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### *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 communities.



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 Ponderings

WE MADE IT! This is the first time since I have been with Fremont City Schools that we have had a January without one inclement weather day! The benefit to the students has been great. Since coming back from the holiday break, students did not have to rush to prepare for the end of quarter tests and exams. I hope this weather trend continues!

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Petty Officer Chris Channels from the United States Coast Guard visited Lutz to present an assembly on Ice Safety. The students listened and responded with great questions and concerns. With the unusual weather pattern this year, it is not safe to assume that just because something is frozen, that it is solid or safe. Please remind your children to stay off ice on the ponds, rivers, and streams.

Be sure to check out the school calendar on the final page of the newsletter. Please note the days that students will not attend school due to holidays and professional development days. If you ever have questions about school closures, please call the office at 419-332-0091.

Finally, just a reminder that winter is still here and that students wait outside in the mornings before school begins. Please require your child to wear their heavy winter clothing (even if they do not want to). Parents can help prevent student illness by assuring that their children are dressing suitably for the extreme weather.

Have a terrific month and Happy Valentine's Day to all. Please feel free to come and visit Lutz to see what great learning experiences are happening here.

Together in education,

Mrs. Christyl Erickson

Learning & Liberty  
Foundation  
Student of the Month

*Hannah Kelly*  
Mr. Jarrett's Fourth Grade  
Class



**Important Date Change**  
Due to Track/Softball/Baseball  
State Finals, Fremont Ross High  
School has changed the  
Commencement date to Sunday,  
June 6, 2004.

**Lutz PTO**

We are officially past the halfway point of the school year. Where did the time go? I want to thank everyone who filled out the survey that PTO sent home. We reviewed each and every comment at last month's meeting. One of the most common requests was for new playground equipment. While we have made a few updates already, we are in the process of completing additional purchases. Also, many of you expressed a desire to have another festival-type fundraiser next year as opposed to brochure sales. We want to honor this request. However, we need your help. If you are willing to help, in any way, please let us know. Please send a note to your child's teacher and someone will contact you.

Some interest has been expressed at having PTO online. I have created a website on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#/group.php?gid=283779016868>. You do NOT need to be signed up for Facebook to access the site. I will post updates from meetings, topics for discussion, and other information there. If you are a Facebook user, please feel free to offer your input or questions. Finally, I would like to invite you to the next PTO meeting, at 6pm March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the school. We would like you to be involved. After all, Lutz is your school, too.

Melissa Smith  
2009-2010 President Lutz PTO

**Student Council News**

Student Council would like to thank all who donated money to help cover expenses for the three children who tragically lost their lives last week. We are helping set up the Lutz Olympics which will take place in the month of February. More details will follow about the events in the "Olympic Games". Thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers and community outreach programs.

Lutz Student Council Members,  
Mrs. Fisher &  
Mrs. Hassen,  
Student Council Sponsors

**"Email Balance Notification"**

If you would like to receive the meal account balance statement by email, please complete the form on the weekly balance letter and return it to school with your child.

Thank you, Michaelen Rogers

### NURSE'S NOTES

February is Dental Health Month which is a reminder of how important it is to take care of our teeth. Daily brushing, cleaning between teeth with floss, and seeing a dentist are the most effective way to prevent tooth decay.

Dentists recommend child-size tooth brushes with soft, rounded bristles, to protect delicate gum tissue. Children should use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and spit out any remaining toothpaste when they are done brushing.

Fluoride is a mineral that helps strengthen tooth enamel and protects teeth from the acid producing bacteria that leads to plaque deposits.

Flossing helps remove plaque from around the teeth where brushing misses and keeps teeth and gums healthy by preventing gum diseases like gingivitis and periodontitis.

Children should visit the dentist every six months or as recommended by the dentist. The dentist will examine the teeth for early signs of decay or other problems. The dental hygienist will clean teeth and if necessary give a fluoride treatment.

Nutritious foods help keep teeth and gums healthy. Each day children should have 4 or more servings of fruits and vegetables, 3-4 servings of bread and cereals, 4 servings of dairy products, and 3 servings of high protein foods, such as meat, fish, eggs, peanut butter, or cheese. Encourage children to eat healthy snacks like raw fruits and vegetables, cheese or yogurt.

