

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS



March 2010

HAYES ELEMENTARY

Dear Hayes Families,

I think we are ready for spring! With the calendar month changing, it seems as though we have seen enough snow and are ready for the green grass and sunshine. With this thought in mind, I want to ask you to continue having your children dress in layers for school, and remember their warm coats along with hats and gloves. As the weather changes throughout the day, it may or may not get colder from when they leave the house.

We also seem to have quite a bit of congestion with traffic and students walking after school. Since the students are released from school close to the same time, there are a lot of people around at this time. Please do not have your child run across the street on Wayne or Whittlesey to get into the car. Your child needs to go to one of the crosswalks and be crossed by a crossing guard and then walk to where you are parked. This includes crossing on Hayes, where an adult needs to escort the child across the street, or be crossed at the traffic light. Remember that no car can be left unattended where there is a sign stating just that. A reminder also needs to be made to not block the crossing lines where our students and adults need to walk in order to cross the street. I know that most of you already know this, but I thought that this was a good time to drop a reminder. Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated, as we are very concerned about their safety.

Wait until you hear about all the excitement that your child brings home from school when they start talking about the SMARTBoard in their classroom! These are whiteboards with projection systems and are used with a laptop computer. On Friday, February 26, the staff met for professional development with this new device of technology. We were all excited to see the different types of instructional tools that can be used with this one piece of technology. Not only that, but we were able to practice what was taught by coming back to our building and getting on the computers to look up sites that could help further our knowledge about what educational resources are available for our use. Eventually, every classroom will be equipped with a SMARTBoard.

We always have so much information to share with our Hayes families. Thanks for being part of this! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at school.

Yours in education,

Mrs. Laurie Selvey

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



### Fremont City Schools 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 community.

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

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2 PTO Meeting 3:45 p.m.

March 14 Daylight Savings Time  
Spring Ahead!

March 22 Papa Murphy Night

March 22 Healthy Snack Sale  
All week afterschool  
By office

March 23 Festival of the Arts  
(P.E., music and art)

March 24 Spring Picture Day

March 25 Young Author's Tea  
@2:15 p.m.

March 26 End of 3rd Nine  
Weeks

April 2 No School Good Friday  
April 5 No School Spring Break

April 6 PTO Meeting 3:45

April 16 Basketball Jones  
Assembly 2-3 p.m.



Please remember when you change your phone number to please let the office know. I will then send home a new Alertnow form so that you can still receive our alerts about closings, delays and events.

### **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, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Go Green!**

Let's 'go green' as we learn how to celebrate Earth Day every day.

## Pizza & Pages Club

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Discussing...

**Boy: *Tales of Childhood***  
by Roald Dahl

Where did Roald Dahl get all of his wonderful ideas for stories? From his own life, of course! As full of excitement and the unexpected as his world-famous, best-selling books, Roald Dahl's tales of his own childhood are completely fascinating and fiendishly funny.

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

### REQUIRED DRILLS

While your children are at school, please be assured that the Staff of Fremont City Schools do all that they can in order to keep them safe. It is required by law that fire and tornado drills be conducted, as well as at least one lockdown drill. Such drills must be practiced throughout the year so that everyone knows what to do in case of any one of these emergencies. If your child comes home and tells you that there was a lockdown, it may simply be a practice or surprise lockdown. If indeed a true emergency occurs at any One of our buildings, you will be notified in some manner Of the situation and the actions of the District.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safety Issues or the required drills, you may contact Dr. Kimberly Theller at [thellerk@fremont.k12.oh.us](mailto:thellerk@fremont.k12.oh.us) or at 419-334-5437.

Thank you for your understanding with our practices.

Congratulations to  
**HANNA SNELL**  
For her participation in the  
NAACP's  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Oratory Contest!  
Great Job, Hanna!!



## A Note from the Nurse

### Word of the Month

The word of the month for March is **Work Ethic**. A strong work ethic means that you are a responsible, reliable, hard worker. You are committed to get the job done and you never give up! Giving your child chores at home helps teach responsibility and hard work. It also gives them practice at balancing work, homework, and play to prepare them later on in life. Children learn best through modeling so think about how self-motivated and self-disciplined you are. Remember to let them know no one is perfect.

The work ethic of ants is often admired because they are always busy and go about their work in an orderly fashion. This can teach us many positive things including what it takes to be successful in life. Ants aren't lazy and they don't wait until the last moment to complete their tasks. Students would be smart to model their work ethic after the busy ant. J Mrs. Hatfield

Guidance Counselor

#### Are you an Ant or a Grasshopper?

One winter day, some ants were drying their store of corn, which had gotten damp during a long spell of rain. Presently, up came the grasshopper and begged them to spare him some food. "For," he said "I'm simply starving."

The ants stopped their work for a moment, though this was against their better judgment. "May we ask," they said, "what you were doing with yourself all last summer? Why didn't you collect a store of food for the winter?"

"The fact is," replied the grasshopper, "I was too busy singing that I hadn't had the time."

"If you spent all summer singing, you can't do better than spend the winter dancing." And they laughed and went on with their work.

February is Dental Health Month and having healthy teeth makes learning easier. Children with chronic tooth pain and decay may suffer with limited attention span, sleeplessness and absenteeism.

Cavities form when plaque collects on the teeth and slowly reacts with the tooth. The tooth may be sensitive to hot and cold or sweets in the early stages. If the plaque is not removed a cavity will form and become progressively worse. Brushing your teeth twice a day and flossing before bedtime is important for good dental health. It is recommended by the American Dental Association to see a dentist twice a year for a professional cleaning and check up.

