



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 . . .

October has come and gone so quickly. The month of November will probably do the same. We have so many things happening this month. First, parent teacher conferences will be held November 10th and 12th from 3:45-7:15pm and November 13th from 8:45am-3:45pm. This is a time to gain valuable information about your child's progress. Please make every effort to attend the scheduled conference. To help to make your child's conference run smoothly write down any questions you might have regarding your child's progress. It is important that you help to bridge the gap between home and school by asking what you can do to assist in your child's success at school. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment please call the school so we may arrange an alternative time for you to meet with your child's teacher.

We saw a need to change the awards students receive for academic performance. It is as follows:

- * High Honors: All A's
- * Honors: A's and B's
- * Merit: A's and B's and only one C

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Next, mark your calendars for the annual Ohio State vs. Michigan Spaghetti Dinner on November 19th from 5:30-7:30 pm. What a great way to spend time with your family, eat well, play games and win prizes! We hope to see you all there!

We are wrapping up our first quarter targeted area, note taking, as indicated on our CCIP. Ask your child about the graphic organizers they been using to assist in their collection of important information throughout the curriculum areas. Our next quarter focus will be summarizing and retelling. More information will be forth coming.

Please remember that there is no school November 13 due to conferences and November 16 due to professional development for the district. Also, Thanksgiving Break begins November 25th. Students return to school Monday November 30th.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends
Happy Thanksgiving

Yours in education,

Mrs. Diana McNulty

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

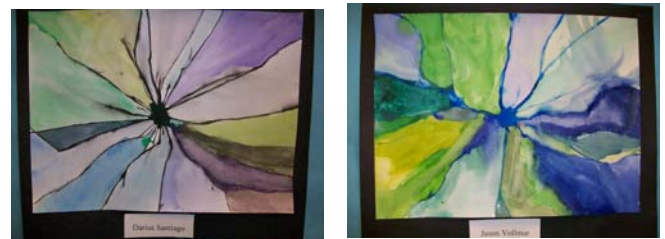
News from Fifth Grade

Fifth graders at Atkinson Elementary have been putting forth their best effort during this first quarter to be great note-takers. They have been focusing on this very important skill in all subject areas. Fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Plihall, have been using a variety of note-taking methods. These methods include T-charts, Venn Diagrams, Webs, Key Points Charts, Outlining, Bullets and Numbering, Main Idea and Details Charts, Ladder Notes, and Compare & Contrast Charts. All of these methods will enable the fifth graders to be successful students throughout this school year.

The REACH Program began for the fifth graders during October. This is a Career-Education Building Program sponsored by Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce. Each month a different lesson is presented with a career or business theme. Mrs. Brandon's business partner is Fremont Federal Credit Union and Mrs. Plihall's business partner is Fremont Memorial Hospital. The students are eager to learn many new things about these businesses and possible careers in their future.

News from Mrs. Pollick's Art Class

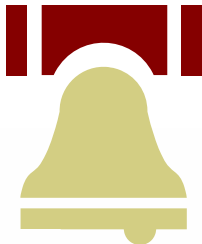
The fourth graders at Atkinson Elementary have been very busy in Mrs. Pollick's art class this season. They began the year learning about a very influential American artist by the name of Georgia O'Keefe. They studied her life and her art, learning that she was born in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and lived to the ripe age of 98 years. They now understand the terms abstraction and radial design and practiced these concepts by creating a beautiful painting using watercolor paints. They also learned that O'Keefe was best known for her paintings of flowers, southwest landscapes and animal bones. They had fun using a straw to blow their paint around the page, while also perfecting their brush painting abilities. Just look at the wonderful outcome of their hard work!



**OCTOBER
Students of the Month**

- Quinn Earnhart**
- Nick Mercorella**
- Tye Gilpin**
- Camden Arriaga**
- Melinda LaCourse**
- Emmah Calvillo**
- Ta'Shwan Heidelberg**
- Brandon Earnhart**
- MaKennah Fitzgerald**
- Jack Hineine**
- Tanner King**
- Anaya Wise**
- Estephan Covell**
- Hayden Abdo**
- McKayla Swinehart**
- Mikaela Ramos**

Congratulations to **Camryn Kidwell** in Mrs. Yoder's first grade class. She was selected as the Learning and Liberty Foundation Student of the Month for November. Mrs. Yoder states, "Camryn is a good student. She always tries her best on every task I give her. She is ready to listen in class and is an example of great behavior to her classmates." Camryn enjoys soccer and basketball and is the daughter of Derek and Beth Kidwell.



