

November 2018

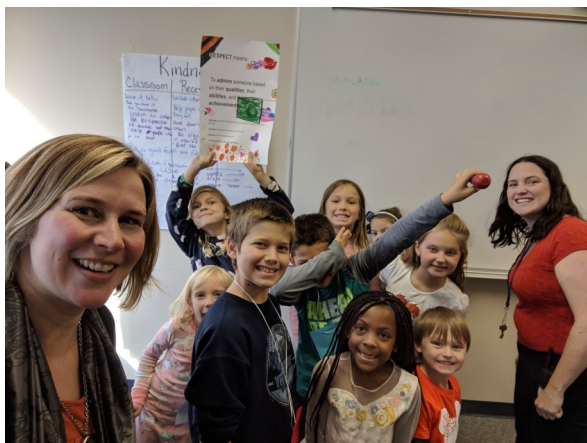


SUN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

C.H. Bird Elementary

A Note From Mrs. Toepfer

Hello CH Bird Families,



Wow, we had amazing things happening at Bird to end the month of October. JusTme was with us for a full week! Check out some photos of this great opportunity later in the bulletin. A big takeaway for our Blue Jays, from our time with JusTme, is having a common definition of respect, which is to admire a person for their qualities, abilities and achievements. Your student should be able to tell you the definition if you ask them. We have been thinking about how we can respect our-

selves, other students and adults at school and practiced applying the the definition of respect during our October Family Time. We also had our CH Best Fall Festival, what a fun night seeing so many blue jays in their costumes.

We have conferences scheduled on Thursday, November 8 fro 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Friday, November 9 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Please enter through the main office, unless a teacher has given different instructions about a specific door/time.

In addition to parent/teacher conferences, we will feature math on Thursday evening and Friday morning. Each grade level will have a math workplace outside their classrooms. Your student knows how it works and they can show it to you. Also, there will be checklists set out which show the skills your child has or will be learning this school year. Please take a copy with you for your reference. Finally, there will be a 5 minute video playing in the cafeteria with information on how you can help your student at home. Stop by and check it out at any time! As always, teachers are happy to answer any questions you have regarding the math program.

Also this week, our book fair is up and running in the library, please check out this cool [video](#) highlighting this years fair and stop in to see it during conferences.

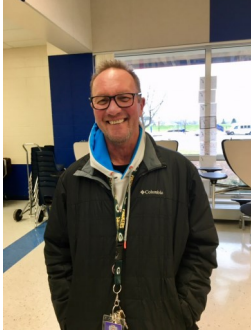
While you are here this week, check out the lost and found, just across from our 4th grade classrooms in between the gym and the music room.

Thank you for all you do to support CH Bird. We are thankful for all of you!

Gratefully,

Nicole Toepfer
Principal
CH Bird Elementary
608.834.7301

Welcome Back Mr. Joe!



Hello Parents and family members of C.H. Bird. I am Joe Benusa II the new Instructional Assistant/Greatness Coach here at our school. I was at Bird for the last 4 years, and took a job at Token Springs earlier this year. I am very excited to return to Bird this year as “Coach Joe.” My job is to insure that the students here at C.H. Bird reach their full potential both socially and academically each and every day.

IMPORTANT STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP INFO

In order to ensure student safety and respect among all in our school community, the following is the plan for drop off/pick up:

- ALL students must be dropped off at Door #8, at the back of the building by the cross-walk and proceed to Recess. If students are dropped off in the front, they will be asked to walk around to the back door.

(We only have Adult Supervision on the playgrounds and in the cafeteria for breakfast)

- The drop off procedure applies during RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW.
- Breakfast is served beginning at 7:45 a.m. Students must enter door #7 or #8, both supervised.
- Student Pick up is at Door #8 if traveling by car or Door #7 if walking. Both are located in the back of the building where there is supervision.



Upcoming Activities/Field Trips

**November 8th: Noah the Blind Rock Star Dog Presentation
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

November 9th: No School for students—Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 13th: 5th Grade Field Trip to Overture Center
CH Best Meeting**

November 15th: MAC's for CH Best

November 20th: David Landau Presentation

November 21st, 22nd & 23rd: No School



Thursday Theme Days

November 8th: Wear purple for National Epilepsy Month

November 15th: Button Day

November 29th: Bird Day, wear your Bird gear or blue and white

December 6th: Mitten Tree Day, wear your mittens to school or a shirt that has mittens

The Month of May is National Asian Month and we would love to have some guest speakers/presenters to teach us about Asian Culture.

