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March 2020 Newsletter



From the Superintendent:

Flu Precautions:

Your school district is taking a cautious and common sense approach to what health officials are predicting will be a very active flu season.

COVER - your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing

CLEAN - wash hands frequently during the day

CONTAIN - stay home if sick.

If there is ever a need to close school or to deliver important health information, you will be contacted directly by our Parent Emergency Notification and Information System. Make sure our school secretaries have your current phone numbers and other additional contact information. I would suggest having your personal cell phone as your main number if

possible. You may also choose to visit our school district website, www.chaneymonge.us, or www.flu.gov or www.willcountyhealth.org for more on-line information at any time.

Remember, **COVER-CLEAN-CONTAIN!**

Cold Weather

January and February traditionally bring some of the coldest weather of the year but it can also be just as cold in March. Just a reminder to send students to school properly dressed each day. The last day of school will be June 4th for students

Is School Closed?

Its freezing cold, the snow's blowing, wind's howling and my homework isn't done: what a great time to find out that there is no school! If possible, the decision to close school is made the night before very early in the morning (before 7:00 AM) of the day classes will be cancelled.

By Phone: Principal Jackie Hall will send a recorded phone message directly to the phone numbers listed in your child's registration forms. Messages are sent immediately after the decision is made to close school for the day. Please do not call the school to verify that school has been closed. Make sure your answering machines or message systems are in working order.

Emergency School Closings:

Unless you receive a "school closed" call from our school district parent emergency notification and information system, hear a notice that school is closed on any of the media outlets below or see a notice on our school district website, **SCHOOL IS OPEN!** Do not waste your time calling the school district numbers since there will probably be no one available to answer your call. Instead, tune in or type in any of the media outlets listed below.

- Radio WJOL 1340 AM
- Radio WSSR 96.7 FM
- Radio WRXQ 100.7 FM
- Radio WCCQ 98.3 FM
- Radio WGN 720 AM
- Radio WBBM 780 AM
- Radio WONU 89.7 FM
- Radio WERV 95.9 FM
- TV WGN Channel 9
- TV WLS Channel 7
- TV WFLD Channel 32
- TV WBBM Channel 2
- TV WNBQ Channel 5
- Web Site: www.wjol.com
- Web Site: www.emergencyclosings.com
- Web Site: www.chaneymonge.us

Safety:

Parking regulations, traffic laws, bright orange cones, tickets and school rules will not prevent an accident from happening. However, as adult drivers, we all must remind ourselves that there is no excuse for compromising the safety of any child because we are in a hurry, late for an appointment, or



angry at a family member or angry at the driver in the vehicle ahead.

So, for the sake of all children, drive safely and extremely carefully during your trips to, from and around school at all times. Discuss basic pedestrian safety with your kids. Our staff members, administrators and Crest Hill Police Department are committed to making sure your kids remains safe - and I am sure you are too. Remember to go over weather safety procedures at home this spring. It is not uncommon to see March tornados especially with this ever changing weather pattern.



8th Grade Graduation:

8th Grade Graduation has been set for May 19th, 2020 (7:30 PM)

Board Meetings:

The Chaney-Board of Education meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month starting at 7 pm. We generally meet in the library during the school year.



Spring/Summer Construction 2020

The Chaney-Monge Board of Education went out to bid for the construction of two additional elementary classrooms. The classrooms will be used to add full day kindergarten next school year with plans to add a preschool program in the near future. The Chaney-Monge School Board is pleased to announce the approval of the lowest responsible bidder, R. Berti Building Solutions, for two additional classrooms at a total cost of \$803,400. The plan is to start outside work this spring in hopes of finishing the project by July 31, 2020. There will be changes later to kindergarten and 1st grade drop off and pick up locations. **We will share more**

information this spring. There are always many factors that come into play when you start a large construction project. Please be patient as we complete this construction project. If we experience any delays or issues which result in pushing back the project completion date, we will communicate alternate plans for kindergarten to start the 2020-2021 school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.



From the Principal - Jackie Hall

Safety Drills

We conduct several safety drills throughout the year. We conduct at least three fire drills with one supervised by the Lockport Fire Department. The Lockport Fire Department drill is usually in conjunction with Fire Safety Week in October. We also conduct at least two Lockdown drills annually. One mandated component is an annual, unannounced random drill conducted by the Crest Hill Police Department. Also, we try to schedule a lockdown drill with the K-9 unit from Joliet Police Department in cooperation with the Crest Hill Police Department. We also schedule a shelter in place drill which is also referred to traditionally as a tornado drill.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing

Starting March 11th through April 24th, students in grades 3-8 will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test.

The IAR is the state test and accountability measure for Illinois students. It is based on the Illinois Learning Standards incorporating the Common Core and will assess students in

Math and English Arts. This assessment will be very similar to the PARCC test in years previous.

All students in grades 3-8 as well as students in high school are required to take the IAR. This year there will be two sessions for English Language Arts and three sessions for Math. Please be sure your child attends school and is well rested.

Chaney Monge Phone System



When you are calling the school, please make sure you are using our main line at 815-722-6673 and not any of our other lines. Only the main line allows you to leave a message.

