the Challenger homepage. Once you arrive at this location, click on the link titled "morning announcements"; after you click on this link, you will see a calendar. To view the announcements for the day click on the date that you wish to view and enjoy! If your son or daughter did the morning announcements on one of the dates that are highlighted, you will be able to view it as well. A special thank you to Mr. Mann and Mr. Condray for all of the hard work they

put into getting our announcements posted on the Challenger web site!

On February 3, the Challenger PTO will be hosting a fundraiser at Goddard Middle School. The PTO Board has worked very hard to plan a fundraising activity in which students do not have to go out into the community and sell fundraising items. As a result, we will play a faculty and student dodge ball game. The PTO has many fun activities planned for this event. Please look for more details as this evening gets closer.

Jeff Hersh  
Principal



We are working within our schools to assess the forms and frequency of bullying. Because the Goddard School District is strongly committed to making sure students have a safe and healthy pace to learn, we ask you to participate in our annual Bullying Survey for Parents. The information gathered from this survey gives us the opportunity to make our schools a better place, and as parents, you have an important role in this movement!

The survey will be open Feb. 1-15, 2012. Students Grades 4-11 will also be taking a Bullying Survey for Students during this time. Be on the lookout for a Skylert message with the link to this survey. We Strongly encourage every parent to take this survey so that we may continue to better serve and prepare our students for lifelong success.

# 5th Grade News



Your students are working hard to prepare for the spring State Assessments (Reading March 6-8; Math April 3-5). You can help them prepare in several ways:

- Check their agendas daily for learning topics and homework.
- Discuss Thursday Progress Reports with your child.
- Restock school supplies. Many students need pencils and binders.
- Discuss how you use math and reading on a daily basis.
- Come to conferences on February 21, 22, or 23. Call the office (794-4040) to set an appointment.

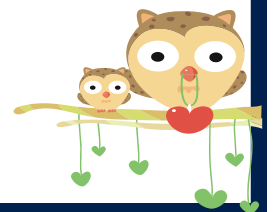
We appreciate your help and support throughout this year.

Fifth Grade Teachers



## WORD OF THE MONTH

**COMMITMENT:** I practice commitment. I make good decisions and give my all to whatever I do. I keep my agreements. I am a faithful friend.





## 6th Grade News

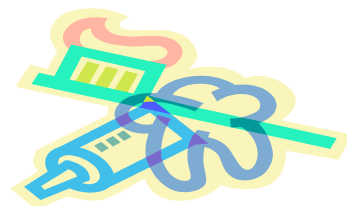
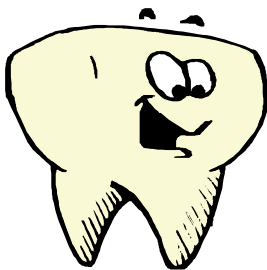
It is hard to believe it is already February, and we are working hard getting ready for state assessments. The Reading state assessment will be March 6th—8th.

Conferences are quickly approaching and we encourage calling and scheduling your conference prior to conference week. Conferences will be held February 21—23.

Please remind students to dress appropriately as winter continues. We will go out to recess unless the wind-chill is less than 25 degrees.

6th Grade Teachers

Dr. Coad will be performing dental screenings on all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday, February 10, 2012. **This screening is not meant to take the place of a regular dental check-up, but is a quick screening to find major abnormalities or decay.** All students that are screened will receive a dental report that will be sent home with them the following week. If a student is found in need of immediate dental care, the parent will be notified by telephone. If you have any questions regarding the screening, please call the nurse at 794-4040.





## News From the Nurse

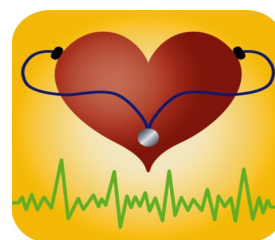
Oral health is an important part of children's overall health, and is a critical component in their ability to learn and succeed in school. Prevention is the key to strong and healthy teeth. Preventive measures include daily brushing and flossing, regular dental visits, eating a well-balanced diet, and the avoidance of all tobacco products.

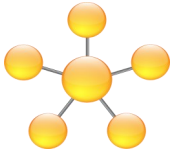
Brushing helps remove plaque from the outer surfaces of teeth, and flossing removes plaque from in between your teeth where toothbrushes can't reach. Plaque is a clear, sticky film formed by bacteria in your mouth. If it is not cleaned away, it can irritate your gums, leading to gum disease and also tooth decay. So don't rush your brush! Everyone should brush their teeth for two minutes at least twice a day. Brushing to a song or setting a timer are helpful hints. Brushing after breakfast and at bedtime are usual choices, with bedtime also being a good time to floss.

A good diet equals healthier teeth. Sugary snacks and drinks can lead to cavities. Choose nutritious snacks, such as vegetables, low-fat yogurt, fruits, and low-fat cheeses, which are healthier and better for your teeth. Limiting the amount of beverages that are high in sugar can also help to maintain good dental health.

Ideally, children should visit the dentist by their first birthday with regularly scheduled checkups after that - usually twice a year or as the dentist recommends. Good dental health habits insure a lifetime of healthy smiles!

