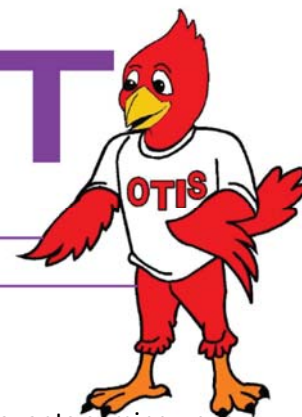


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OTIS ELEMENTARY



Important Dates

- Dec. 5 4th Gr. Field Trip
- Dec. 5-8 Santa Shop
- Dec. 7 Make A Difference Club
- Dec. 8 Men With Manners Meeting
- Dec. 14 PTO 6:00
- Dec. 15 Ice Skating 1, 2, 4 & 5
- Dec. 19 Ice Skating K & 3
- Dec. 19 Winter Program 6:30
2nd Grade and Choir
- Dec. 21 Whole School Field Trip to
Movie Theater
- Dec. 21 Make A Difference Club

Winter Break

December 22 – January 5

- Jan. 8 Grade Cards Go Home
- Jan. 9 Year Book Sale Begins
- Jan. 11 PTO 6:00
- Jan. 12 Men With Manners Meeting
- Jan. 15 No School
- Jan. 18 Make A Difference Club
- Jan. 30 2nd Grade Field Trip

***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,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Noteworthy events coming up in December include the well-loved Santa Shop that will run between Dec. 5-8, the PTO meeting on Dec. 14th and our Christmas Program featuring the Otis Choir and our second grade students on Dec. 19th at 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS: We will be taking all K-5 students at Otis to the Rec Center in December for ice skating, floor hockey and other fun winter activities. This field trip is being supported by proceeds raised from our Color Run, which we intended to support physical fitness events. Additionally, we will be going to the Fremont Cinema the day before Christmas break to enjoy "The Polar Express" as a whole school. This field trip is our PBIS reward for December and is intended for students without office referrals this month. Students are welcome to wear pajamas on this day, but must have normal shoes for the trip. Slippers can we worn while here at school.

THE "24 HOUR" RULE: Flu season is here, and we've had lots of kids out sick or sent home with colds and flu lately. Please remember that we have a "24 Hour" rule when deciding whether or not to send your child to school. This means that you should keep your child home until his/her temperature has been normal and they have gone without vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours. So, if your child goes home from school sick, they should remain home the following day. This not only protects your child, but the health of all their classmates as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

MCTEACHER NIGHT: Thank you to all of the families who came out to support us at McTeacher Night on Tuesday. We earned approximately \$400 during those two hours to support PTO and our kids. It was a fun time for both the staff and families!

COLOR RUN: After hosting such an amazing event last Spring, we have decided to make this an annual tradition for as long as we can at Otis. We are getting committees organized and could use help with our fundraising effort for the 2018 Color Run scheduled for the end of May. This event cost roughly \$3,500 to host last year and was supported entirely by community donations. If you are interested in helping at all with planning and preparation, please call Mrs. Bryant at 419-332-8964 or email Mr. Schwartz at Schwartz@fremontschools.net. Thanks so much for your consideration!

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura E. Bryant

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

The Make a Difference Club had a penny war to support the united way during the week of November 6-10. Students were able to bring in pennies to give their grade level positive pounds, but they were also able to bring in silver coins to sabotage other grade level with negative pounds. The whole school collected 287 pounds of coins. The winners of the penny war were Kindergarten with 38 total positive pounds! They were rewarded with a pizza party that they enjoyed on November 21st. Congratulations Kindergarten!



Caring is the word of the month for December. Having caring and thoughtful students creates a caring classroom that will enhance the learning environment. Since younger children are developmentally focused on themselves, it is important that empathy and compassion are taught and modeled at school and home.

Ways to Raise a Caring Child

- Teach and model empathy (putting yourself in someone else's shoes and understanding how someone else might feel).
- Donate your time or things you don't use and include your child.
 - i.e. rake an elderly neighbor's leaves or have your child donate some old toys
- Acknowledge and listen to others who are talking.
- Teach your child to share, take turns, and be a good sport.
- Use manners like please, thank you and excuse me regularly.
- Treat others with respect. Kids practice what is modeled.
- Compromise and solve problems peacefully.
- Keep good hygiene to shows self-care.

In January, we highlight the character trait, **FAIRNESS**. A person of character is fair and impartial. Model treating others fairly and not judging others by the outside, but get to know their character on the inside. It is also important to teach our child some things in life might not seem fair. Listen to how your child feels when (s)he is upset about something that has been seen as unfair. This conversation can become a great teachable moment about life especially in times of conflict.

Role-play Fair Ways to Settle Conflicts:

- voting
- using rock, paper, scissors
- flipping a coin
- taking turns

Homework is a time for students to practice skills learned at school and share knowledge with parents. Having a homework routine helps students to see school as important and develop responsible study habits.

Try these things: Establish a set time for homework every night, turn off TVs and cell phones and eliminate other distractions, and help your child check his/her homework to be sure it is done correctly. Career Chat: What are some important character traits for being a successful worker (hard worker, responsible, punctual)?

The start of a new year is a great time to help your child set some goals for the coming year. Setting goals gives students a purposeful direction and achieving goals creates motivation to continue learning and working hard. Help your student set some goals about behavior, time management or schoolwork and then celebrate successes when goals are achieved. Career Chat: What is your child's career goal? What steps can he/she take to achieve it?

PTO Meetings PTO meets in the Otis

Library
6:00 p.m.
Dec. 14
Jan. 11
Feb. 8
March 8
April 12
May 17

We'd love for you to join us.



STRONG
CHARACTER

Holiday Happenings Birchard Public Library December 21-January 6

Holiday BINGO

December 21 - January 6

Complete 5 activities in a row on the BINGO card, and win a small prize.
Last day to claim a prize is Saturday, January 6.

Boredom Busters!

December 21- January 6

Join us in the children's area for jigsaw puzzles, coloring pages, board games and crafts.
No registration needed!

LEGO Challenge

Thursday, December 21

4:30-5:45pm

Start your holiday off right with our regular LEGO program.
We supply the blocks, just bring your imagination!

Hello 2018!

Friday, December 29

10am-3pm

We'll have crafts and activities to help you usher in the New Year.
Drop in to the children's area any time from 10am - 3 pm.

BLOCK PARTY

Wednesday, January 3

10 am-3pm

The LEGOS and all of our building blocks will come out for a fun family building party.
No registration needed, just drop in to the library's meeting room.

October
Student of the Month

Alexander Rich

Alexander is a student in Miss Merrill's kindergarten class.

He likes kick ball, swimming and basketball. He would like to be a fireman when he grows up.

Congratulations A.J.!

November
Student of the Month

Madison Wagner

Madison is a student in Mrs. Costilla's first grade class.

She likes cheerleading, mini golf and playing in trees.

Congratulations Madison!

December
Student of the Month

Collinn Ollom

Collinn is a student in Mrs. Axe's second grade class.

He likes playing soccer, board games and tag.

Congratulations Collinn!

January
Student of the Month

Lilyana Reyes-Rodriguez

Lilyana is a student in Mrs. Hanudel's third grade class.

She likes soccer, softball and listening to music.

Congratulations Lilyana!

Leadership Team

The following students were chosen for the Otis Leadership Team due to their exemplary behavior and great character.

Eloy Brito

Violet Boonie
Roman Meza

Austin Halbisen

Stephen Reiter

Makayla Ortmann

Lanae' Tucker