Oral hygiene is a healthy habit to develop early and to continue through your lifetime.

Melissa Hartzell LPN  
Stamm School First Aide Supervisor

Rejecting,  
Not trying,  
Needs help,  
But don't want to accept it.

Has a hard time,  
Trying her best,  
But now stronger and wiser.

Now can try,  
Because she tried.  
She is smart and knows it.

She believes in herself now.  
Standing strong.....

# 6th Grade Poetry

by Haylee Farster

## STUDENT COUNCIL

### Stuffed Animal Raffle Winners

Jessica Duncan  
Genesis Smith  
Shane Ottney  
Christina Apanitos  
Audrey Hawkins  
Carla Dixon  
Christina Apanitos  
TyJon Elkins  
Alana Smith  
Brianna Zamora  
Setheea Avalos  
James Gibson  
Alyssa Karr  
Nadia Kirksey  
Kayla Clements  
Jamal Kindle  
Cierra Gonzales  
Anastasia Reidenbach  
Alonte Hatter  
Joey Gonzales

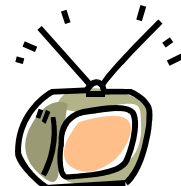
**Hayes Elementary PTO – Your  
Parent/Teacher Organization**  
**\*\*NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2010,  
3:45 PM IN THE LIBRARY\***

Cookie Dough orders due on  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Papa Murphy's next family night  
Is March 22nd.

Be on the look out for the upcoming  
Easter Egg Sale!

Would you like to help the PTO?  
Come to a meeting and see what  
We are all about!



# 5th Grade News

## Operation Eggdrop

In order to learn about the steps of the scientific method, the Hayes 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Operation Eggdrop earlier this year. Each student was given the task to create a spacecraft for a very special passenger...Eggcellent Eddie. Their objective was to design this spacecraft so that Eddie could safely “fly” in his spacecraft from the roof of Hayes Elementary School down to the ground below. While constructing their spacecrafts, the students were to review and use the steps of the scientific method:

**OBSERVE and ASK QUESTIONS**—What materials would be best to use in constructing Eddie’s spacecraft? Look for and learn about different types of materials that would make Eddie’s landing safe.

**FORM A HYPOTHESIS**—Will your spacecraft protect Eddie?

**PLAN AN EXPERIMENT**—Design an experiment to test your hypothesis.

**CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENT**—Follow your procedure and record what happens.

**DRAW CONCLUSIONS/COMMUNICATE RESULTS**—Display your data and tell whether your hypothesis was correct or not.

Students were very creative in their spacecraft designs. They considered many important variables such as the height of the building, air and/or resistance, the force of gravity, the weight and/or mass of their designs, as well as the fragile nature of their passenger. Fortunately, for most of the students, many Eddies did survive that day, but for a few, Eddie suffered a very “scrambled” demise.



L to R: Jakob Jaeger  
Max Hufford  
Ruby Weichman  
Caleb Stottridge

Showing off their passenger, Eddie



Checking out the condition of Eddie.



## INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

### Tips for Families

- Ask your Internet provider about features that allow parents to block their children's access to adult-oriented sites, "chat rooms," and bulletin boards. A variety of programs are available.
- Setup guidelines that deal specifically with meeting people on the Internet. Talk to your children about what to do if their new Internet friend asks to see them in person or wants your child to send a picture of him or herself.
- Let your children know that they can come to you if they are receiving messages that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Establish rules to follow when using the Internet.
- Keep the computer in a high traffic part of the house. You can monitor your children's activities without appearing to be watching over their shoulders.
- Spend time on the Internet with your children. Give them a chance to show you what they have learned or the things they like.
- Find websites you think your children will enjoy and "bookmark" them. This will help you direct your children away from using search engines, where they might find inappropriate sites. Teach your children about "netiquette"(etiquette on the Internet), so they will know how to behave appropriately on the Internet and will be able to recognize inappropriate behavior on the part of others.

### Family-Friendly Internet Sites

The Internet can be a wonderful learning and entertainment tool for you and your family.

Here are a few sites you and your family might enjoy and find educational:

### Kids' Sites

Children's Television Workshop	<a href="http://www.ctw.org">www.ctw.org</a>
Cyberkids	<a href="http://www.cyberkids.com">www.cyberkids.com</a>
Walt Disney	<a href="http://www.family.com">www.family.com</a>
Kidlink	<a href="http://www.kidlink.org">www.kidlink.org</a>
KidsCom	<a href="http://www.kidscom.com">www.kidscom.com</a>
Web Wise Kids	<a href="http://www.webwisekids.com">www.webwisekids.com</a>

### Teen Sites

Do Something	<a href="http://www.dosomething.org">www.dosomething.org</a>
Mighty Media	<a href="http://www.mightymedia.com">www.mightymedia.com</a>
Resources for Youth	<a href="http://www.preventviolence.org">www.preventviolence.org</a>
Youth as Resources	<a href="http://www.yar.org">www.yar.org</a>

### Parents' Sites

Baby Center	<a href="http://www.babycenter.com">www.babycenter.com</a>
Parent Time	<a href="http://www.parenttime.com">www.parenttime.com</a>
Parent Soup	<a href="http://www.parentsoup.com">www.parentsoup.com</a>
Kids Health	<a href="http://www.kidshealth.org">www.kidshealth.org</a>
Parent Partners	<a href="http://www.parentpartners.com">www.parentpartners.com</a>