If you would be willing to visit Bird and share your knowledge with our students, please touch base with Bridget Baldwin babaldw@sunprairieschools.org or Xue Vang xvang@sunprairieschools.org.

**Annual Notice of Special Education
Referral and Evaluation Procedures:**

[English](#) version

[Spanish](#) version

[Hmong](#) version

CHBest Parent Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the library



Upcoming Meetings

November 13th
December 11th
January 8th
February 12th

President: Tara Muszynski
ruschbot@hotmail.com (219)308-9433

Vice President: Rita Walz
ritakay11@gmail.com (608)438- 8589

Secretary: Liz Reinke
lizreinke@gmail.com (608)318-1732

Treasurer: Terry Lechner
terrylechner@gmail.com (608)335-2186

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<https://www.facebook.com/ChBirdPTO>

or

http://www.sunprairie.k12.wi.us/schools/chbird/chbest_parent_group.cfm

Watch Dogs

WatchDOGS® are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other father-figures who volunteer at the school for a day.

During the day, WatchDOGS® will help in their child's classroom, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well.

For more information about this national program, please visit the [Fathers.com website](http://Fathers.com). WatchDOGS® are great role models for our students!

To sign up, contact your students' teacher for a form!



Music Notes from Mrs. Lynch

Here is what's coming up in Music:

Tuesday, November 13th

5th Grade Field Trip to the Overture Center: Fall Youth Concerts with Madison Symphony Orchestra: Invitation to Dance

Saturday, November 17th

Choir Club: Singing the National Anthem at the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game. If you'd like to come support the choir and enjoy the game, see Mrs. Lynch for a flyer.

Tuesday, December 18th

5th Grade Concert (including Orchestra and Choir): 2:00-3:00 pm in the Gym



Schools of Hope



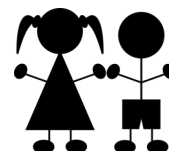
Do you have an hour of time to share every week?
Do you enjoy spending time with kids?

Consider volunteering for Schools of Hope!
Help a child improve their reading or writing ability.

For more information, contact Cindy Melendy Schools of Hope Volunteer Tutor Coordinator.

Email at cmelendy@schoolsofhope.org

Phone at 834-7304





It's starting to get chilly outside. Please remember that students go outside daily for both a 15 min. recess and a 20 min. lunch recess.

If the temperature or windchill is 0 degrees and below, there will be indoor recess.

Students should bring a jacket, hat and mittens to school everyday.



Reading aloud builds a child's "want" to read.

READ

ALoud TO A CHILD TODAY

Where your child spends the most time annually

7800 hrs.
Home

900 hrs.
School

Which teacher has the biggest influence?

Interest in reading a book outside of school

Kindergarten:	100%
4th Grade:	54%
8th Grade:	30%
12th Grade:	19%

What changed in 4th grade?
Parents stopped reading to their kids.

Too much time Spent with Screen Media is Associated with:

Childhood Obesity
Sleep Disturbances
Attention Span Issues

Children who have **100** pieces of printed material in their homes have higher reading scores than those with less.

THE THREE B's:

The three best places to keep a box of books for your children to read:

Bed

Bathroom

Breakfast table

1,500+

children's books available through Usborne Books & More.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

www.UsborneUSA.com Nancy Ann Wartman

Information from The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

News from Mrs. Tollaksen & Mr. Perino

Coming Soon!

Mrs. Tollaksen's 5th Grade Health

Human Growth & Development (HGD) lessons will be in November and December. Students will be learning about personal hygiene and puberty. Please see Mrs. Tollaksen with any questions or concern.

