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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

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents,

Although it doesn't feel like it weather wise, it is that time of year when we resume learning at Lutz Elementary School. This will be an exciting year with the opening of the new Fremont Middle School, and the promotion of our sixth graders to the new building.

The arrival and departure of students to the school is always a little crazy the first few weeks of school. Once again I ask that parents please follow the procedure we have outlined on page two of this newsletter; it is the safest and most expedient.

Lutz is once again an Effective School based on the Ohio Department of Education's report card. We are proud to continue with our progress, but we hope to improve even more. We always welcome parents and grandparents who are interested in volunteering to help at the school.

This year we will focus on building a caring community in our school. It is our objective that your children love coming to school each day to learn. As you come in the building throughout the year please let us know how we are doing. In the office you will find a box with a note concerning greetings from staff. Please take the time to place a green dot in the box for YES you were greeted and felt welcome, or a red dot if NO you were not greeted or made to feel welcome. We will hope that the box is only filled with Green Dots!

Mounted on the wall outside of the office, you will see a box that is labeled "Giant Step Award". This is for parents, staff members, and community members to nominate a member of the staff for performing above and beyond for children. We always welcome praise for doing good work.

I look forward to seeing all of you during the present school year. Please feel free to contact me for any concerns. Welcome to a Great Year,

Mrs. Christyl Erickson

Dear Parents,

The weather is hot and humid this time of year. Please allow your children to bring a water bottle to school with them. The classrooms get warm as the day progresses, and in order to utilize all instructional time, we would prefer they have water at their desk if they need a drink. They may refill the water bottle at the water fountains throughout the day if needed. Thank you so much for your help.

If all parents who drop students off on Lutz Street will approach the school from Old Plank Road, they can then swing into the side drive, drop off children and move in the same direction to Buckland Ave. If **EVERYONE** would follow this route, it would eliminate most of the traffic problems on Lutz St. Those parents who choose to park to release children should back out and exit on Buckland Ave. If cars are **not** attempting to make U-turns, or backing across two lanes of traffic, the flow will move much more smoothly. Once again, I need to address the parking at the American Legion. That is private property. The management of the American Legion has been gracious enough to allow us the use of their parking lot. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE FOLLOW THEIR REQUEST TO REMAIN TO THE SIDE OF AND BEHIND THE GREY STORAGE SHED.** The only areas open to school parking are the side (from the grey shed back) and the rear of the building. Parents should also exit from the back of the building to Saner Street. Signs will soon be posted to mark NO SCHOOL PARKING zones; this area is the **ENTIRE FRONT PARKING LOT** of the American Legion. In conclusion **NEVER** drop students off in the cross walk on Buckland Avenue, it is extremely unsafe. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

Make a Difference Club

Mrs. Hassen and Mrs. Fisher will be working with the students to in grades 3-6. Throughout the year, the Make a Difference Club participates in activities that will help the school community and city community. If you have any questions about the work that Make a Difference Club does each year, please contact either of these advisors. We thank them for the time they dedicate to our students each year.

School Fees

Students in grades kindergarten through six have an educational fee of \$35.00. Please make check out to Fremont City Schools. You may send this to school with your child.

School Arrival and Release times

*Student arrival time is 8:40a.m. Parents **may not** drop off students earlier than this time, as there are **no staff members** available for supervision before 8:40a.m. The school day begins at 9:15 a.m. Students are released from school for the day at 3:45p.m. Please make sure there is someone at the school to pick up your children by this time. If you are unable to pick your children up on any given day, please write a note explaining who will be retrieving your children at the end of the day. This is for the protection of your children. I will accept phone calls in an emergency, but would much prefer a hand written note with your signature. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.*

Campus Wear Policy
Has made some minor changes. Please go to the district web site to review the changes, or ask for a copy in the Lutz office.

See handbook page 5

Lutz Water Results
Per EPA requirements, the water at Lutz Elementary School has been tested for copper and lead and found to be at acceptable levels for usage and drinking. If you would like to see the results of the findings, they will be posted in the building at the sites tested.

PTO

PTO meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Lutz gym. All parents are encouraged to attend and participate. The new officers were installed at the August meeting and are ready for a successful year. They will begin the year with the Fall Fund Raiser. The kick-off is Friday, Sept. 2 in the Lutz gym. Students will receive information to take home. We hope you will help with this event as all of the proceeds go directly back to the students' needs at Lutz.

District Required Drills for Fremont City Schools

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 evacuation 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 every day 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 your building principal(s).

Dr. Kimberly Theller

Nurse's Notes

Welcome back to school!

A reminder to Kindergarten parents, updated immunization records need to be turned in at the office. Notification letters will be sent home if you have not turned in your updated records.

If your child needs to take medication at school, a form needs to be completed by your doctor. The forms are available at Lutz School office. If there are any questions or concerns during the school year, please contact me at 419-332-0091.

Sincerely,

Linda Long RN BSN

Certified School Nurse

