



CHANNEY-MONGE
School District 88

October 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

From the Superintendent

Happy Fall

The start of the new school year has kicked off on the right track! Fall officially started September 23, 2023 and we are all looking forward to the new season. The kids, teachers, and staff are excited to be back at school. We had a nice turnout for registration as well as Meet-and-Greet night. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet many new and returning families. Have a safe and wonderful fall!

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. 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 remain safe - and I am sure you are, too.

Board Meetings

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

October 4th:

- 11:30 Dismissal Improvement Meeting
No Preschool

October 9th:

- No School-Indigenous Peoples Day

October 17th:

- Picture Day
- Board Meeting 7pm

October 28th:

- PSAT Testing for 8th Graders at LTHS

October 30th:

- Marching Band Rehearsal 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

October 31st:

- Halloween Parade 1:00 pm - Weather Permitting
- No Preschool Classes

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Principal's Message
Mrs. Jackie Hall



***Halloween* Chaney-Monge Style!**

Chaney-Monge School will once again be the neighborhood center for Halloween activities this year. A Halloween parade led by the Chaney-Monge Band will tour the neighborhood beginning 1 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. There will be NO PRE-SCHOOL on Tuesday, October 31st, but the kids are more than welcome to come to watch the parade! Classroom parties and activities will follow. Please note that if the weather does not permit us to participate in a parade outside, the students will be allowed to parade inside throughout the school. Due to safety and space issues, we will not be able to allow parents in the school for an inside parade.

The Crest Hill Lions Club will sponsor a free hot dog and drink in front of Chaney - Monge during regular trick-or-treat hours on October 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Make sure you remind your children of traffic safety rules and be extra careful while driving on Halloween night.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 10TH AND 11TH. IN A FEW WEEKS, TEACHERS WILL BE SENDING HOME INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE TIMES. BOTH NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH ARE 1:30 DISMISSAL DAYS FOR GRADES K THROUGH 8TH, WITH NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES THOSE DAYS. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE WILL BE USING SIGN-UP GENIUS AGAIN THIS YEAR TO SCHEDULE CONFERENCES.

ATTENDANCE

Missed school is a missed opportunity for learning. Attendance is an accountability feature under ESSA- Every Student Succeeds Act. Consistent daily attendance is directly related to achievement, student success and thus student opportunity for the future. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, a recent study found that absenteeism in the early grades resulted in lower achievement in reading, math and general knowledge. "Poor attendance has serious implications for later outcomes as high school dropouts have a history of high levels of absenteeism. Attendance has shown to be a key indicator significantly correlated with high school graduation." Any absence denies a student learning opportunity. Please establish routines, bed times, and turning off social media so your child can be ready to concentrate on the next day!

REMINDER - USE PARENT CONNECT TO VIEW YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES

For Grades 3-8, you are able to view your child's grades through a secure connection via our school website. Accounts, passwords and user directions were given to third through eighth grade and new students. Returning students were reissued directions at registration day. Please call the office if you need another copy of the account and password.

CONNECT ED MESSAGES

Have you had an automatic call from our school? The Blackboard Connect system gives us the ability to communicate with parents and staff regarding emergency situations, school events and other important issues impacting you and your children. When a call comes from the school, your caller ID will display our school phone number. Please help us by ensuring we have your current phone numbers.



FROM MRS. HALL CONT'D



ON OCTOBER 19TH, THE LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT FIRE DRILLS AND FIRE SAFETY CHATS. EACH YEAR, THE FIREFIGHTERS SHARE THEIR TIME WITH OUR STUDENTS TO REMIND THEM OF FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES. THANKS TO THE LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR TIME AND INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR STUDENTS.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MANDATORY PSAT 8/9 TEST AT LOCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 2023. THIS TEST PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DETERMINING CLASSES FOR THE UPCOMING FRESHMAN YEAR.

INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME SOON,

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is **October 17th, 2023**. All students will be photographed. You do not need to send money on picture day. The proofs of two photos will be sent home with your student approximately one week after they are taken. If you choose to order the photos, you can return the order form to your child's teacher, which will in turn be sent to the photographer. Photo orders will be processed and sent home with children at a later date.

Students are called for their pictures throughout the morning and early afternoon as their schedule allows. There are no 'set' time slots for each grade as some classes take longer than others.

Students not in attendance will have the opportunity to take their pictures in January on the make-up day.

DARE

D.A.R.E. will begin for the 5th graders in October. Officer Outlaw will be coming to the classroom to instruct the students in a variety of topics. We are looking forward to welcoming her back for another great year of D.A.R.E. Thank you to the CHPD and Mayor Soliman for allowing us to have this worthwhile program back in our school.

Mr. Kennedy Dean of Students

Office for Student Success



Electronic Device Concerns:

- Cell phones and smart watches are to be off and in lockers during the school day.
- Chromebooks are property of the school.
- No stickers or writing on them.

Only school approved educational activities are permitted with the use of the devices. Devices are not to be used for personal use in any shape or form.

