

# Cheetah Chatter

December 20, 2019



The Administration and Staff at Ilchester Elementary would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday! We hope you enjoy your time with family and friends!

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**[Save the Dates](#)**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

Winter Break – Schools Closed

**Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Schools reopen

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

Twin Day

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> grade BBMS Parent Night 6 PM

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> grade BBMS **GT** Parent Night 7 PM

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

Purple Friday

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

PBIS Quarterly Walk – students wear your sneakers



**Legos!**

2<sup>nd</sup> grade is looking for "gently used" Legos and board games to use at indoor recess. Please drop any donations you would like to make in the front office.

THANKS in advance!

[The Results are in ...](#)

We are so proud of **all** writers in grades 1-5 who submitted their best work into the annual Young Authors' Writing Contest this year. Each student who entered the contest put great effort into their poem or story, making it very challenging for judges to decide!

This year our Ilchester Winners are...

**First Grade**

Lauren Tribe in Mrs. Hardy's class (The First Tooth Fairies)  
Alena Greivis in Mrs. Brady's class (Mermaid Day)

**Second Grade**

Joshua Noronha in Mrs. Canterbury's class (The Life Saving Pegasus)  
Saanvi Shorey in Ms. Sears' class (I am a Flower)

**Third Grade**

Charlotte Romans in Mrs. Richard's class (Magic)  
Maizy Burkom in Mrs. Cleckner's class (Anger)

**Fourth Grade**

Sarayu Lanka in Ms. Bartel's class (Back in Time)  
Anushka Sanjeevkumar in Mrs. Bearden's class (Curiosity)

**Fifth Grade**

Ian Rhees in Mrs. Toth's class (Soccer Reality)  
Owen Bunker in Mr. Vandermer's class (Dog, a Wag of a Time)

All winning entries went on to the Howard county level where two of our students took winning place in the first and third grade poetry category!!!!

**A BIG congratulations to...**  
**Alena Greivis and Maizy Burkom!**

## **YEARBOOKS!**

Parents online ordering for the 2019/2020 yearbook is open! Go to [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) and click the red Order Pictures/Yearbook button in the top right, then enter this code... YB100062.

## **Notes from the Nurse**

We are heading into the winter season which means many cold days and dropping temperatures. Please remind your child to wear his/her coat, hat, scarf, and gloves to school and to wear these items during recess. Weather permitting, students will be going outside per HCPSS policy.

Another important note is that the health room has seen an increase in the number of students leaving instruction time to come to the health room for Vaseline for chapped lips. Please keep a Chapstick/lip balm in your child's backpack during this very cold and dry time of the year. This will help decrease the number of students leaving during classroom instruction time.

Thank you parents/guardians for your help with keeping our Ilchester students healthy and safe!!

## **Prekindergarten (RECC and PreK Programs) Late Opening / Early Dismissal – HCPSS**

With winter coming in quickly we wanted to make sure all our Pre K and RECC students have the schedule for Late Openings/Early Dismissals since they attend school on a slightly different schedule.

Please keep this schedule nearby for reference.

Teachers: Ginger Cooke and Stephanie Hetland – AM/PM Pre K  
MINC PK – Kristen Goodwin  
MINC PS – Jamie Bowers and Erin Roberts

## **Parent Volunteer and Confidentiality Certification**

According to HCPSS Board Policy, **all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course** about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer at Ilchester. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please print certificate, sign, and add student information. Please list **all** students at IES, grade and teacher name.

<https://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

## Upcoming Field Trips

None until April

## Community News

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](#) page on the HCPSS website for a complete list of announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

<https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>



Until January 2<sup>nd</sup>