

# Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School



## May Newsletter

### A note from Principal Stephenson

TODAY (April 30th) is the LAST DAY to request a teacher for next year. Please go to

<http://chamberlin.fcs.org/> and Click on Teacher

Request Form in the right-hand column

### Testing Information

State testing will continue this month. Please make sure your child gets a good night sleep and breakfast on their testing day. The grade level and their testing days are as follows:

#### Third Grade

- FINISHED :)

#### Fourth Grade

- May 2nd - Math Parts One & Two

#### Fifth Grade

- May 1st - Math Parts One & Two
- May 3rd - Science Part One
- May 8th - Science Part Two

Next school year we hope to be evaluated for Leader in Me Lighthouse Certification. This is a prestigious award for schools that are "living and breathing" the Leader in Me. Part of this review includes an end of the year student, teacher, and parent survey. Survey Link:

<https://bit.ly/2LJXQ34> We will be drawing two parent participant names to win \$50 Gift Card to WalMart. Right now we have less than 10 people entered to win. The odds are looking good for those that participate. In order to enter, print the final page and write your name and your child's name on the page once you complete the survey. If you do not have a printer, copy the two sentences from the final page and include your name and your child's name. Send the survey page to the school office. Thank you in advance for your support!

### Important Dates:

May 3rd: 4th Grade Field Trip

May 4th: NO DELAY  
-Talent Show

May 7th: 5 B/G/W Field Trip to Historical Museum

May 8th: PTO Meeting @7

May 11th: 3R Grade Field Trip  
-6:00 pm T-Rex Trot @DN

May 15th: 3P & 3Z Field Trip

May 18th: 3S & 3N Field Trip  
-5K & 5V Field Trip

May 21: Opera On Wheels

May 22nd: 5K & 5V Field Trip

May 23rd: Field Day & Luncheon on the Lawn @ 11:30  
-7:00 pm Gala @FHS

May 24th: Last Day of School

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## A Note from PTO

Can you believe it is May already and we only have a few weeks left of school before summer break begins?? What a fun year we've had planning events for our Jefferson and Chamberlin Hill students and families! The PTO Officers would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this year and each of our events successful. We certainly couldn't have run the events so smoothly without the generous donations, gifts of time and participation from so many.

We started the year off with a new event Back To School Bash. In the fall, we ran our annual catalog fundraiser. In December, we helped the students shop in the Secret Santa workshop. Our Father/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Nights were held in February and March. Our last event for the year is our upcoming T-Rex Trot. This will be a fun family event held at The Donnell Stadium Track. We have teachers who will be sporting dinosaur costumes to energize the students as they walk, run, skip or jog around the track. We have a few other surprises in store for the evening so be sure to turn in your registration form and join us for a great evening for the whole family!

Are you looking for an easy way to give back and raise funds for both Jefferson and Chamberlin Hill?? There are two ways you could do this. The first is to sign up at Kroger for the community rewards. You can do this on both the Kroger website and the Kroger app. Then search for the school's name in the drop down box. Your selection will then be linked your account/Kroger card that you use when you check out. By selecting our schools you will not lose any of your gas points. The second way to easily give money to our schools is by using Amazon Smile. You can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and then click on your account. You will then select the option to change your charity. Then you will look for Chamberlin Hill Parent Teacher Organization. Even though we are listed under Chamberlin Hill any money raised is used to benefit both schools.

As always we would love to have your input. Your thoughts and ideas are very valuable to us. If you aren't able to make our monthly meetings we'd still love to hear from you. We can be reached via our email or Facebook page. If you are a busy parent and can't volunteer regularly but would still love to help out when you can, we would love to hear from you! We need all the help we can get to continue putting on wonderful events for our students and their families.

Thank you for a fabulous school year and enjoy the summer with your family!

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# Reading Connection

Working Together for Learning Success

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Chamberlin Hill School

Mrs. Lyndsey Stephenson, Principal



## Book Picks

### ■ *The Great Treehouse War* (Lisa Graff)

Winnie has an unusual living arrangement after her parents' divorce. She's supposed to spend three days a week with her mom, three days with her dad, and one day in a treehouse near both homes. Frustrated by her parents' efforts to outdo each other, Winnie decides to stay in the treehouse—but the situation gets out of hand when 10 of her friends move in!

### ■ *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* (Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch)

This inspiring true story describes the friendship between two unlikely pen pals: Caitlin, a 12-year-old from suburban Pennsylvania, and Martin, a 14-year-old from a poor village in Zimbabwe. The friends tell their tale through alternating points of view.



### ■ *Peak* (Roland Smith)

Climbing is in Peak Marcello's genes. But when he is arrested for scaling a skyscraper, he realizes he has taken his passion too far. He's sent to live with his long-lost father, who runs an adventure company. Is he really up to the challenge of being the youngest boy to climb Mount Everest?



### ■ *Girls Think of Everything* (Catherine Thimmesh)

This biography collection describes the inventions of a dozen women and girls. Through hard work and creativity, they developed items ranging from chocolate chip cookies to solar-heated houses. Includes a time line of important inventions by females.



## Read around your community

Now starring: Reading! Keep books front and center this summer with community outings that will motivate your child to read.

### At the library

Kick off the season with a trip to the library, where your youngster can sign up for the summer reading program. Ask a librarian if there's a kids' book club—or encourage your child to start her own. Discussing books with others is fun, and it boosts comprehension.



### In the bookstore

Explore local book shops, and browse the shelves for used books or low-cost paperbacks. Also, plan to attend events they sponsor like author visits, poetry readings, or puppet shows. If you're going to meet a children's writer, your youngster may want to read one of his books ahead of time and write down questions to ask him. *Idea:* Traveling this summer? Tour bookstores in other towns.

