

Chestnut TAG

January-February 2018

Parent and Family Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello, Chestnut TAG Families.

Each year we use your feedback from the Family Survey to help us improve, and we greatly appreciate your participation in this year's Family Survey. 98% of you completed the survey and we thank you and look forward to reviewing the data when it comes to us later this winter. We will also be seeking interest from parents who would like to participate on a TAG Parent Advisory board this spring. If you are interested, stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.

Hola, Chestnut TAG Families.

Cada año usamos sus comentarios de la Encuesta familiar para ayudarnos a mejorar, y apreciamos enormemente su participación en la Encuesta familiar de este año. El 98% de usted completó la encuesta y le agradecemos y esperamos revisar los datos cuando nos llegue este invierno. También buscaremos el interés de los padres que deseen participar en una junta asesora de padres de TAG esta primavera. Si está interesado, permanezca atento para obtener más información en nuestro próximo boletín.

Principal O'Connor

CHESTNUT TAG BAND PERFORMS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On January 17th members of the Chestnut TAG Advanced Band performed in front of members of the



Ms. Bowker with students prior to performing for School Committee



Students performing for School Committee

School Committee. This was a time to showcase some of the great things happening currently in our schools. Band Director, Angela Bowker along with 8th graders Talia G., Ava S., Anigelei S., La'Tasia L., and Meshach S. showcased their talent in front of Mayor Sarno, Superintendent Warwick and other members of the School Committee.



6th Grade ELA Elective doing hands on activities with the LINKS Class

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 15: Early Dismissal @ 1pm

Feb 18-22: Winter Vacation

Feb 28: Q3 Progress Reports Go home

UPCOMING MCAS DATES

- ELA MCAS: April 24-25
- Math MCAS: May 15-16
- 8th Grade Science MCAS: May 20-21

AFTERSCHOOL WELLNESS

- Puzzles and Board Games with Ms. Rivera
- Soccer with Mr. Vanasse
- Fitness with Mr. N. Campbell
- Boys Etiquette with the Mr. Campbells
- Swimming with Mr. N. Campbell
- Girls Who Code with UMass Volunteers

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Dente (Social Studies)

Amanda is new to TAG this year and has hit the ground running. She teaches 6th Grade Geography and 7th Grade Ancient Civilization. She works hard to make sure that all her students are working to their full potential while also keeping parents informed of students strengths and struggles. She will stay late any day of the week if it means it will support children's learning and success. Amanda is pictured here with one of our stellar 6th graders, Sanora L.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

CHESTNUT TAG PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are looking to start a TAG Parent Advisory Committee. This committee will be a forum for parents to express desires and interests in regards to school events and school improvements. This will also be a place for parents and families to further dive into the results of our recent family surveys. If you are interested in being a member please call 413-750-2333 ext 41802 or email Assisant Principal Jackie Adam-Taylor at adam-taylorj@springfieldpublicschools.com

Chestnut Middle School: Talented & Gifted

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Springfield, Ma 01107

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

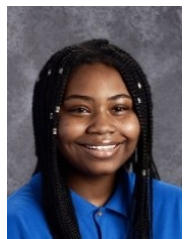
Grade 6: Sanora L. has become a mature 6th grade student. She takes initiative and is quick to help her peers. She takes school seriously but balances work with play. She plays on the Chestnut Basketball team but that hasn't stopped her from getting her school work done.



Grade 7: Amor J. has shown great improvement since quarter 1. He takes responsibility for his work and speaks up for himself when he needs extra support.



Grade 8: Krystina D. has made great progress in her academic growth. She has been an active participant in lunch bunch and after school study group and it has shown.





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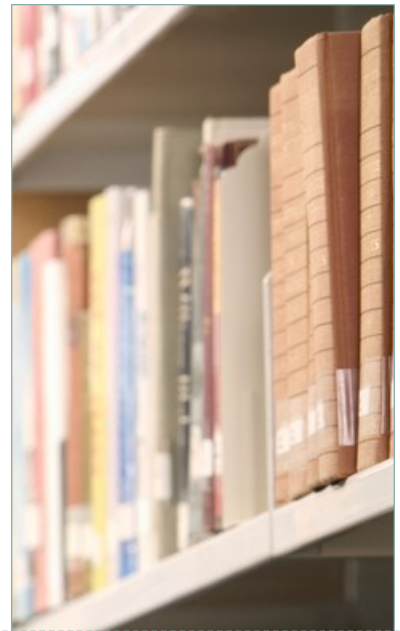
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“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

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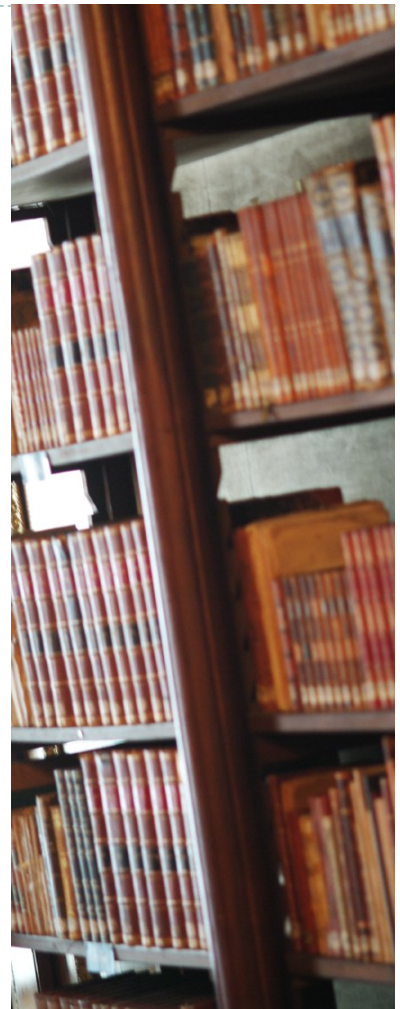
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YOUR ORGANIZATION

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

Your Organization

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5



YOUR LOGO
HERE