

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS



## OTIS ELEMENTARY

### Important Dates

- April 10 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 11 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 12 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 12 PTO 6:00
- April 13 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 13 Men With Manners Meeting
- April 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 18 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. ELA Test
- April 18 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip
- April 19 Make A Difference Club
- April 24 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Test
- April 25 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Test
- April 26 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Test
- April 26 Kinder Kick Off - 6:00 p.m.
- April 27 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Test
- April 27 Kindergarten Field Trip
- April 27 Mid-Terms Go Home
- April 28 10:00 Storybook Festival
- May 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math Test
- May 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math Test
- May 3 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science Test
- May 3 Make A Difference Club
- May 4 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science Test
- May 7 Mobile Dentist
- May 9 Mad Cap Assembly 2:30
- May 10 Title I Family Night 5:30
- May 14 **No School-Professional Day**
- May 15 All City Orchestra @FMS 7:00
- May 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- May 17 Make A Difference Club
- May 17 PTO 6:00
- May 18 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Rec. Center
- May 22 3-5 Academic Awards Night  
By Invitation Only – 6:30 p.m.
- May 23 Etiquette Lunch
- May 25 Color Run
- May 28 No School-Memorial Day
- May 29 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
- May 30 Spelling Bee
- June 1 Color Run Rain Date
- June 4 Movie Day “Sing”
- June 5 Last Day of School

Dear Parents,

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in Ohio’s State Tests starting in April after Spring Break. All tests will be given over two days, and each testing session is 90 minutes long. This is the second year that all elementary state tests will be taken online, and this has gone very smoothly. Students are very accustomed to testing online at this point, as they use Chromebooks regularly in classrooms. A complete testing schedule is listed to the left. Practice tests can be accessed by going to ODE’s web site ([education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov)) and typing “practice AIR tests” in the search box. If you have questions about any of the testing, please contact me at 419-332-8964. I’d be happy to talk to you about any concerns you might have.

Many of you already know, but I wanted to let you know that I have accepted the position as the new principal of Old Fort Elementary for next school year. This has been a very difficult decision for me as I have absolutely loved my time here at Otis. I take with me many wonderful memories and will always cherish the people I have come to love here in Fremont. I do not yet know my replacement, but am confident that the district will put a very capable and strong leader here at Otis to carry on the many wonderful things that we have going on. I will continue through June as planned, and your new principal will take over in early August.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

Ohio State Testing begins at Otis on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students have been busy learning all of the different material that they might see on the test. They have also been taking practice tests on the computer to help with learning all of the different tools that can be used since the test is given on the computer instead of paper/pencil. It's important that the students are familiar with the testing site so that they are able to focus more on the questions that are asked and how they have to go about answering the questions. Make sure that your student is eating a good breakfast, getting plenty of sleep, and is arriving to school on time the day of their scheduled test. Good luck to everyone that is testing!



**Honor Roll – 3rd Nine Weeks**

Ava Adkins	Kamari Alridge
Valeria Andres	Noah Babcock
Elizabeth Below	Violet Boonie
TaeDen Brown	Tallon Brown
Kenneth Collins	Imajah Elkins
Madison Gurley	Austin Halbisen
Morgan Harris	Braydon Jenkins
Alannah Johnson	Anisa Killian
Alivia Kreilick	Kayla Lewis
Emily Linder	Evan Luc
Elisa Madell	Austin Mattox
Dylan McDonald	Avary Monak
Reagan Myers	Lincoln Ollom
Aryal Patino	Jonathan Peck
Graciela Perez	Haley Polter
Brooklyn Reau	Stephen Reiter
Lilyana Reyes-Rodriguez	Colin Rich
Cayden Rodriguez	James Roth
Bryceton Sabo	Alexzandra Sauseda
Ashlynn Scully	Marcus Shetenhelm
Marieanna Shinkareva-Griffith	
Nickolaus Steigerwald	Lanae' Tucker
Logan Tucker	Jasmine Vittitow
Elizabeth Webb	

**3rd Nine Weeks Perfect Attendance**

Santasia Sabo	Giovanny Garza
Analicia Reyes-Rodriguez	Jenna Madell
Molly McDonald	Gage Babcock
Collinn Ollom	Braydon Sabo
Lilianna Hatfield	Addison Laird
Jocelyn Boltz	Ava Lopez
Lilyana Reyes-Rodriguez	Joseph Horner
Carson Lewis	Colin Rich
Jasmine Vittitow	Iris Burmeister
Evan Luc	Briallen Reau
Adam Wampler	Elisa Madell
Lincoln Ollom	Brooklyn Reau
Elizabeth Below	Kayla Lewis
Jaylee Scherer	Nickolaus Steigerwald
Bryceton Sabo	
Marieanna Shinkareva-Griffith	

**TRUSTWORTHINESS** is the Character Word of the Month for April. Trustworthy people can be counted on to tell the truth, do their own work, and respect other people and their property. People who are trustworthy keep their promises, and can be counted on to do what they are supposed to do even when there is no adult watching.