Also, remember to replace old tooth brushes every three months. If you have any questions please call 419-332-0091.



Linda Long RN  
Lutz School Nurse

#### The word of the month for February is **Trustworthiness**.

Remember to be a trustworthy person; one who is honest, loyal, and reliable. Being honest is not always the easiest route, but it is the right one. Not to mention that it is always harder to cover up a lie with another lie. Trustworthiness is a good character trait that will help our children to become loyal friends, respectful students, good citizens, and future employees. Remember you are a role model for your child and if they see that you are honest and trustworthy they will value this trait too.

#### **Here are some Do's and Don'ts of being Trustworthy**

Do - Tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Do - Be sincere.

Do- Stand by and protect your family, friends, school, and country.

Do - Keep secrets of those who trust you and be a good friend.

Do - Stand up for your beliefs, follow your conscience, have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when it's hard.

Do - Build and guard your reputation.

Don't - Lie, cheat, steal, be sneaky, tricky, or be deceptive.

Don't - Betray a trust, let your friends hurt themselves, ask a friend to do anything wrong.

Don't - Do things just so others will like you.

Don't - Lose heart or get discouraged if you don't get what you want or fail.

Mrs. Hatfield  
Guidance Counselor

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**Sibling Rivalry**

The word “sibling” refers to brothers and sisters, and “sibling rivalry” means the competitive feelings and actions that often occur among children in a family. There are things parents can do to try to reduce sibling rivalry.

- Treat each child as an individual. Help children understand that they are treated differently by you and have different privileges and responsibilities because they are different individuals.
- Respect each child’s space, toys, and time when he/she wants to be alone, away from his/her siblings.
- Avoid labeling or comparing one child to the other. This feeds into competitiveness.
- When a new child comes into the family, adequately prepare the older sibling for a new important role. Make your child feel like it’s his/her baby, too.
- Play detective. Watch and note when siblings are not getting along (before dinner, in the car, before bed) and plan separate quiet activities for those times.
- Watch how you treat each child to see if you are contributing to the rivalry. Make sure you are not playing favorites.
- Have realistic expectations of how they should get along, cooperate, share, and like each other. Positively reinforce them when they are getting along or when they solve their own conflicts.
- Make each child feel special and important. Try to spend one-on-one time with each child every day.
- Take time out for you to re-energize. Remember, sibling rivalry is a normal and expected part of family life.

**BIRCHARD LIBRARY**

**Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register**

**or**

**Register online at:**

[www.birchard.lib.oh.us](http://www.birchard.lib.oh.us)

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 February 13<sup>th</sup>: Land of the Giants** Paul Bunyan, John Henry, the Iron Giant... there are giants in the land.*

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** Discussing... *The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson

**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.*

Children love the opportunity to read to an adult and providing them with the extra practice they need helps them improve in fluency and comprehension. Development of Early Literacy Skills is the focus for Lutz Elementary School. The teachers and staff are requesting that anyone who would be willing to donate their time weekly throughout the school year, contact Mr. Dewayne Arnold at 419-665-2242. Your valuable time could be used to the advantage of a struggling student.

**Second Qtr. Honor Roll**  
2009-10

**\*Third Grade**

Tavion Agnew	Logan Bush	Brycen Ellinger	Rebecca Damschroder
Emma Hershey	Haley Hoffman	Alexander Huff	Jacob Lopez
Alisandra Mejia-Garza	Taylor Pemberton	Nicholas Polley	Hannah Posas
Breanna Sengstock	Karli Stearns	Victoria Wheeler	Marissa Williams
Sophia Biggins	Dean Foos	Deryante Hardin	Kirsten Kaple
Logan Kropp	Jordan Relford	Angelina Wright	Nikki Weaver
Evan Rosenberger			

**\*Fourth Grade**

Paige Ackerman	Maddison Baacke	Trey Ickes	Dillon McDiarmid
Brittney Pickard	Will Taylor	Alyssa Fry	Cristian Garcia
Mikayla Glaspy	Olivia Henry	Hannah Kelly	Jordan Speer
Jaycie Tate			