**Atkinson Elementary School
Picture Re-takes
Tues. Nov. 9, 2009**

Brochures are available in the office for students who did not yet have their picture taken or if they want their picture re-taken. Payment is required on picture day. You should return original photos if you want your child's photo re-taken.



**Fremont Area School Chess Tournament
November 14, 2009
Middle School Cafeteria
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Entry Fee \$5.00**

4 rounds — 1st and 2nd place awards — USCF rules

For more information contact John L. Hibbler, Director 419-334-8886

It's Saturday

Kindergarten – 4th Grade 10:00 – 10:45
On the 2nd Saturday of the month come to Birchard Public Library for a morning of good times and good books.

Saturday, December 12th: It's Magic

So maybe we won't pull a rabbit out of the hat. It will still be a morning of magic and fun!

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register or
Register online at: 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, December 7th Discussing...

***The Half-A-Moon Inn* by Paul Fleischman**

A twelve-year-old mute boy sets off to find his mother in a blizzard and becomes the captive of an evil woman in the Half-a-Moon Inn.

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

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register or
Register online at: www.birchard.lib.oh.us

**November
Calendar of Events:**

- 11/2-11/6: Pennies by the pound for United Way
- 11/4: East of Chicago Pizza Night for Atkinson
- 11/6: 2:30 PM 3rd grade Come Learn with us
- 11/9: Picture Retakes
- 11/10: 3:45-7:15 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/10: 6:00 PM PTO mtg.
- 11/12: 3:45-7:15 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/13: **NO SCHOOL**
8:45 AM-3:45 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/15: Kalahari Fun Getaway
- 11/16: **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Professional Day
- 11/17-11/20 Bookfair in the Library
- 11/17: PTO Cookie sale at lunch
- 11/18: PTO Cupcake sale at lunch
- 11/19: PTO Buckeye/Brownie sale at lunch
- 11/19: Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm
- 11/20: Chat Time 9:00 am in the cafeteria
- 11/25: **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/26: **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving
- 11/27: **NO SCHOOL**



NOVEMBER PTO NEWS

- Nov. 2 Atkinson Wear order forms go home / Fall Fundraiser orders go home
- Nov. 4 East of Chicago Night. Make sure to say Atkinson when ordering
- Nov. 12 Fall Fundraiser money due
- Nov. 15 Kalahari Water Fun Getaway. (No School Nov. 16th)
- Nov. 17 Cookie sale at lunch 25 cents each. Raffles .25 & \$1.00
- Nov. 17 PTO Meeting, Atkinson Library @ 6PM - ALL parents welcomed!
- Nov. 18 Cupcake sale at lunch .25 each. Raffles .25 & \$1.00
- Nov. 19 Buckeye & Brownie sale at lunch .25. Raffles .25 & \$1.00
- Nov. 19 OSU ~ MI Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Nov. 20 Atkinson Wear order forms & money are due.

Start bringing in your soup labels, box labels & empty Capri Sun pouches and Atkinson will earn points.

The next Kalahari getaway will be SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th (no school Mon. Nov. 16th). For just \$114.00 plus tax, you receive a standard room with 2 queen beds and 4 water park passes. Up to 2 additional guests can be added to a sofa bed for \$20.00 per person. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your fun Kalahari getaway 1-877-525-2427. Be sure to mention Atkinson.

The Annual Atkinson Spaghetti OSU vs. MI Dinner will be held at Atkinson on Thursday Nov. 19th from 5:30p – 7:30p.m. Tickets on sale now Adults \$5.00 / Children \$3.00. There will be fun for the entire family: games, prizes, 50/50, raffles, including the classroom's theme baskets, and more. Come dressed in your team's colors. If you would like to donate anything for the raffle/door prizes, those items can be dropped off in the office. If you can make a dessert for that night, please call 419-332-9778.



“Shine Your Smile Day” Is Coming!

Atkinson School is hosting Smile Programs...the mobile dentists on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009. We have invited the Smile Programs to bring their on-site preventive dental care services to our school because we know how important good oral health is to our children's overall general health.

The Smile Program's team will set up a mini-dental office in our building and can provide preventive services for all children who return completed forms. The Smile Program can provide these services to families who need financial assistance and it has subsidized fees for those who choose to pay for the preventive care. The Smile Program will complete dental exams and paperwork required by state mandated programs, where required.

Signing up your children to see the Smile Programs —the mobile dentist team is an easy way to get necessary preventive dental care. If you want you child to see the dentist on December 18th, just fill out the permission slip and return to school. You can learn more about Smile Programs...the mobile dentists by going to its website: 111.mobiledentists.com and watching the short video about the preventive dental care program.