Julie Spence, RN





## 5th and 6th Grade Science

Fifth graders continue their study of Earth and its forces. They are now learning about earthquakes and volcanoes.

Sixth graders continue their study of “Matter” and are now taking a closer look at the “Chart of Elements” (Periodic Table) and learning about atoms and how they make up the things around us.

A quick reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up later this month, February 21-23. Please call the office during regular school hours to schedule appointments with your child’s teachers.

As always, if you want to know what’s going on in Science, please go to our web site at [www.goddardscience.weebly.com](http://www.goddardscience.weebly.com)

Doug Mann—5th grade

Jim Lester—6th grade



# Every Voice Counts

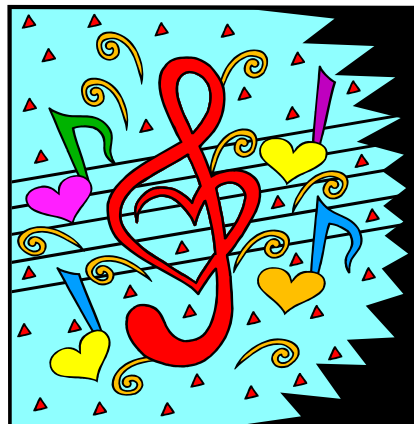
January marked another busy month in Challenger music classes. Sixth grade students have worked throughout the month to compose their own lyrics. They have also created PowerPoint presentations to serve as a visual for their class performance. I am pleased with the creativity and am looking forward to their performances.

Fifth grade students have started previewing songs for our upcoming choral concert. Please mark your calendars now for April 17. The evening's schedule is as follows:

<p><b>Mullen, Oller, Joseph &amp; Aragon</b> homerooms Students should arrive by 6:15 pm Concert begins at 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Semrad, Carr, Anderson &amp; Thomas</b> homerooms Students should arrive by 7:30 pm Concert begins at 7:45 pm</p>
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The students are expected to wear dress clothing for the performance. Suggestions for girls include dresses or skirts or slacks with a nice blouse. Suggestions for boys include slacks or khakis with a collared shirt. Students do not have to wear black and white as in band or orchestra, but that is certainly acceptable.

I enjoy making music with your student. Thanks for sending your best!  
Mrs. Cromwell



# Band News



This has been a very exciting few weeks since break. All students have done a tremendous job of getting back in shape while expanding their technical facility and learning new (and more difficult) notes!! We are fully into “concert-preparation” mode and I think we’re all happy to finally play REAL music!

After school practice sessions continue to be an excellent way for your child to receive extra attention, earn practice minutes and receive extra credit!!! If your child is struggling, this is the best way to get him/her back on track!!!

I know that grades have been looking a little scary lately. Please understand that with only a minimal amount of grades this early in the semester, one missed practice log is going to appear to have a tremendous effect on your child’s grade. I promise once our playing tests are entered, grades will bounce back dramatically.

Our next concert, originally scheduled for February, has been moved to March 13<sup>th</sup> (to alleviate scheduling conflicts at Goddard High School). Details about the dress rehearsal and concert night procedures will be coming home shortly.

Finally, I am ecstatic to be working in the Goddard School District for my first year as a band director. Despite years of training and a couple degrees, I recognize that this is a complicated position with hundreds of students with unique needs. In attempt to self-assess (everyone’s favorite activity!), I will be giving students an opportunity to critique class in the form of an in-class survey. I will also email a similar form to parents. While I am not asking you to pull any punches... it would be nice to hear some positive feedback as well!!! Please be honest and while a name is not required, it would be appreciated to help give context to the concerns and allow me to address them (immediately if possible!!!).

As always, I invite you to email, call and/or stop by! I’ve had a few parents drop-in and observe and everyone had a great time! Thank you for your continued support of your child’s music education!!!

# Orchestra News



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra is now working out of the **Essential Elements for Strings** Book 2. The opening page of this book is a basic review of the D and G major scales with arpeggios,  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, and key signatures. Shortly, the students will begin to learn about additional key signatures and complex rhythms. Therefore, it is very important that all students have this book. Please contact me if obtaining this book is not possible at this time.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra has been introduced to a new note value, the eighth note. While the students understand that this new note value is faster than a quarter note, they are often tempted to practice their music way to fast. As your child practices at home, please encourage them to slow the tempo down and really listen to every note that is being played. It is not uncommon to hear a young student say “I can play it fast, but not slow”, but the truth of the matter is they are playing a song fast that is riddled with many errors. A metronome will help assist with your child’s practice session, and these are available at any music dealer and are quite inexpensive. I have also placed an order for 5 metronomes that can be checked out weekly.

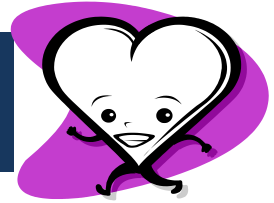
There will be a sign in sheet for students who wish to stay for after school practice. Discovery students are to sign up no later than Monday and Challenger no later than Tuesday.

