

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS



October 5, 2011

HAYES ELEMENTARY

Dear Hayes Families,

We welcome the fall season in with a lot of excitement as the school year has brought students back to their books and learning. It was wonderful to have such a good turnout for our grade level expectation meetings. Anytime that you may have questions, please call or email your child's teacher for answers or further explanations. We, also, had our school pictures taken in early September and those will be coming to the school soon. If you would want your child to have them retaken, or if he/she was absent, then the retake day will be in late October. Our annual PTO Fundraiser was held last month and ended September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the fundraiser that assists with establishing the budget for our PTO. Thank you to all who were able to support this.

All students just recently took the AIMSweb screener in reading and, for 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders, in comprehension. This is a screener that provides information about your child's reading level and assists with monitoring the progress throughout the year. This test will again be taken in January and in May. During the week of October 3, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking a cognitive test and a basic skills test. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will be taking the OAA (Ohio Achievement Assessment) in reading on October 4<sup>th</sup>. A way to see what this test looks like and what is involved, you may go to the **Ohio Department of Education website: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>** and look for the subtitle at the top "Testing" and click on "Practice Tests". Within the next few weeks, ask your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader what they are learning in preparation for this test. In addition, attendance is very crucial on this day of testing, as well as every day, and making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep.

Safety measures are always a top priority. Students can only be crossed at certain areas where there are our Safety Patrol guards. Please respect their hard work in enforcing these rules of safety. Crossing in the middle of the street is quite dangerous and can cause a severe accident. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Along with safety, we have practiced all of our drills: fire, tornado, bomb, lockdown I, II, III. Students are well aware that practicing these drills will keep them from panicking and provides better understanding on how to perform these drills in a safe and orderly manner. During October, we will be conducting a practice evacuation drill. At this time, we will practice walking to our site, which is Bishop Hoffman Catholic High School gymnasium, and participate in the structure of this drill.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the 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

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

Hayes and 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 respect-  
ful members of their communities.

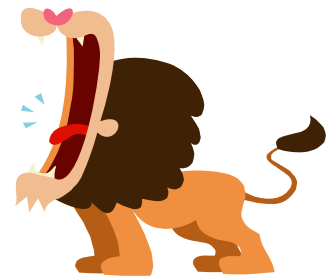
#### Hayes Building Goals

- \*Improving student achievement by setting high goals and expectations
- \*Respect oneself, respect others, and respect property.
- \*Develop strong relationships with students, Families and the community

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

## Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3 Count Week for Attendance
- Oct. 4 OAA testing in Grade 3 Reading
- Oct. 6 Title 1 Family Night 6-7 pm
- Oct. 6 All OAA completed
- Oct. 7 All CogA/ITBS Completed
- Oct. 7 Homecoming Parade at High School
- Oct. 17 Professional Day No school for students
- Oct 24, 25, 26 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 24 All Week Healthy Snack Sale  
By 3rd Graders In front of office
- Oct. 25 Grandfriend's Luncheon 11:30-1:30
- Oct. 27 Fire Fighter Phil Assembly
- Oct. 28 End of Nine Weeks  
Spirit Wear Fremont or Hayes only



### Apply for Holiday Assistance

Applications for holiday assistance through the Community Christmas Program will be available Oct. 17th at the Sandusky County Dept. of Job and Family Services, all Sandusky County Public libraries and United Way First Call for Help.

Applications will not be mailed.

Children who are 12 and younger are eligible to receive gifts of clothing and toys. Senior citizens 65 and older also can receive gifts. Any Sandusky County resident can request food for a Christmas Dinner, although priority will be given to families with children and senior citizens.

If you would like to provide Christmas for someone, contact United Way First Call For Help to learn more.

For information or to "adopt" a family or senior, call 419-334-2720 or 800-593-9444, or email [jgarvey@uwsandco.org](mailto:jgarvey@uwsandco.org).

### Hayes Helpful Hints

- School Fees are still \$35.00, please send payments to Hayes Elementary Schools
- Drop off and pick up of students before and after school is to be at the back of the school on the street, not the parking lot.
- Breakfast line up is not to be before 8:40.
- Please do not park in the teacher's lot, for safety reasons.
- Please remember to cross your children at the Safety Patrol posts.
- If your child is ill, please call the office at 419-332-6371, when they return please have them bring a note from the doctor. These absences can add up fast, and we need documentation so we do not have attendance issues.
- If your child will be gone for extended absences, (vacations), please call the office and ask for our extended leave forms to be sent home.

**School begins at 9:15 a.m. and releases at 3:45 p.m.. Please do not send your child before 8:40, (if they are having breakfast), or 9:00 as there is not supervision on the playground until 8:50 am.**



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.

