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### 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.

### DISTRICT GOALS

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

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## Principal's Perspective--

Wow! The first month of school has gone by so quickly. Students, teachers and support staff have all come together and contributed to a fantastic beginning. I cannot be more pleased with everyone's efforts.

It is important that we keep in mind that our teachers are very busy in their classrooms teaching young vibrant minds. If you need to speak with your child's classroom teacher please call the school to make an appointment for a convenient time you both can meet.

I cannot stress enough that you inform your child's teacher or the office about how your child will be going home at the end of the day. If something in the normal routine has changed please let us know immediately. It has come to our attention that many children have been picked up in ways other than what was indicated on the dismissal paper that was sent home in the beginning of the year.

Third grade students will be taking the OAA state test in reading on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child to school on time. They will not be able to enter the classroom if they are late and the test has already begun. It is important that your child each a healthy breakfast and gets plenty of rest for that day.

We will be having an evacuation drill on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Our students will be walking to the Fremont Recreation Center in order to practice this drill. More information will be forth coming.

Atkinson will be participating in the "Pennies by the Pound" contest sponsored by the United Way October 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Each classroom will be competing for a Pizza Party by bringing in their spare change. At the end of the week the United Way will weigh each classroom container. With every pound of change, a classroom will earn one raffle ticket for the Pizza party. The classroom with the most raffle tickets will win the Pizza party. All the money earned for the United Way stays in Sandusky County. I encourage all students to participate.

Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns at any time. Thank you for all your support.

Yours in education,

Mrs. McNulty

College Corner....

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Throughout the year, students will be learning and mastering skills to help them achieve their goals. One of our district's goals is to help each student get a postsecondary education, or education after high school. Let's start off the year with some fun facts about Ohio's colleges!

Did you know...?

- In 1850, the founding of Urbana University was laid in part by John Chapman, who is better known as 'Johnny Appleseed.'
- Ohio University was founded in 1804 in Athens and is recognized as the first university in Ohio and in the Northwest Territory.
- The food court at Ashland University has been ranked the #1 dining service in the nation for five years by the National Association of College and University Food Service. Yum!
- Oberlin College was the first American coeducational college-it opened in 1833 with 29 men and 15 women.
- The total cost of attending Miami University during its first year in 1823 was \$93, which included room, tuition, laundry, candles and wood.

For more information on saving for your child's college education go to: [www.collegeadvantage.com](http://www.collegeadvantage.com).

**\*\*The first 5 students to tell Ms. Guthrie which University's food court is nationally ranked will get a prize!**

News from Sixth Grade....

The 6th graders at Atkinson Elementary have started off their exciting year in quick fashion! In Mr. Steinmetz's class the students just finished reading their first story, Maxx Comedy: The Funniest Kid in America, and completed a number of activities along with it. Mr. Steinmetz was especially impressed with the students' work in groups. In Social Studies, the students have begun to learn about the ancient people who populated the globe as well as improving their map skills and working with latitude and longitude. Don't believe us though, ask your 6th grader to show you how to use 'Latitude and Longitude.'

In Math and Science, Mrs. Cooper is continuing to enrich the minds of our students. Number sense and an ability to identify the "Order of Operations" is the work of these first few weeks. The 6th Graders are performing admirably. Our young scientists are studying cells and reproduction. Their work with cells will culminate with a project asking students to create their own cell diagrams! Good luck 6th Graders!

Please remember, the 6th Graders will be moving the brand new, state-of-the-art Fremont Middle School in January! It's going to be an exciting year.

Mrs. Cooper  
Mr. Steinmetz

Fremont Ross Football Games....

We have had several concerns about unsupervised children at our Fremont Ross football games. We need your help to ensure that all of our students are safe and having a good time. Children must be in their seats at all times, unless they have adult supervision. If your student is unsupervised, they will be instructed to go back to their seat. During the game, they must have an adult escort to use the restroom or visit the concession stand. Please do not drop your elementary student off at the football game. **They must have a parent with them in order to be admitted to the football game.**



We appreciate your cooperation in this effort to keep our students safe. We look forward to seeing all of you at the game. Thank you all for your continued support of Fremont Ross Athletics.