There are a number of phone lines within the school in which staff members can call and leave you a message. Please listen to the message before returning the call so we can connect you to the correct staff member.

Bus Issues?

Parents - Please immediately call First Student Bus Company at 815-726-0033 with any problems your child is experiencing on the bus to or from school.



Spring Break

Spring Break begins on March 30th, 2019. We will be eager to begin bright and early on Monday morning, April 6th. Enjoy your break. We have a lot more learning to do when we return.





Students of the Month

Mrs. Short reports that January Lion's Club Students of the Month were: 5th grader: Trinity Marsh; 6th grader: Gavin Meadors; 7th Grader: Viviana Alanis; and 8th grader: Matthew Schneider.

Congratulations on your award!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be on sale until they are sold out. The cost of each yearbook is \$15.00. Please fill out an order form and make checks payable to HR Imaging and turn in to the front office. They are also available for purchase online for a limited time.



8th Grade Activities

Students have voted to tour "Chicago with Blue Man Group" for the eighth grade trip. The trip is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. The last payment will be due April 8th. Any student planning to attend must meet these deadlines. Students must also be in good standing with grades and discipline.



PTO News

The PTO is looking for volunteers for the open positions on the PTO board for the next school year. If you are interested, please contact our teacher liaison, Ms. Pavnica, for more information.

Ms. Pavnica reminds you to send in your General Mills Box Tops. Your box top donations help provide supplies and activities to our students and school.

ELEMENTARY NEWSPAPER!!

Mrs. Vaccaro would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all for the hard work of the student reporters and a special "THANK YOU" to the parents for picking up and making sure they are there at newspaper. We will be starting our Winter/Spring Edition for 3rd quarter in March.

The March meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 3 @ 2:45-4:00
Tuesday, March 10 @ 2:45-4:00
Tuesday, March 17 @ 2:45-4:00

There will be no newspaper on Tuesday, March 24th or on Tuesday, March 31st. That is Spring Break.

We will set our schedule for April and May to meet after Spring Break.

CMPAA News

Congratulations to the boy's basketball All Stars:



8th Grade -
Connor Smithberg, Colin Ward and Matthew Schneider

7th Grade -
Mason Rees, Jaeden Edwards and Jairo Munoz

Come out Friday March 6th to watch some fun basketball between our 8th grade teams and teachers/coaches. All proceeds will go toward the athletic program. Flyers coming home soon with all the details.

Boy's volleyball has begun. Come out and watch a game and support your braves. Schedule on the school calendar.



Forgotten Homework?

Students may return with an adult until 3:30 P.M. to retrieve forgotten homework or books in lockers or classrooms. The office is open until 3:30 P.M. and we will contact custodial staff if needed to get into locked rooms.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Catherine Gleason Spelling Bee Champs. All Junior High spelling participants did a marvelous job! Many thanks go out to Mrs. Mammosser for organizing and running our Spelling Bee.

- 1st Place - Sol Ruiz
- 2nd Place - Benzi Reyes
- 3rd Place - Nathan Rowell
- 4th Place - Tyler Weaver
- 5th Place - Austin Legner
- 6th Place - Jay McNamara



Sol Ruiz will represent us at the Will County Spelling Bee which will be held at Lockport Township High School East Campus on Thursday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The Will County Spelling Bee is a joint effort between the Will County Regional Office of Education and Commonwealth Edison.

News from Nurse Priscilla

All Illinois children in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades are required to have an examination by a licensed dentist before May 15th of the school year. That means I must have a Proof of School Dental Examination Form or the Waiver before the 15th of May, 2020.

The Will County Health Department has a dental clinic where you can call to make an appointment for your child to have a dental exam, if you have no family dentist.



If your child has seen the dentist within one year of the May 15, 2020 deadline, please bring proof of that examination to the school office.

I still have not yet received all eye exam forms for the AM and PM Kindergarten students. If you have them, please turn them in to the nurse's office.

CMMPA - Music News

March is an exciting month for music! There is a special performance for each of our ensembles, fitting for Music in Our Schools Month!



Starting off the performances is our 4th/5th grade concert band on March 10th. This concert will start at 7:00 in the gym. Students should arrive at 6:30 in their concert dress; black pants, socks, and shoes, and a white top.

The choir will be performing at a Wolves Game on Sunday, March 15th. We will leave the school by 12:45 pm and return after the game is over, around 6:30 pm. Information has already gone out to the performers.

This month the Concert Band will be taking a trip to Chicago to play at VanderCook College of Music's Band Festival. This will be on Tuesday, March 24th. We are very excited for the opportunity and the fun trip as a band. If there are any more parents/guardians who are interested in chaperoning the trip, please let me know!

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/10 - 4th/5th Grade Band Concert 7pm
- 3/15 - Wolves Game - Choir Performance
- 3/24 - Concert Band Trip to VanderCook



Kindergarten Round-Up 2020-2021

Registration for the 2020-2021 Kindergarten class at Chaney-Monge School will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Children who will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2020 and live in the district are eligible to register.