Please remember when attending Fremont Ross High School and Middle School sporting events, your children are to be sitting with you. Please do not let them run around as we are concerned for their safety.

### Disaster Drills

The safety of each and every one of the students and staff attending Fremont City Schools is a top priority each And every day. Each building principal is required to assemble a safety team made up of building staff that Meets on a regular basis to discuss safety issues affecting the building, such as locking doors and windows,, drill schedules, or lockdown procedures. Each school year, the buildings are to conduct a fire drill for every month of attendance, a tornado drill in September and during each month of tornado season ( March through May), and a safety drill (lockdown) each month of the school year. The September fire drill must be conducted within the first ten days of each new school year. A bomb threat drill must also be conducted in September and April. All buildings are required to conduct a building evacuation drill on an annual basis, if not more. During These drills, all students and staff walk to their designated evacuations site and simulate how students will be Safely supervised and held until parents or guardians can sign for their release. Evacuations would only occur in situations when building occupancy would be of high risk, such as a bomb threat or chemical spill. It is the goal of Fremont City Schools to keep all students in school everyday focused on academics, but if and when emergencies occur, each building staff will be ready to protect all students. We appreciate the cooperation of all parents and guardians in understanding the need for drill practice and reinforcing the district safety procedures. For further details or if you have any questions about any of the safety drills, please contact our Principal, Mrs Laurie Selvey, at 419-332-6371.

## GIANT STEP LEADERSHIP • MOTIVATION •

DEDICATION

Nominate an employee, community member, or volunteer for the “Giant Step” award.

The communication committee created a reward and recognition program to recognize individual achievements in the categories of LEADERSHIP, MOTIVATION, and

DEDICATION. Nomination boxes are located in the office area of each building. To nominate an individual complete the cards attached to the nomination box and submit.

The communication committee will review nominations each month and select 5 nominees to receive the “GIANT STEP” award each quarter. For more information about the “GIANT STEP” program, go to the communications tab on the intranet,

[www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net)



Hayes School is a walking school, so there is no bus service. If your child is at day care, before or after school, FCS Buses will take them to the school and day care. Please contact the Bus Garage at 419-332-7351 for information.

Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

Coming soon!

Nov. 8 in the p.m.

Nov. 10 in the p.m.

Nov. 11 all day

Come to Our  
**BOOK FAIR!**  
Reading Is Out of This World!



*Preview Day: October 21*

*Sales: October 24, 25, 27, 28*

*9:30 to 4:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday*

*Grandfriends Lunch 11:30-1:30 Tuesday*

*9:30 to 12:00 Friday*

*Students will shop during their scheduled  
Library/Computer time.*

*(A schedule will be sent home.)*

*Families are welcome any time.*

*Please remember to sign in at the office.*

*You may also shop on line from October  
17<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Go to Fremont City Schools on line:*

*[www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net)*

*Click Events*

*Click Hayes Elementary Book Fair*

*Click Shop the Book Fair Online*



# PTO MEETINGS

Dates for PTO Meetings:

Oct. 6

Nov. 3

Dec. 1

Jan. 2

Feb. 2

Mar. 1

Apr. 12

May 3

Meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. in the school library.

We will be having a "Kick the Winter Blahs" Fling on 3/23/12!!!

PTO Officers

President/VP: Michelle White

Secretary: Nora Mollis

Treasurer: Michele Wilhelm

Come and join us on any meeting day!





## College Corner

I hope you enjoyed the fun facts about Ohio's colleges last month. Here are a few more:

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 Mrs. Hatfield which University's food court is nationally ranked will get a prize!**

# 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:

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

Mrs. Hatfield  
Professional School Counselor

Remember to keep saving your  
boxtops!



# RESPONSIBILITY

# Birchard Library

## 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 Dates

**Saturday, November 12<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, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Discussing...*

Regarding the Fountain, by Kate Klise

*When the principal asks a fifth-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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[www.birchard.lib.oh.us](http://www.birchard.lib.oh.us)

Look  
at  
5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade!



During the first few weeks of school, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students took on their first research project of the year... genre. Genre is defined as "a particular class or style of work in literature or art." For this project, the students were placed in groups of 2 or 3 and assigned a genre of literature to research. Each group was required to define their genre (science fiction, historical fiction, realistic fiction, adventure, mystery, poetry, fairy tales/fables/tall tales, fantasy, humor, informational, and biography) and find the titles and covers of at least 5 books that would represent their genre. Next the groups organized their information to create a colorful poster to display. This project not only allowed the students to work on their research skills by utilizing our school's computer lab, but it also enabled the students to learn about the amazing variety of books that are available to them so that they can grow as readers.