

Chorley Gazette



Principal Letter



Dear Chorley Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break. As the New Year begins, I am sure everyone is busy setting New Year's Resolutions. Why not include some School based resolutions onto your list?

This month's newsletter is focused around school routines and reminders. As the New Year begins it is important all parents and students focus upon their health, attendance, being a serious learner and being a Peace Builder. Throughout the newsletter you will find information on all of these important subjects.

Stay warm,
L. Collopy



Contact Information

If you have moved, changed your phone number or need to add/remove emergency contacts, please contact the office. It is very important we are able to reach you in the event of an emergency. To change any information you can simply:

- ♦ Call—*we will ask for your security code to verify it is you.*
- ♦ Stop in the office with your new information.
- ♦ Send a note into school that includes your new Information.

January

1/3 School Re-opens
1/5 BOE Meeting
1/3 PTO Meeting
1/16 No School
1/19 BOE Meeting
1/27 Awards Assembly

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office:
845-326-1850

Nurse's Office:
845-326-1860

Food Service (Cafeteria):
845-326-1858

Social Worker:
845-326-1865

Carta de la Principal

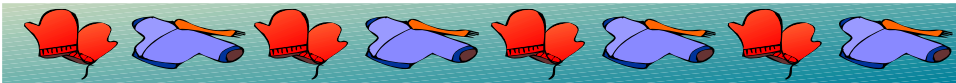
Querida familia de Chorley,

¡Feliz año nuevo y bienvenidos! Espero que todos disfrutaron sus vacaciones de invierno. Como comienza el año nuevo, estoy seguro que todos estarán haciendo resoluciones para el año nuevo. ¿Porque no incluye algunas resoluciones básica de la escuela en su lista?

El boletín del mes se concentra en las rutinas de la escuela y le recuerda de cosas importantes. Como comienza el año, esperamos que todos pongan atención a la salud, asistencia, el ser de un estudiante serio manteniendo la paz. Adentro del boletín, encontraras más información sobre todos los demás temas importantes.

Manténganse caliente,

L. Collopy



Contact Information

Si se ha mudado, cambiado su número de teléfono o necesita añadir o sacar algunos contactos de emergencia, por favor de llamar la oficina de la escuela. Es muy importante que nosotros podamos a comunicarnos con ustedes durante una emergencia. Para cambiar cualquier información solo necesita:

- ♦ Llamar—*preguntaremos por el código de seguridad para confirmar que eres usted.*
- ♦ Venir a la oficina con su nueva información.
- ♦ Mandar una nota al a escuela con su nueva información.



Mrs. Baker's 1st Grade Class



Visit From Soldier



Mrs. Baker's class was honored by a visit from Mr. Roberts, who is the father of Christian Roberts. He was stationed in Afghanistan. The children learned so much information and most importantly how much we should appreciate all the conveniences that we take for granted in our daily lives such as running water. Mr. Roberts and his troop were so touched by the children's letters of appreciation that they became teary eyed. The children will continue to correspond with Mr. Roberts and his troop.



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Just a few reminders for our students
on how to stay healthy this winter season!

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
Sing: Row, Row, Row your boat while washing
- Cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- Dress appropriately for the weather. Don't forget your coat, hat and gloves!
 - Stay at home when you are sick with a fever (100 degrees or higher), vomiting, or diarrhea.



Parents: If your child has a fever, they may not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours.

On the school website, middletowncityschools.org, under, Health Services, you will find important information on when you should keep your child home from school. Our goal is to keep your child healthy!

***If you have not already done so, please remember to hand in your child's physical to the nurse.*

A Message from the Office about Attendance and Dismissal

This is just a reminder regarding our emphasis on your child's attendance, tardiness and leaving school prior to dismissal time. If your child is absent, you will receive an automated telephone call reminding you to send a note to the teacher upon your child returns to school.

Our school day begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m. Breakfast is served between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Students who are bussed will not be denied breakfast if their bus arrives after 8:30 a.m. however, walkers arriving after 8:35 a.m. will not be served breakfast. It is incumbent upon the parents/guardians to get their children to school between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. if they want their child to have breakfast. Your child will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:45 a.m. and marked left early if they leave prior to dismissal time.

If you need to change the dismissal transportation for your child for one day (ie. you will be picking up your child instead of student taking the bus), please send a note to the teacher. Students will be dismissed from the walker door and you must have your identification for pick up. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our main office at 845-326-1850.

Literacy Coach's Corner



The cold months of winter can provide an opportunity for down-time with our children. We can use the New Year as a time to remind ourselves to occasionally 'unplug' our devices and make time for talking with and listening to our children. We know this is crucial for their academic success as well as their general well-being.

Taken from <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/403/>, the suggestions below offer ways to foster your child's literacy at home.



Read to and with your children for 30 minutes every day.

It is very important to read out loud to your children before they start school. Help your children read with you. Ask them to find letters and words on the page and talk with your children about the story.



Help your children read on their own.

Reading at home helps children do better in school. Have lots of children's books in your home and visit the library every week. Help your children get their own library cards and let them pick out their own books.



Read and write with your children in their native language.

Practicing their first language will help your children learn to read and write English.



Talk with your children as you do daily activities together.

When you take your children places, talk with them about what you are doing and ask them questions. If your child cannot hear, use whatever form of communication your child usually uses.

Excerpted from: Simple Things You Can Do to Help All Children Read Well and Independently By the End of Third Grade (1997) U.S. Department of Education

Here's a fun winter poem to sing with your child:

Snowflake by Stephanie Shearer

(to the tune of "I'm a Little Tea Pot")

I'm a little snowflake white and round
I don't make a sound as I fall to the ground
When you look out your window you will shout
I'm putting on my mittens and going out!





Many Ask: "How is a student chosen Student of the Month?" Read below to find out!



A student is chosen to be Student of the Month for many reasons:

1. The student is a **Peace Builder**. Being a peace builder means you are kind, you praise others and are respectful to those around you at all times. You help others and if you make a mistake you try to right your wrong. You try to solve your problems through seeking help from the wise people around you and you notice and speak up about hurts that have been caused. You follow school and classroom rules and take responsibility for your actions.
2. The student is a **Serious Learner**. Being a serious learner means you always put forth your best effort and do the best work that you can do.
3. The student **is in school**. A child needs to be an active part of the Chorley Community to be considered.

Students are chosen to be Student of the Month by the classroom teacher, specialist or service provider.



Jack Frost is in Town!



January, February and March are the coldest months of the year. Please make sure your child is dressed warmly and appropriately for very cold weather. Students go out for recess everyday if the temperature is above 32 degrees. If they do not have appropriate attire, they will not be allowed to play outside with their friends. Make sure you label all of your child's belongings.





The Middletown Music Department is excited to announce that *Barrage* will be performing at the Twin Towers Middle School Auditorium on Friday, January 27th at 7 pm.

Barrage is a world renown string performing group from Calgary, Canada. *Barrage* will also be performing with our own Middletown Strings Orchestra.

Tickets are **FREE** to those in the Middletown City School Community. Usually tickets for *Barrage* performances are between \$20 and \$30. This is a great opportunity to see a performance like this here in Middletown. Please order your tickets early, just call [\(845\) 326-1639](tel:8453261639) for ticket sales and questions.

For more information about *Barrage* visit: www.barrage.org.

Thank you and hope to see you there!



J.W. CHORLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WORD OF THE MONTH:	2 WINTER RECESS	3 NO EDI TODAY PTO MEETING	4	5 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	6	7
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15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	17	18	19 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	20	21 
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