**\*Fifth Grade**

Brandon Bliss	Brianna Goodwin	Abby Havice	Morgan Hawk
Alyssa Meyer	Nolan Weaver	Nate Mayle	Erika Dukeshire
Kaity Kelly	Jacob Paxson	Dylan Smith	Kyle Montgomery
Keeojah Nason	Kirsten Baker	Michaela Dewese	Stephen Ladue
Savannah Llamas			















**\*Sixth Grade**

Morgan Bates	Tajah Biehler	Samuel Detwiler	Izaak Edgar
Yosef Forney	Charlie Fuegmann	Molli Kosanka	Carissa Krauss
Megan Kuyken	Janessa Lopez	Brandon Mathia	Shelby McDiarmid
Matthew Adams	Johanna Alexander	Samuel Berlekamp	Michael Edwards
Eric Gedeon	Kahli Hashman-Ladd	Jonas Lopez	Presley Moreland
Mathaniel Popoca	Ally Rellinger	William Rose	Meghan Sipsma
Morgan Waggoner	Hawk Smith		

**Second Qtr. Perfect Attendance**

Matthew Adams	Mayia Person	Abigail Havice	Samantha Foos	Jonas Lopez
Karysa Alafita	Jacob Paxson	Morgan Hawk	Yosef Forney	Nathaniel Mayle
Nathaniel Allen	Taylor Pemberton	Olivia Henry	Connor Frost	Dillon McDiarmid
Maddison Baacke	Alayna Pemberton	Emma Hershey	Benjamin Gedeon	Amber Meadows
Leah Ballenger	Jersey Relford	Haley A. Hoffman	Eric Gedeon	Kayla Meadows
Gaven Bauer	Jordan Relford	Bianca Hrynciw	Mikayla Glaspy	Jaycie Tate
Elida Berger	Alexandria Rellinger	Trey Ickes	Deryante Hardin	Clarissa Mendoza
Brenton Bliss	Evan Rosenberger	Kirsten Kaple	Angelique Hardin	Ivan Miller
Audrey Blott	Kaleb Rosenberger	Kaity Kelly	William Taylor	Nash Miller
Morgan Blott	Daniel Rusher	Brandon Kidd	Tyler Thompson	Aaiyah Moreno
Macayla Brewer	Cheyenne Samson	Krista Kidd	Lauren Wagner	Ethan Longoria
Kain Collins	Alex Slemmer	Molli Kosanka	Nolan Weaver	Karli Stearns
Kalyn Collins	Dylan Smith	Austin Kramer	Jala Williamson	Izaak Edgar
Braden Darr	Hailey Stearns	Victoria Kramer	Angelina Wright	
Xavior Decoursey	Alisandra Mejia-Garza	Logan Kropp	Owen Wright	

# Lutz Elementary School February STAFF CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1  	2 PTO Meeting 6:00 pm   Ground Hog Day	3 ICE SAFETY PROGRAM 1:30 pm  First Gr. To Rec. Center for Field Trip	4  	5  
8  	9  	10 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	11 MARKET DAY PICK-UP 6-7:00	12  
15 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY	16  	17  	18  	19 Yearbook Orders due  Cirque Amongus Assembly 2:00 pm One performance for all grades
22  	23  	24  	25  	26 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DAY

From the Library:

Our Scholastic Book Fair in early November was a success for the library thanks to the help of all of those who participated. We made dollar profit of \$1,003.66. That's about \$8.00 less than we made in the spring.

The Lutz library was fortunate to have a memorial donation from the family of Esther Behrens, a Lutz Library volunteer for many years. With the \$250.00 in her memorial the library purchased 51 books from the book fair. We also made an additional \$200.00 in Scholastic dollars that we can use to order books from the Scholastic catalog.

All in all, we did very well.

I would like to thank these wonderful volunteers who donated their time and energy into making the book fair a success: Lora Huff (PTO Chairperson), Angie Dewese, Wendi Paxson, Kelli Havice, Jeri Hrynciw, Leslie Meyer, Kristy Lozano, Shelia Kropp, Emily Longoria, Mrs. Pasch, and Mrs. Frater.  
Mrs. Inks

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