Students of the Month for September:

- Marchantia Magee
- Christopher Smith
- Chase Perez
- Abby Crites
- Stephanie Logan
- Myles Myers
- Julianna Ritter
- Meagan Schultz
- Emmah Calvillo
- Ariana Cunningham
- Alexis Prenzlin
- Serena Wheatley-Ceccoli
- Madison Hunt
- Jack Hineline
- Mariah Covell
- Davis Lopez
- Victoria Miller

From the School Nurse ....

Shine your Smile Day is coming!



On November 16, 2011, the Mobile Dentist will be setting up his office at Atkinson School. This is a preventive dental care program that offers examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays and sealants in the school setting. The Smile Program can provide care to everyone and offers financial assistance to families in need. All Participants receive a toothbrush. Complete the form your child is bringing home and return it to school by October 3, 2011.

According to the information from the Smile Program, poor oral health may lead to poor nutrition due to difficulty eating, decreased growth and an increase of bacteria in the blood and respiratory systems.

To learn more about the Mobile Dentist Smile Program visit their web site at [www.mobiledentists.com](http://www.mobiledentists.com) and watch the video on preventive dental care. If you have questions call the Mobile Dentist at 1-888-833-8441 or Atkinson School at 419-332-5361.

Word of the Month....

The word of the month for October is **Responsibility**. We are responsible for our choices. When we demonstrate accountability, reliability, and consistency in our words and actions we are being responsible. Everyone has responsibilities and it is very important that children learn that they are expected to accept responsibility for their choices and actions. Making excuses hurts them. We can give kids small tasks to do, encourage them to finish what they begin, and then show genuine appreciation for what they accomplish. Children must learn to finish any job or duty to the best of their ability.

To help children accept responsibility:

- Never do for children what they can do themselves.
- Encourage them to attempt to do things for themselves.
- Reward children for their effort as well as accomplishments.
- Assign daily chores.
- Expect children to finish the task they begin.
- Let your children make decisions for themselves.
- Communicate to your children that you have confidence in their abilities.

J Ms. Guthrie  
Professional School Counselor

**LEGO Club**  
**Saturday November 12th**

Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:00 – 11:30 am  
*Bring your imaginations and we'll supply the LEGOS.*

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, will meet once a month October through April.*

**Monday, November 7th**  
Discussing...

Regarding the Fountain, by Kate Klise  
When the principal asks a 5th grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

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

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Calendar of Events.....

- Oct 11: 9:30 a.m. Evacuation Drill
- Oct. 11: 6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
- Oct. 12: 9:30 a.m. Evacuation Drill (rain date)
- Oct. 17: **NO SCHOOL**—Professional Day
- Oct. 19: East of Chicago Pizza Day
- Oct. 24: Pennies by the Pound for United Way begins
- Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. FMS Principal visits 6th graders
- Oct. 27: 1:30 p.m. Firefighter Phil assembly for KG—3rd grades
- Oct. 28: End of 1st nine weeks
- Oct. 28: Pennies by the Pound Fundraiser ends
- Nov. 1: 6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
- Nov. 8: 3:45-7:15 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 10: 3:45-7:15 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11: **NO SCHOOL**—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 14-18 Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 16: Mobile Dentist
- Nov. 16: East of Chicago Pizza Day
- Nov. 17: 5:30-7:30 Spaghetti Dinner
- Nov. 23-25: **NO SCHOOL**—Thanksgiving break

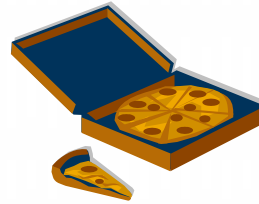


PTO News ....



The next PTO meeting has been rescheduled for Tues. Oct. 11 at 6:00 in the Library. Please come - All are welcome!

The Fall Fundraiser items will be delivered the end of this month. Please collect and turn in your money ASAP! Prizes will be handed out once the money is collected. The profits from this and ALL PTO events will go towards field trips, assemblies, awards, walking club, Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, Honors Reception & Awards, Take home folders and so much more.



Our 1st East of Chicago Pizza Night will be Wednesday Oct. 19. Don't forget to mention ATKINSON and a portion of the proceeds will benefit our school! Mark your calendars for these to be on the 3rd Wednesday of each month!!!

Mark you calendar for the OSU vs MI Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday Nov. 17th 5:30-7:30!!!



Please save all of your Capri Suns and Box Tops! Our school can earn Items and Cash simply by turning them in!

