

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



## Important Dates

- Sept. 5 No School-Labor Day
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Parade 10:00
- Sept. 6 Preschool First Day
- Sept. 7 Fundraiser Kick Off 3:00
- Sept. 8 PTO 6:00
- Sept. 12 Patriot Day-Wear red, white & blue shirts/uniform bottoms
- Sept. 13 4th Grade Field Trip
- Sept. 13 Watch D.O.G. Pizza Night 6:00 Otis gym
- Sept. 21 Kindergarten Vision Screening
- Sept. 21 Fundraiser orders are due
- Sept. 30 Mariachi Band Assembly 10:00
- Sept. 30 Mid-Terms Go Home

\*\*\*Please remember to check your child's book bag daily for items that should NOT come to school. This includes toys, electronics, weapons, toy weapons, etc. Thank you!



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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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, families! It was wonderful to see so many of you at Open House on Monday, and we've had a great start to the school year so far! Please know that we count it a privilege to educate and support your child. We know you are trusting us with the most precious thing you have, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

**SAFETY:** Safety is a top concern at Otis. You will note that our main doors are only open from 8:45-9:15 a.m. each morning. If you come to the school outside of these hours, you will have to be buzzed in through the front doors. If you are not easily recognizable on our security monitor, you will be asked your name and purpose for visiting. Please do not be offended. Please realize that we must take these steps to be careful about who we are allowing to enter the building. Please use the front lot if you are parking and coming up to the building at either arrival or dismissal. The two-lane circle drive is for moving vehicles only. Utilizing the two-lane drive is the most efficient way to pick-up your child at dismissal. This system allows for the quickest and safest pick-up of your child as he or she will be escorted directly to your car by an adult.

**PBIS:** Otis is starting our fourth year of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, which is a proactive framework to teach expected behaviors and encourage students to take responsibility for their own actions. This week, your students rotated through eight different stations in which expected behavior was taught for each area of our school. When students are routinely being safe, responsible and respectful at school, these efforts will be acknowledged in lots of fun ways throughout the year.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** I'd like to invite you to our first PTO meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Otis Library. PTO meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. We'd love to have you.

**CALLING ALL MEN:** Our Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza kick-off night is Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Come to learn more and sign-up to be a WATCH D.O.G. this school year. If you are unable to make the event, call or stop-in to the office to learn more.

Lastly, I'd like to give you my contact information. I can be reached during school hours at (419) 332-8964 or by e-mail at [bryantL@fremontschools.net](mailto:bryantL@fremontschools.net) Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do for you. It is a pleasure serving your family, and I am looking forward to a terrific year!

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

# Welcome New Staff

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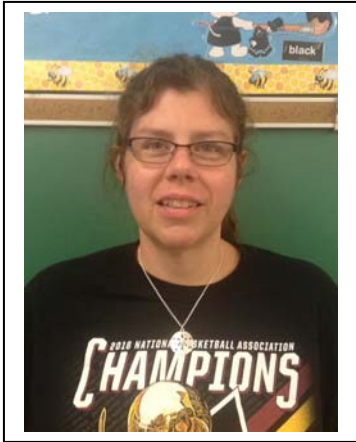
Mr. Mayle



Ms. Schoonover



Mrs. Moyer



Mrs. Zellner



Miss Raifsnider



Miss Billow



Miss Crowl



Miss Lindemann



Mrs. Covert

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**Responsibility** is the word of the month for September. Children need to remember they are in control of their choices. If you make a mistake, take ownership and correct it. Taking responsibility for one's actions is part of being a good student and citizen. We can provide encouragement along the way to show support. Please talk about to your child about the importance of making responsible choices to keep our minds and bodies healthy. "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." -- Theodore Roosevelt

*Here are some ways to teach responsibility at home:*

- Give age appropriate chores i.e. setting the table, helping with dinner, making his/her bed, taking out the trash.
- Make your child responsible for packing and unpacking their backpack each night.
- Your child should be responsible for completing homework. You can help if needed, but without doing it for him/her.
- Set the expectation that your child picks up his/her things when done playing.
- Set behavior expectations and hold your child accountable for his/her actions. Consequences or rewards should be followed through. It might not seem like it, but they want and need to be held accountable.

☺ Mrs. Hatfield

Professional School Counselor

Welcome back to a new school year! Students are in school to learn and build skills for future careers. Do you know what career your child wants when he/she grows up? Talk with your student about how what he/she is learning now can get him/her started on a career path. Help your student be successful by getting him/her to school on time, setting study times, and demonstrating a strong work ethic. Remember, elementary school is the foundation for future success!

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HEARING and VISION SCREENINGS

Vision and hearing are very important for learning and development. It is important to screen students for any deficits. In the next few months, kindergarten, first, third and fifth graders will be screened for vision and hearing problems. If any problems are found, a letter will be sent home. If there are questions, please call the school office.

Thank you,  
L. Long RN

Birchard Public Library

**The BFG and Friends**

Kindergarten – 6th grade

Saturday, September 24

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register

**Read Aloud Book Clubs**

Kindergarten – 4th grade

4:30 – 5:00 Wednesdays 10/19 – 11/30

5th & 6th grades

4:30 – 5:00 Tuesdays 10/18 – 12/13

PTO Meetings

PTO meets in the Otis Library at

6:00 p.m.

Sept. 8

Oct. 13

Nov. 10

Dec. 8

Jan. 12

Feb. 9

March 9

April 20

May 18

We'd love for you to join us.



PBIS

Students at Otis took a few minutes out of each day this week to learn about the PBIS expectations of the district. They learned how to be respectful, safe and responsible in each area of the school. Students were placed into small groups and taught the expectations of each area. Pictured are fifth graders being terrific role models for their peers and second graders learning to be respectful, safe and responsible in the cafeteria.