Physical Education

4th Grade Swim Unit at the High School

- Monday, December 17th
- Tuesday, December 18th

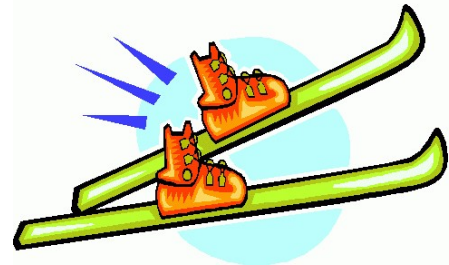
Students will need to wear a swimsuit to school, bring a towel and plastic bag to carry damp suit and towel



February Cascade Mountain Ski Trip

- 4th Grade: Monday, February 25th
- 5th Grade: Tuesday, February 26th

Parents: Please consider joining us on the ski trip!



STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

No student may be unlawfully discriminated against in any school programs, activities or in facilities usage because of the student's sex (gender identity, gender expressions, and non-conformity to gender role stereotypes), color, religion, profession, or demonstration of belief or non-belief, race, national origin (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, homelessness status, sexual orientation, age, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Harassment is a form of discrimination and shall not be tolerated in the District. It is the responsibility of administrators, staff members and all students to ensure that student discrimination or harassment does not occur.

(SPASD District Policy JB)

If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Spanish, please contact us at 608-834-6620. **Si un estudiante, padre ó guardian prefiere tener esta información traducida en Español, por favor contactenos en el 608-834-6620.**

If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Hmong, please contact us at 608-834-6630. **Yog tus me nyuam lub xiv los yog niam thiab txiv/tus neeg muaj cai saib xyuas tus me nyuam xav tau qhov ntawv ntawm no ua lus Hmoob, thov hais rau peb paub rau ntawm 608-834-6630.**



Donations Appreciated



For the oops closet...

Boys underwear size 6-8 (new)

Girls underwear size 6-10 (new)

Girls socks Medium & Large

Boys/Girls zip up sweatshirts size 6-14 (clean, gently used is fine)

Boys pants size 5-8

Girls pants size 5-8

Winter coats, snow pants, waterproof gloves



Cases of waterbottles are also needed for the nurses office.

Crafty Makerspace & Crafting for a Cause donations needed!

Do you have extra supplies that need a new home? Room 6 is accepting donations for the Makerspace and Crafting for a Cause club. Here are some items we are looking for:

- Glue Dots
- Fabric Squares
- Felt
- Colored Pencils
- Feathers
- Small dowels
- Cloth ribbon (1/4 and 1/8 inch preferred)
- Fine markers
- Stickers
- Cotton batting to stuff pillows
- Fleece
- Food coloring
- Fiskars scissors



Fall Book Fair!



November 5th—9th
C.H. Bird Library

Open before school 7:45-8:30 a.m.

After school 3:00-3:45 p.m./ 1:15-2:15 p.m. (Thursday)

And during Parent/Teacher Conferences

Book Fair Chair Person and volunteers needed!

Do you have some spare time to volunteer for the book fair? Are you interested in being the Chair Person? Email Tiffany Thiede (tnthied@sunprairieschools.org)

