



DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.

The Fremont City School District will not discriminate nor tolerate harassment in its educational programs or activities for any reason, including on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, military status, sexual orientation or ancestry. Additionally, it will not discriminate in its employment policies nor practices.

## *Principal's Perspective . . .*

Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year I wish all our parents and students success in reaching whatever goals they have set for the New Year. Most of all I hope we find happiness in each and every day... happiness brought on by the love of children, the strength of family and the comfort of good friends. This is the kind of happiness in which families and children truly prosper with each and every day of the New Year.

Dismissal time can be chaotic. To avoid any problems just a reminder when picking up your children at the end of the day please do not stop in the street. This can be very dangerous. The students' safety is our number one concern. We can not release the students in the street. Please follow the flow of traffic in the bus lanes. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

During arrival time please release your children at the school. They are to walk by themselves to the classroom. This is a matter of safety as we are to know who is in the building at all times. It also creates a sense of independence for the students.

With the cold weather here to stay for a while please dress your children appropriately. This would include winter coats, hats, and gloves. We will be going outside everyday unless the wind chill is below 20 degrees.

Please make sure you call the school if your child will be absent. When you call in it helps to alleviate any confusion about student absences and cuts down on the phone calls that we make home.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Again, Happy New Year!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Diana McNulty

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1. INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ETHNIC AND DISABILITY GAPS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
3. BUILD HOPE, TRUST AND RESPECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

News from First Grade

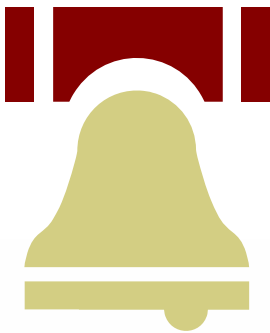
Each week in the first grade we are reading two new stories in our Story Town Language Arts books. Each week we learn a new comprehension skill to help us understand and remember the stories we read. After we read a story as a class we work on the following skills: retelling the story, comparing and contrasting information from the story, classifying and categorizing information, identifying details in the story, and summarizing. We use these skills to organize the information from the story so that we are better able to comprehend what we read. If you visited any of the first grade classrooms at Atkinson, you would see many charts and graphic organizers that tell about stories we have read. This month, we have been working hard on summarizing a story after we read it. Summarizing is being able to retell the main ideas of the story in our own words in one short paragraph. Learning these comprehension strategies will help make us become strong readers!



Mrs. Buckley,  
Mrs. Davlin,  
Mrs. Yoder

**DECEMBER  
Students of the Month**

- Isaiah George
- Gabe Jackson
- Aleah Whaley
- Hannah Fought
- Kimora Rapp
- Haileigh McCoy
- Cameron Beaver
- Grace Inman
- Keaton Jordan
- Dylan Blohm
- Darius Santiago
- David Lopez
- Cheyenne Kanyuh
- Cayden Michael
- Kamry Sawyer
- Taylor Hayes



Congratulations to **MaKennah Fitzgerald** in Mrs. Wolfe's Third grade class. She was selected as the Learning and Liberty Foundation Student of the Month for January. On her nomination form Mrs. Wolfe states, "MaKennah is a very good citizen. She takes school seriously. She finishes her work and offers to help others. She is very responsible with her school work and always works to do better each day." MaKenna enjoys swimming with the Sky Sharks at the YMCA and has won several medals and awards for her competitive swimming. She participates in the gifted program and attends Grace Community Church. MaKennah's personal quote is as follows: "I always try my best in everything I do. If something is difficult, I never give up. I just keep practicing until I get it right."

BUILDING HOPE, TRUST & RESPECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

It's Saturday

Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:00 – 10:45

*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month come to Birchard Public Library for a morning of good times and good books.*

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: *Land of the Giants*

Paul Bunyan, John Henry, the Iron Giant... there are giants in the land. These stories are larger than life!

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register or Register online at: [www.birchard.lib.oh.us](http://www.birchard.lib.oh.us)

Pizza & Pages Club

5th & 6th Graders 4:00-4:45 p.m.