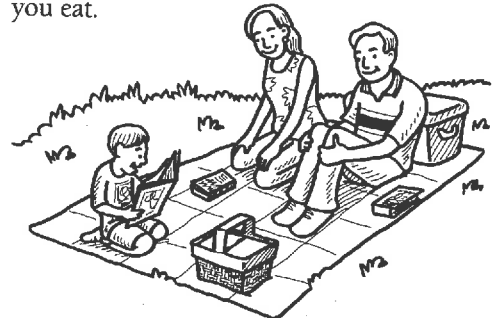
### Onstage

Help your child read the newspaper or look online to find concerts or plays. Pick one to see, and get in the spirit by reading a related book. Before a bluegrass concert, your child could read about the history of that style of music. Or for a community theater production of *Alice in Wonderland*, you might read the Lewis Carroll classic together. ■

## Celebrate books

Create your own family fun by inviting books to your summer activities. Consider these tips:

- Pack a picnic basket with lunch *and* books. Head to a nearby park, and enjoy reading outside. Your youngster might read aloud a chapter from a novel before lunch. Then, let each person relax with his own book after you eat.

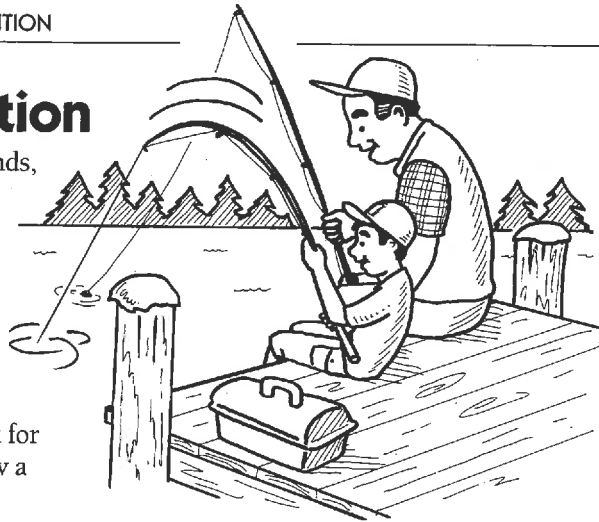


- Add reading to a family gathering like an Independence Day celebration or a birthday party. Take turns reading from books of jokes, trivia, or world records. *Idea:* Encourage your child to read to younger siblings and cousins. ■

## Write creative nonfiction

Whether your child is swimming with friends, stargazing at camp, or visiting grandparents, special memories make great nonfiction writing material. Share this advice to help him write a true story.

**Find an exciting angle.** Encourage your youngster to pick out something fun or unusual about an event and build his story around it. Maybe his friend brought a cool raft for everyone to float on, or perhaps your child saw a shooting star.



**Create images.** Your youngster can help readers “see” the story by setting the scene. Rather than “I caught a fish,” he might write, “Grandpa and I sat on the wooden dock overlooking the clear blue lake when, suddenly, I caught a big fish!”

**Share the emotion.** Suggest that your child describe how people in

his story felt. His characters will seem more real if he writes a sentence like “The campers gasped in awe as the starlight soared across the night sky” or “Grandpa’s face shone with pride when he saw my catch.”

Fun with Words

## Road trip games

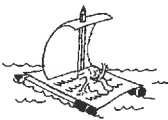
Word games are a tried-and-true way to strengthen vocabulary and pass time in the car. Here are two to try.

### Buzzwords

Let your child choose an interesting word on a sign, such as *delicatessen* or *boulevard*. You say a word that her word brings to mind (*pastrami*). Your youngster adds a word that’s related to yours, and so on. Continue until no one can think of a word. The player who said the last one picks a new word. Then, play again.

### License plate words

Ask your youngster to read the letters on a license plate. Take turns saying a word that includes all the letters in the order they appear. For TLB, you might pick *tollbooth*, *toolbox*, *tailbone*, and *trailblazer*. If you say a word that doesn’t contain those letters in that order, or you can’t think of a word, you’re out. The last player remaining is the winner.



## A household writing center

Families can share ideas and stories with this interactive writing center. Have your youngster set aside a spot that includes paper, pencils, pens, and envelopes. Together, enjoy these suggestions.

● **Fill an “idea envelope.”** Jot ideas on slips of paper, and put them in an envelope. (“We should go tubing!”) Visitors to the writing center can build on the ideas. (“The Outdoor Adventure Center offers discounts on tubing on Sunday afternoons.”)

● **Provide inspiration.** Place a seashell, a photo of a cute baby animal, or another item in the station. Each person writes a story about the object and seals it in an envelope. When everyone is finished, read your tales aloud to each other. You will see all the different stories the same item can inspire!



## Q&A Should my child try e-books?

**Q** I’ve recently started reading e-books. I enjoy them, so I thought I might suggest that my fourth-grade son try some. But are print books better for kids?

**A** For many people, there’s something special about holding a book and turning the pages. This is especially important for beginning readers. But since your son is older, he might experiment with both print and e-books.

One advantage of e-readers is that they hold a large number of books. If you travel, your child can “pack” as many titles

as he likes. Also, by downloading books from the public library for free, he’ll have a huge selection available at the touch of a button.

On the other hand, youngsters can easily be distracted by apps while they’re reading e-books. So have your son either turn off internet access or use a device that’s just for reading.

Regardless of which book format your child likes, he’ll be reading—and that’s what’s most important.



### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children’s reading, writing, and language skills.

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