As a part of our school-wide behavior management plan our staff look for students engaging in acts of kindness, those students are then given a purple (junior high) or pink (fourth/fifth grade) ticket to turn into the main office. Each week two tickets for each group are pulled and students are announced over the PA system to congratulate them and invite them down to the main office to claim a prize from the prize box. The following students are the recipients of the previous month's "Deans List for Good Behavior" raffle:

Giselle Johnson

Leah House

Pedro Camacho

Dezirae Evans

Natalie Reyes

Madeleine Heinz

Casey Sotiriou

Ashley Delgado

Kameron Day

Ricardo Aguirre

Melody Loonam

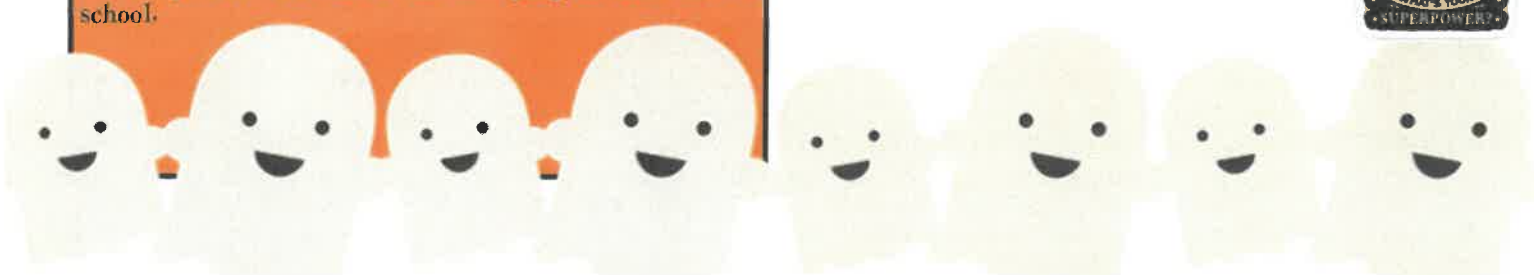
Adeline Coglianese

Yeraldin Hernandez

Jania Schook

Cadence Wright

Serenity Reese





Character Trait for October...

RESPONSIBILITY

If you are responsible, you:

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Plan ahead
- Persevere! Keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act
- Consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Set a good example for others

Check it out at www.charactercounts.org

DID YOU GET A CALL FROM THE SCHOOL?

If you receive a call from our school, please listen to the message before you call back. Often parents will call us back saying 'someone called me'. The office has no way to know who called you from the many phones installed throughout the school. So please listen to the message before calling back as our assistants are more than willing to connect you to the right person without delay.

SPRIT WEAR

The winners of the Chaney-Monge PTO Spirit Wear Design Contest are the following students:

Samuel Mendez for grades K-2

Natalie Reyes for grades 3-5

Lilly Sonne for grades 6-8

Congratulations on a job well done!



From the Nurse's Office

Reminders of Important Deadlines

Per state law, children who are non-compliant with state physical and immunization requirements will be **excluded from school**. The following requirements must be on file with the Nurse by October 16th, 2023 to prevent exclusion:

PHYSICAL: Kindergarten, 6th grade and all incoming out-of-state students

VACCINE: All students are required to have 4 doses of DTap, 4 doses of Polio, 2 doses of MMR, 2 doses of Varicella, 3 doses of Hepatitis B. Students entering 6th grade are required to have T-Dap & Meningococcal.

EYE EXAMINATION: Kindergarten and incoming out of state students.

DENTAL EXAM: Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 6th grade (due by May 15th, 2024)

MUSIC News

OCTOBER MUSIC NEWS

Thank you all for the support as we are close to finishing up the first quarter and our first performances draw nearer!! Shout out to many of our music students who have really stepped up in leadership roles in the ensembles and have been great role models to the younger students.

4th Grade band starts up this month! I'm so excited to have this energetic and excited group of musicians. We'll be working hard. Look out for schedules for the students; this will let them know when they should be bringing their instrument to school.

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/02: 4th Grade's first week with instruments!!
- 10/30: Marching Band Rehearsal
2:45 - 3:30 PM
- 10/31: Halloween Parade -weather permitting -
This is for ALL Concert Band Students

Chicago Wolves

Be on the lookout for information coming home regarding the Chaney-Monge Choir performing at the November 12th hockey game at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Tickets are available to purchase through Mrs. Keller.

Your support of our Music program is very appreciated!



HABLA ESPAÑOL?

Fechas Para Recordar

4 de Octubre: - Salida a las 11:30 Reunión de Mejora
No hay preschool

9 de Octubre: - No Hay Clases- Dia de Cristobal Colon

17 de Octubre: - Fotos escolares - Junta de Mesa
Directiva a las 7:00 PM

28 de Octubre: - Prueba de PSAT de Octavo grado en
Lockport

30 de Octubre: - Práctica de Marcha de Banda 2:45-3:30
P.M.

31 de Octubre: - Desfile de Halloween a la 1:00 P.M. Si el
clima lo permite - No hay preschool

Halloween al estilo CHANEY-MONGE!

El club de Crest Hill Lions estará regalando hot dogs y bebidas durante las horas de Trick or Treat el día 31 de Octubre entre 4:00 y 7:00 pm. Por favor recuerde a sus hijos las reglas de tráfico seguras y tengan precaución cuando maneje ese día.

CONFERENCIA de PADRES y MAESTRO

Se llevarán a cabo el 9 y 10 de noviembre. En unas semanas, los maestros mandan a casa información de estos días. Los dos días los niños saldrán a la 1:30 para los grados K al 8, y no habrá preschool esos días.

El 19 de Octubre, el departamento de Bomberos de Lockport realizará simulacros de incendio y tendrá pláticas de seguridad de incendio. Cada año, los bomberos comparten su tiempo con nuestros estudiantes para recordarles la seguridad de precaución.