### Ways to Raise a Trustworthy Child

- Model trustworthiness behavior to your child
- Encourage your child to admit and take responsibility for his or her mistakes and poor choices.
- Encourage your child to keep promises and get the job done
- Discuss how your child feels when (s)he is relying on somebody who lets him/her down, and remind your child that others are relying on him/her in the same way.

The Character Word of the Month for **May** is **CITIZENSHIP**. A person of character does his or her share, helps the community, plays by the rules, and respects authority and the law. Good citizens actively participate in their school, home, and community. Being a good citizen means treating everyone with kindness and respect, following the rules, and being responsible for your actions.

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP

- At school, students should put forth appropriate effort, take care of their things, and follow the rules.
- At home, students should take care of their things, follow directions, and help out.
- Students should get involved and volunteer. Volunteering can be done at home, school, and in the community. It's as easy as volunteering to set the table for dinner, or petting lonely dogs and cats at the Humane Society!

It is not too early to start saving for college or postsecondary training now. There are many ways to make college affordable. Even the smallest savings add up if set aside regularly over a long period of time. Explore setting up an Ohio 529 College Savings Plan with your financial institution. Visit [www.collegeadvantage.com](http://www.collegeadvantage.com) for more information. Career Chat: How do students pay for college? What is the difference between a loan and scholarship? What can you do now to make college more affordable when the time comes?

PTO Meetings  
PTO meets in the Otis  
Library  
6:00 p.m.  
April 12  
May 17

We'd love for you to join us.



We welcome Mr. Wooten to Otis. Mr. Wooten is the school counselor here at Otis and Hayes until Mrs. Hatfield returns.

\*\*\*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!

Being college and career ready doesn't just mean getting good grades. Most colleges and companies are looking for well-rounded people, with skills outside of academia. Extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, scouts, and volunteer work are just some of the activities that can help your child be college and career ready. Career Chat: What are colleges looking for? What is a resume?



Take a Reading Road Trip  
Family Night  
Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 6:30



From the Atlantic to the Pacific, our week will be terrific!

We will be discovering famous landmarks across the USA.

Take time to talk to your child about places in America you've traveled to or would like to travel to. During the week of May 7th - 11th, talk to your child about the various destinations Cardy has traveled. We look forward to seeing you at our family night!



Make A Difference Club Food Drive

April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Help Fill The Box!



Summer is coming and the Sandusky County Food Pantry is in need of our help and generosity.

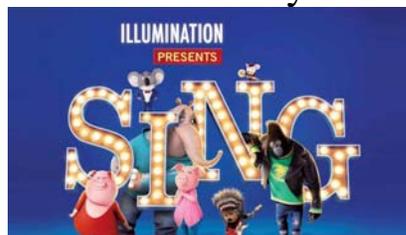
The Otis Make A Difference Club will be holding our annual Food Drive for the Sandusky County Food Pantry, April 16-20, 2018.

We are trying to beat our last year total of 2571 non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. There will be a friendly competition between grades to see who can bring in the most items. The grade that brings in the most items will be rewarded with a class ice cream party.

The food pantry is looking for non-expired: peanut butter, canned meats, soups, pastas, rice, cereal, breakfast foods, canned vegetables, beans, fruits, fruit juices, boxed meals, boxed desserts, paper products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and body wash.

Please help those in need here in Sandusky County. We appreciate your support during this event. Thank you!

June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Movie Day



Students can bring a pillow and blanket as we enjoy "Sing" Can the singing competition save the theater? Let's find out!

Birchard Public Library

Recycled Crafts!

Grade K – 6

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Turn old junk into something useful and fun.

Call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.

KinderNight  
April 26  
6:00 p.m.  
Otis Elementary

This night is for students who have registered for Kindergarten for the 2018/19 school year. If you still need to register a student, please call 419-334-5436.

## FACTS ABOUT THE RENEWAL INCOME TAX (1.25%) LEVY

On May 8, 2018, Fremont City Schools will ask the Fremont community to vote on the **RENEWAL** Income Tax Levy.

- ✓ Passage of the **RENEWAL** Income Tax Levy **will NOT increase taxes.**
- ✓ This 1.25% income tax generates \$7.75 million per year and makes up 19% of the District's total revenue.
- ✓ These monies are used to pay day-to-day operating expenses of Fremont City Schools.
- ✓ This **RENEWAL** is necessary to maintain the District's current services and programs for our students.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Will this **RENEWAL** Income Tax Levy increase my taxes?

*No.* This is a **RENEWAL** levy. **No increase.**

### 2. Who pays the **RENEWAL** Income Tax?

All Fremont City School District residents pay the 1.25% income tax through employer withholdings, individual quarterly estimated payments or annual returns.

### 3. Why is the levy on the ballot now and what is the length/duration of the **RENEWAL** Income Tax?

This 1.25% income tax was **RENEWED** in November 2012 for five years and will expire in December 2018. In order to maintain the current services and programs for our students for another five years, the support of the community is needed.



## QUESTIONS?

Contact Jon Detwiler, FCS Superintendent at 419-334-5432 or [detwilerj@fremontschools.net](mailto:detwilerj@fremontschools.net)

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