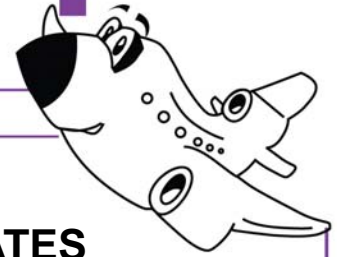


# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

CROGHAN ELEMENTARY



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### **DISTRICT MISSION**

*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.*

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

[WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET](http://WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 3 Board of Education Meeting - 4:30 PM
- Jan. 13 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day-**NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 17 Teacher's Work Day-**NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 18 Professional Day-**NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 19 Sixth Graders to New Middle School
- Jan. 20 Report Cards Go Home
- Jan. 23 PTO Meeting - 4 PM

### ***The Principal's Corner...***

2012 is here! It has been a great school year so far at Croghan School. The students have been working hard in all areas to increase their knowledge. Please continue all your hard work at home.

Try introducing your child to characters in books with traits he can admire. You just might get him hooked on reading-and teach some values at the same time. Surprise your child with a new kind of book: a biography. Your child can learn to respect differences by reading stories that celebrate individuality. Many popular books can help children learn to get along with one another.

This month the sixth grade classes move to the new Fremont Middle School. We wish them well as they start this exciting new learning experience.

Yours in education,

Shanita Aaron  
Principal

**STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY**

**Library News**

*The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place here at Croghan School February 13-17. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Mrs. Tuckerman, Croghan Librarian at 419-334-6784 if you can help anytime during this week*

**LEGO Club**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month during the school year  
Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:00 – 11:30 am

*Bring your imaginations and we'll supply the LEGOS.*

**Meeting Date**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

*Pizza & Pages is an after school book club, featuring good books and good eats.  
It meets once a month October through April*

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Discussing...*

**War Horse**, by Michael Morpurgo

*In 1914, Joey, a beautiful bay-red foal, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him, but his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind.*

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

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or**

**Register online at:**

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*Dinosaurs are coming to Birchard Library!*

**Join us on January 14th at 2pm as we:**

- Dig for dinosaur bones!
- Make our very own fossils!
- See how big dinosaurs really were!
- Make our own cave drawings!
- Create our own dinosaur!

*There will also be a very special presentation by Sandusky County Park!  
K-6th grade are welcome and please register at the Children's Reference desk.*

**DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**CARING**

**Kindergarten**

Mrs. Kayden-Kamara Sims  
Mrs. Willey-Lorie Morin

**1st Grade**

Mrs. Carrick-Chase Battelline  
Mrs. Nossaman-Lainie Tullis

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Cook-Israel Tinoco-Joaquin  
Mrs. Price-Erica Sandoval

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Scherger-Mary Perez  
Mr. Smith-Dominik Cross

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mr. Harmon-Kaylan Nitschke  
Mrs. Hartman-Connor Ratliff

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Garlock-Drew Pettiford  
Mrs. Rau-Kevin Frey

**6th Grade**

Ms. Osborne-Anna Estep  
Mr. Pursell-Ethan Carnicom

**Word of the Month for January is  
SELF-CONTROL**

The Character Word of the Month for January is SELF-CONTROL. This is a great trait to practice as we begin a new year. Self-Control is the ability to be in control of one's actions and make positive choices! Students will hear about ways to practice self-control on the morning announcements, and here are some ways to continue building character at home:

- Have your child use a technique, such as deep breathes or counting backwards to calm down when upset rather than acting impulsively.
- Encourage your child to wait patiently when 2 people are talking and say "Excuse me" ehn interrupting.
- Use this phrase with your child "You are in control of your body, your words and your actions."

**January's College Corner**

Happy New Year! Many people make New Year's Resolutions or set goals for themselves to start the new year. Use the secret message below to remind your student to work hard each day to learn and do the very best he/she can!  
**\*There are prizes for the first 5 students to bring a completed message to Mrs. Overstreet.**

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A-1	H-8	O-15	V-22
B-2	I-9	P-16	W-23
C-3	J-10	Q-17	X-24
D-4	K-11	R-18	Y-25
E-5	L-12	S-19	Z-26
F-6	M-13	T-20	
G-7	N-14	U-21	

## Winter Safety Tips for Parents

- When using space heaters, ensure at least 3 feet of space between the heater and any furniture, curtains, blankets, pets and people.
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Fireplaces and wood burning stoves should be inspected by a professional each year, as well as the chimney for cracks, blockages and leaks. Make sure any build-up in the chimney is cleaned out that could start a fire.
- In case of a snow emergency, stock up on canned foods, a manual can opener, a battery-operated radio, bottled water, flashlights, batteries and blankets.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside or near sleeping areas.
- Install at least one Carbon Monoxide alarm near sleeping areas.
- Teach your children to stay off the ice in any ponds, creek, or on the river.
- If the temperature outside is below freezing and your home has no heat, run water at a trickle to help prevent pipes from freezing and bursting.
- Store food outside in the snow if the power goes out.
- Use a flashlight instead of candles to avoid fire hazards.
- Limit the amount of time spent playing outdoors, bring children in periodically to warm up. Dress in layers and remove wet clothing immediately.
- Make sure to cover your child's head, ears and hands in the cold temperatures.
- Do not permit children to dig snow tunnels or forts as they could collapse and bury them.

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*