

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ***Last Day Before the Holidays***

Friday, December 17

### ***Back to School!***

Monday, January 3

## *Churchill Alternative School Council News*

### **CASC Update**

#### **Craft Fair**

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this years craft fair a huge success!! This is a great deal of work and takes a team of dedicated volunteers to make it work year after year!

Thank you Churchill Families!

#### **Education Committee Update**

Thanks to everyone who has already completed the Education Committee's online survey!

We would like to hold information sessions on topics of interest and benefit to Churchill families and staff a few times throughout the year. We are looking for input on what workshops or information sessions should be held. Your participation in this short survey will help us organize information sessions of interest in ways that allow more people to attend.

A link to the survey and other updates from the Education Committee can be found on Churchill News: <http://www.churchillnews.ca/blogs/education-committee>

Thanks again for those who have already completed the survey. If you haven't yet, please consider completing the survey before Friday January 15th. Thank you!

#### **Electives at Churchill! Volunteers Needed!**

On three days in January 2011 during the middle block (10:30 to 12:30 am) students will get to choose which art or science project they would like to attend. They will work together in mixed age groups. Students, teachers and/or parents can help support this initiative.

If you have ideas for projects that you would like to propose and could help with, please get in contact with one of the teachers Natalie, Sharon, or Andrew or the arts committee by January 4th. If you are able to volunteer or if you would like to have more information about the electives, please email us.

Example ideas from parents so far: origami, cartooning, cooking, pottery, electronics, sock puppets, sculpting with Fimo, beading, printing with linoleum cuts, scrap booking, felting, cheerleading, animation film, circus/buskers.

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Thursday, January 13th, 2011

Friday, January 21st, 2011

Friday, January 28th, 2011

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## Churchill Bookmarks

Parents at Churchill were asked what book they would recommend as Fireside Reading over the holidays. Here is what was suggested....

**Hayley (mom of Jasper)** recommends :

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

**Colette (mom of Oliver)** recommends :

The Outlander Series by Diana Gabaldon

Dewey's Nine Lives (about a library cat!!) by Vicki Myron

**Damion (dad of Oliver)** recommends :

Ronnie: The Autobiography

**Peter (dad of Sage)** recommends :

Life by Keith Richards

**A local book club recommendation :**

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

**A few recommended :**

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

(can sometimes be found in the bargain bin!)

Happy reading over the holidays....hopefully you and your family will have time to curl up with good books.

## Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods

*This is a great recipe for kids to "cook" and give as a gift!*

### Ingredients

- \* 10 ounces pretzel sticks (Pretzel RODS)
- \* 12 ounces milk chocolate chips (or melting disks)
- \* 1/2 cup white chocolate chips (optional)
- \* candy sprinkles (optional)
- \* miniature M&M's chocolate candies (optional)
- \* mini Reese's pieces (optional)
- \* chopped peanuts (optional)

### Instructions

1. Melt milk chocolate chips in double boiler or in microwave (be careful not to burn in the micro).
2. If you are using the white chocolate, wait until later before melting unless you can keep it over warm water.
3. Dip each pretzel rod about 2/3 of the way up in chocolate.
4. Lay on wax paper lined baking sheets, lining up the rods but leave a bit of space between them.
5. Allow to set a little, but not completely dry (while waiting, make sure your white chocolate is ready).
6. Dip a fork into the white chocolate and drizzle over the milk chocolate by gently swishing the fork back and forth over the rods but not touching them.
7. Place your sprinkles or candies on a paper plate and roll each pretzel rod in desired topping (or just sprinkle on).
8. Lay back on wax paper to set completely.