*An after school book club, featuring good books and good eats. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.*

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Discussing...

*The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson

Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their island to London to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

Books are available upon registration and may be picked up at the children's department.

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**WORD OF THE MONTH**

January's word of the month is **FAIRNESS**. People who are fair play by the rules, share, and listen. When you are fair towards others, you are open-minded and reasonable. You do not take advantage of people and consider everyone who is affected by your actions and decisions.

**Nicole Guthrie**  
School Counselor



**STRONG CHARACTER**

**FIRST GRADE PARENT ACADEMY**

There are two dates remaining for you to attend our Make-it Take-it Workshop entitled **WORD WISE REINFORCEMENT**. The Fremont City Schools Primary Literacy Coach, Mrs. Weiker, will meet with parents of first graders to create a Pancake Sight Word Game to use for practice at home. Join us at either of these locations to fit your schedule:

Location	Room	Date	Time
Hayes Elementary School	School Library	Wed., Jan 13, 2010	2:30-3:30 PM
Lutz Elementary School	Gymnasium	Wed., Jan 20, 2010	12:00-1:00 PM

**January  
Calendar of Events:**

- 1/1: **NO SCHOOL**—Happy New Year!
- 1/6: East of Chicago Pizza Night for Atkinson
- 1/8: 9:00 AM Chat Time in the library
- 1/8: 2:30 PM 3rd grade Come Learn with us
- 1/12: 6:00 PM PTO Meeting All parents welcome
- 1/15: 9:00 AM Kindergarten Academy in Cafeteria
- 1/15: Little Caesars Pizza kits orders and money due
- 1/18: **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King Day
- 1/19: **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher work day
- 1/22: Grade Cards go home
- 1/22: Great Wolfe Room reservation deadline
- 1/26: Little Caesars Pizza Kits orders come in



**JANUARY PTO NEWS**

- Jan. 6 East of Chicago Night. Make sure to say Atkinson when ordering.
- Jan. 12 PTO Meeting, Atkinson Library at 6:00 pm. ALL parents welcome
- Jan. 15 Little Caesars Pizza kits orders and money are due.
- Jan. 22 Great Wolfe room reservation deadline.
- Jan. 26 Little Caesars Pizza Kits orders come in.

**SUPER BOWL SALE** Little Caesars Pizza Kits are on sale now through Jan 15. PTO members and teachers are taking orders. There is an order form in the office or contact Michelle at 332-9778. Kits will be in on Tuesday, Jan. 26th in time for the Super Bowl.

Great Wolf Lodge Fundraiser, February 25, 26, 27, 2010. Stay 1, 2 or 3 nights. For \$109.00 PER NIGHT plus tax, you will stay in a Family Suite and receive up to 6 water park tickets. This is available to everyone, not just Atkinson families and staff. To receive this promo call 800-641-WOLF and use this code, 0901ATKI. Reservations must be made by Friday January 22. Not only will you have a "howling" good time, you will be supporting Atkinson PTO.

We have a few Atkinson logo shirts left. If interested contact Michelle at 332-9778 for availability and prices.

Students can earn a "sweet treat" for returning collection sheets. Both Campbell's UPC points and Box Tops are eligible. Watch for information on class challenges in the Spring. **KEEP CLIPPING!**

Congratulations to Cayden Michael in Mrs. Plihall room who won the fundraiser drawing for selling over 20 items. He received two tickets to a Cleveland Cavalier's game.

**LUNCH BALANCES**

In January, FCS will start to take advantage of the new option offered by our meal accounting system. This option will allow our Child Nutrition Department Supervisor, Mrs. Rogers, to email balance notices to parents instead of sending the weekly letter. Included with the balance letters in January will be a **Meal Balance by Email Notification Authorization** form for parents to sign and return to school. To receive the meal account balance statement by email, please complete the form on the weekly balance letter you receive in January and return it to school with your child. This is a new program, so if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rogers at 419-334-5440.