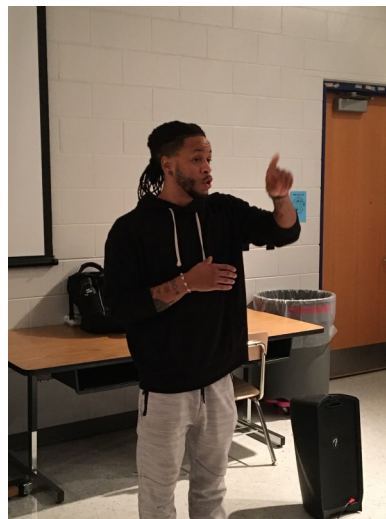
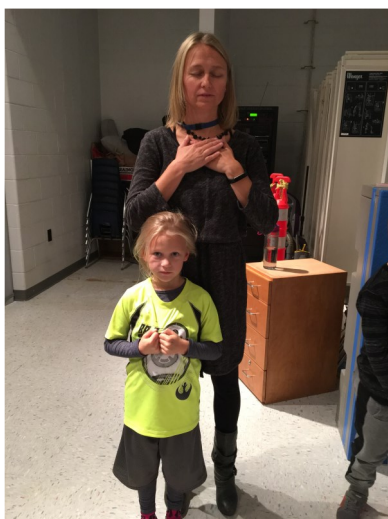
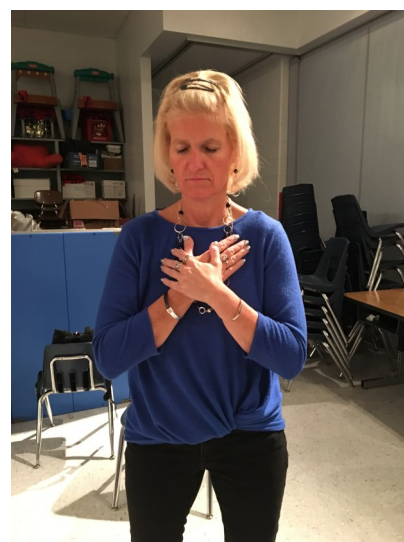
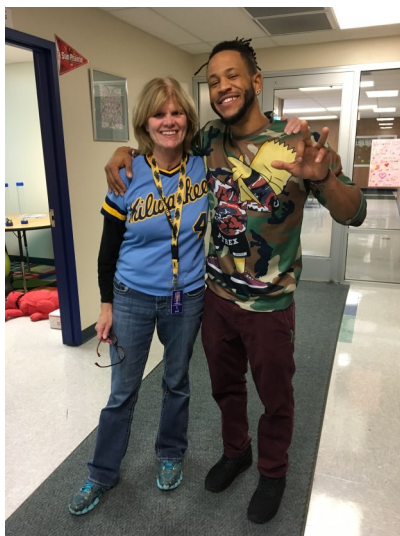
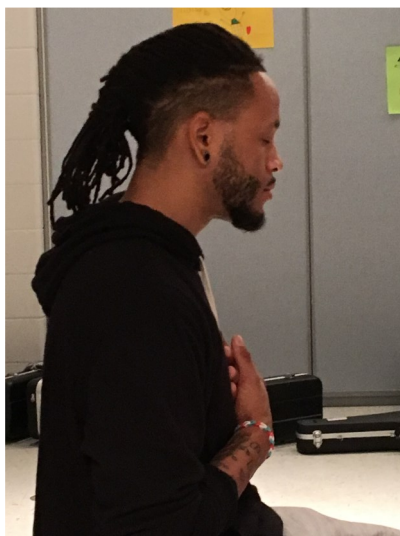
The chairperson will:

- ~ communicate with the librarian about the details of the book fair
- ~ create a Sign-Up Genius to recruit volunteers
- ~ Send completed Sign-Up Genius to the Principal to be sent to Bird families





Our time with JusTme brought us to a common definition of the word respect. RESPECT means to admire someone based on their qualities, their abilities, and their achievements. We hear this definition on the morning announcements and in our classrooms. Help us connect it to our everyday life!



News from Mrs. Shimek ~ Adanced Learner Program

Happy November!



Yahara

All 5th graders received information about the Yahara River Writers Competition. Any 5th grade students who are interested and have a passion for writing have an opportunity to enter a piece of writing into the Yahara River Writers competition. This writing opportunity is available through the Greater Dane County Advanced Learner network. Students who were interested have already received the guidelines for the area of writing they indicated. Students will also have the opportunity to submit artwork for the front cover, back cover and genre divider pages. Please refer to the following website for more information: <http://www.gdcaln.org/yahara> . Interested 5th graders will need to work on this piece of writing or art outside of the classroom on Google docs. The rough draft is due December 7 and should be submitted through Google Docs. I will be available for support and revision to prepare the final copy which is due before winter break.

Math 24

Another enrichment opportunity for all students offered through the Advanced Learner Program is Math 24. Math 24 is an exciting game where students gain practice with math facts. This is available for any interested 3rd, 4th or 5th grader. Students from each grade level practice Wednesday morning before school each week. We have started practices. The competition for 4th and 5th graders is in March.

Parent Learning Sessions

The Advanced Learner Program will be hosting parent learning sessions. Watch the newsletter each month for a reminder or check the ALP website.

**schedule subject to change*

- October 24- Opportunities inside and outside of school
- January 30- National Association for Gifted Children conference recap
- March 30 - Transitioning

If you have questions or concerns regarding any of the above or about the Advanced Learner Program (ALP) in general, please email me at leshime@sunprairieschools.org

Check out our website for continued updates of the ALP program.