Our next concerts are scheduled for March 8, 2012 and May 14, 2012. I will send out additional information about these performances in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lawson, Director of Orchestras  
Discovery and Challenger Intermediate Schools  
plawson@goddardusd.com

# P.E News



## EXERCISE

### Health Care Every BODY can afford!

**HEALTHY CHALLENGE:** As a family, try for one week while watching TV in the evening to do one exercise or stretch for an entire commercial. Every time there is a commercial, everyone join in and do some movement such jumping jacks or push-ups. This is a good way to get started on those New Year's resolutions.

**Coming Attractions:** February may be a short month, but it will be full of fun and physical activity. When the floor hockey unit is finished, we will begin our basketball unit. February is also "HEART" month and we will host our annual "Hoops for Heart" event during our physical education class time. Students will be invited to participate in our service project for the year by collecting money for the American Heart Association while learning the basic skills of the game of basketball such as dribbling and shooting. We have had good luck with the on-line collection process and collected over \$1,500 last year online. Add that to our collection envelopes and we raised over \$4,400. We were one of the top schools in the state of Kansas last year. Our goal this year it to surpass last year's total. Collection envelopes will be handed out the week of Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and all **monies collected should be turned in by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Collect & Save:** Thank you for the support of the "Collect and Save" program. Please continue to send General Mill's BOX TOPS, Tyson Project A+ labels, and Campbell's Soup labels. All BOX TOPS need to be mailed in by February 28, 2012. So keep collecting and saving. A special "Thank You" goes to Joyce Urban for keeping track of all the numbers.

**PLAY IT SAFE:** Thank you for helping your child be prepared for physical education class. Tennis shoes provide for a SAFE and FUN time while moving in the gym. We are half way through the school year and your child is growing. Checking your child's shoes to see if they are in good condition and fit proper-

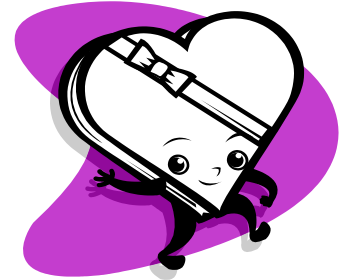
ly may prevent injuries in the future. Your child's physical education schedule remains the same for second semester. **Furthermore, please send a note to excuse your child from participation due to injury or illness. Thank you!**

I enjoy working with your child and teaching them the skills they need now and for a lifetime.

HAVE A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Mrs. Buchanan

Physical Education Specialist



# Grades 5-8 Lunch

February 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hamburger Curly Fries Cukes 'n Carrots w/Dip Oreo Pudding	Popcorn Chicken w/ Rice California Veggies Citrus Fruit Salad Banana Chip Bread  alt: Corn Dog	Chili w/oyster crackers & cheese Tossed Salad Banana Cinnamon Roll	Super Sub Caesar Salad Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie  alt: Hamburger	Chicken Strip Wrap Nacho Doritos Tropical Fruit Chocolate Muffin
6 Cheeseburger Mac Green Beans Pears M&M Cookie	7 Hot Ham & Cheese Cheddar Sun Chips Apple Fudgebar  alt: Corn Dog	8 Turkey Stix w/ Honey Wheat Roll Potatoes & Gravy Glazed Carrots Mixed Fruit Cup	9 <i>Pizza Hut-Chal/DIS</i> Beef Burrito Corn Jello w/ Strawberries Cornbread  alt: Hamburger	10 <i>Pizza Hut-EMS/GMS</i> BBQ Beef Sandwich French Fries Broccoli/Caulif w/ Dip Peaches
13 Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli w/cheese Pineapple Chunks	14 Sloppy Joe w/Potato Chips Baby Carrots w/ Dip Warm Cinnamon Apples Sugar Cookie  alt: Corn Dog	15 Rotini Pasta w/ Meatballs Tossed Salad Garlic Breadstick Sherbet Cup	16 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Grapes Salsa w/ Tostido Scoops Brownie  alt: Hamburger	17 Pancakes w/Sausage Hash Brown Potato Oranges or Apricots Yogurt
20 <b>Cooks Choice</b>	21 <b>Cooks Choice</b> Parent Teacher Conf Kdg/Grade 5-8	22 <b>Parent Teacher Conference</b>	23	24 <b>No Classes</b>
27 Cheeseburger JoJo's Potatoes Peaches Fudgebar	28 Teriyaki Chicken w/ Stir Fried Rice Tossed Salad Orange Jello Cup Rice Krispie Treat  alt: Corn Dog	29 Turkey Cheese Sub Cool Ranch Doritos Pasta Salad Banana	Mar 1 Chicken Nuggets w/Honey Wheat Roll Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Mixed Fruit Salad  alt: Hamburger	Mar 2 Beef Nachos w/ Refried Bean Dip Corn Pears Cinnamon Bun

# Grades 5-12 Breakfast (menu repeats weekly)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Sausage Pizza or Cereal Breakfast Bar	Biscuits 'n Gravy or Cereal Breakfast Bar	Pancakes or Cereal Breakfast Bar	Breakfast Tornado or Cereal Breakfast Bar	Egg 'n Cheese Sandwich or Cereal 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](http://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.