Please remember to bring:

1. An original birth certificate available from the county clerk in the county the child was born.
2. TWO of the following: Proofs of current residency IN THE DISTRICT:
 - Mortgage or lease papers
 - IL Driver's License or IL State I.D.
 - Voter's Card
 - Medicaid or Food Stamp Card
 - Any OFFICIAL or LEGAL document with correct address IN THE DISTRICT.

(BILLS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.)

(If you live with another person, you will also need - in addition to your proofs of residency - two proofs of current residency in the district from the person you are living with and a residency form filled out from that same person dated and signed stating who is living in the home.) You can request this residency form from the school's front office staff.

3. Phone numbers of at least three local relatives or friends who may be contacted in case of an emergency.
4. Parent's work phone numbers and cell phone numbers.
5. The name and phone number of the family physician.

Details concerning DIAL screening, health, dental and vision exams and the Kindergarten

program will be covered during the Round-UP session.

Please share this important information with a neighbor who may have an incoming Kindergarten student.

Pre-School Screening (DIAL)

Chaney-Monge School will be hosting pre-school screenings on **Wednesday March 25th, 2020**. All children aged 3-5 years, including incoming Kindergarteners, are encouraged to attend this free activity. Please call the school office at 815-722-6673 to make an appointment. Areas of motor, concepts, communication, vision and hearing are included in this screening. The results will be shared at the conclusion of the session along with suggestions for working with your child at home.

Please share this important screening information with a neighbor who may have a child of screening age.



AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Families are invited to attend the Third Quarter Awards Assembly in the gymnasium on Thursday, March 26th to honor our students. Students will be recognized for Reading, Math, Effort and the character traits of Citizenship, Trustworthiness and Respect.

- Students who earn a special award will be notified with a parent letter or phone call.
- Students who earned perfect attendance as noted on their report card.
- Honor Roll or High Honor Roll (only 4th-8th grades) as noted on their report cards.

Please check your student's report card to see if they earned perfect attendance or Honor Roll.

Assembly Times Are:

AM Kindergarten-5th Grades 9:00-9:40
Grades 6th-8th 11:15-11:55
PM Kindergarten (in classroom) 1:00

Fundraising

Fundraising events have helped to get new books in the hands of students! For a few years, the Chaney Monge Teacher's Organization has been hosting fundraisers with McTeachers Nights and Chipotle. The money has gone to many different projects for the school such as purchasing computer software and equipment for the school Library to keep track of all the books on the computer database. This system also allows for tracking of all the books that are checked out by each student and when they are returned. There was another large purchase for the school library of new hardcover books including those books that are checked out the most often. The most recent purchase was of new books for homeroom classroom libraries. Homeroom teachers made a wish list for their class library and those books were recently delivered to the classroom! There is another McTeachers Night scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd from 5:00-8:00 PM and we hope to see you all there! It's a lot of fun and as you can see, you really do help make a difference in our school!

Math-A-Thon

CONGRATULATIONS to our Chaney-Monge students who recently participated in our 2020 Math-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital! Our 17 participants, Jr. High Penny Wars, and Student Leadership activities raised \$3,673.24 which will be used to help St. Jude's in their fight against childhood diseases. THANKS to the support and commitment of our students, parents, and teachers, we were able to make this donation.

CONGRATULATIONS to **KARINA COCKBURN** in Ms. Thiakos's and Mrs. Greenway's homeroom for raising the most money as an individual. She raised \$1,153! ☺

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Thiakos's and Mrs. Greenway's homeroom for raising the most money as a class. They raised \$1,253! Mrs. Moody's homeroom followed by raising \$480! ☺

We look forward to participating in this worthwhile event next year!

St. Jude's Math-A-Thon Participants 2020

Melanie Pantoja	1P	Evelyn Kamer	4M
Skyler Memming	2K	Jesus Hurtado	4M
Andrew Albert	4D	Brittnay Cairns	5G
Gavin Gayhart	4D	Taryn Gavert	5G
Leah House	4D	Christina Miller	5G
Joel Ocampo	4D	Karina Cockburn	6T
Jania Schook	4D	Saul Dominguez	6T
Haley Garcia	7B	Kristan Pack	6U
Abby House	7C		

ALSO, a great big thank you to our wonderful Student Leadership Group! Through fun and engaging activities throughout the week, they were able to raise \$427.00 to benefit the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital as well! Way to go everyone who organized events and contributed!



UPCOMING DATES

March 10th

- Spelling Bee at Lockport Township High School
- 4th/5th Grade Band Concert 7pm

March 15th

- Chicago Wolves Hockey Game
Choir Performance

March 18th

- Kindergarten Roundup
Registration for 2020-2021
Students 6pm

March 24th

- Concert Band Trip to
VanderCook

March 26th

- Awards Assembly
Grades K (AM) 1-5 - 9:00 AM
Grades 6-8 - 11:15 AM
Grades K (PM) - 1:00 PM

March 30th - April 5th

- Spring Break- No Classes
- School resumes April 6th

8th Grade Upcoming Dates

April 8

- Second Installment of Trip
money Due

May 9th

- 8th Grade Dance

May 15th

- 8th Grade Chicago Trip

May 19th

- Graduation Ceremonies