

FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



Important Dates

Oct. 3&4 Grade Five Cogat Testing
Oct. 5 **No School-Professional Day**
Oct. 9&10 Grade Five IOWA Testing
Oct. 12 **PICTURE DAY**
Oct. 12 PTO 6:00
Oct. 13 Box Tops Collection
Oct. 16-20 Book Fair Week
Oct. 18 **Grandfriends Day**
Oct. 19 Make A Difference Club
Oct. 20 **Fundraiser Pick Up 3:45**
Oct. 24&25 Grade 3 OST Testing
Oct. 27 Costume Parade to Bethesda
Oct. 31 Parent/Teacher Mtgs. p.m.
Nov. 2 Parent/Teacher Mtgs. p.m.
Nov. 3 No School for Students
Parent/Teacher Mtgs. All Day
Nov. 6 Mobile Dentist
Nov. 9 PTO 6:00
Nov. 16 Picture Retake Day
Nov. 16 Make A Difference Club
Nov. 17 Mid Terms Go Home
Nov. 22 – 24 NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING BREAK

***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!

Dear Parents,

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month at Otis with several different activities. Students have enjoyed the special bulletin boards, games, activities and food treats.

HOMECOMING: Make-a-Difference Club members will be marching in the Homecoming parade on October 20th. Any student who is not in Make-a-Difference Club is welcome to join us. Parade line-up is at 5:45 p.m. at Ross High School. Students must be accompanied by an adult. All parade participants will enter the Ross Homecoming football game for free.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS: Third grade will take the Ohio State Test in Reading on October 24-25th. All students in grades 3-5 will test in April as well.

HALLOWEEN: We will hold all of our Halloween festivities on Friday, October 27th at Otis. This will entail the Spooky Lunch, costume parade to Bethesda and classroom parties. More details will be sent home in the coming weeks, but I just wanted you to have this date for your calendars.

PLANNING FOR LEARNING: As a school, we make lots of plans. We plan for safety, daily lessons and even create an inside recess plan each year. However, no plan is more important than planning for learning. This is done on a building-wide level through a document called our Building Plan. This plan allows us to set achievement goals and outlines the steps we will take to get there. Our plan this year entails several action steps that are customized to the needs of Otis. The Building Leadership Team is finalizing the details of the plan now, which I will share with you in upcoming newsletters.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

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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New Faces at Otis



Miss Hampton – Student Teacher



Miss Herrick – Student Teacher



Miss Swary – Student Teacher



Mrs. Schermer – Student Teacher

Box Tops
 Our first Box Tops Collection of the year will be October 13th. Students should turn in their Box Tops to their teachers. Thank You!



Mobile Dentist
 The Smile Ohio-Mobile Dentist is coming to Otis on November 6th. This preventive dental care program offers examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays and sealants. The Smile Program provides care to everyone and offers financial assistance if needed. All participants receive a toothbrush. Watch for the permission forms being sent home. If you have questions, please call 419-332-8964.

Grandfriends Day
 Wednesday, Oct. 18th
 Book Fair & Lunch

Talented and gifted students are studying the theory of flight with Mrs. Durell. They are looking at how weight can play into the amount of distance that an airplane will travel. Students made paper airplanes and tested what would happen when there was no weight on the plane, weight added to the front of the plane and weight added to the back of the plane. They then used the tiles on the floor to either add or multiply to figure out the distance that the plane traveled each time. Students compared the distance to see where the weight had to be for the airplane to travel the farthest distance.



Responsibility is the word of the month for October. Each individual is responsible for his/her choices. It is important to teach kids to be responsible at a young age so they become accountable for their actions. No one is perfect, but developing habits of responsibility will create self-sufficient adults and community citizens.

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week this month. Students will have the opportunity to do make a responsible choice and pledge to a healthy, drug free life. Please talk about to your child about the importance of making responsible choices to keep our minds and bodies healthy.

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. You can supervise.
- Make your child responsible for completing his/her homework. You can help if needed, but without doing it for him/her.
- Set the expectation that your child cleans up him/herself.
- 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.

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Professional School
Counselor

Halloween
Costume Parade
To Bethesda
Friday
October 27th

Student must bring a costume that they can independently get on.
No costumes with weapons of any kind.
No make up.



Fundraiser Orders
Pick Up
Friday, Oct. 20
3:45

The word of the month for November is **Work Ethic**. A strong work ethic means always trying your best. Having a strong work ethic gives a sense of pride. This helps you be successful in school and in a career or job. Remember the most successful people are not always the smartest, but those who keep trying and never give up.

Ways to Show a Strong Work Ethic

- Do your homework with your best effort and turn it in on time.
- Focus and listen in class
- Study for tests
- At home, do your chores the way they should be done and without someone reminding you over and over again.
- Set goals and accomplish them.
- Take time when completing a task and don't rush just to get it done.

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PTO Meetings
 PTO meets in the Otis Library
 at 6:00 p.m.
 Oct. 12
 Nov. 9
 Dec. 14
 Jan. 11
 Feb. 8
 March 8
 April 12
 May 17

We'd love for you to join us.



One major way to help your child to be successful is to support positive reading habits. At a small age, reading helps develop vocabulary, so talk and look at books with your child from the time he or she is an infant. Point out words on signs to preschoolers. For elementary children, spend 20 minutes a day reading or having your child read to you. Older students should read on their own daily, but often still enjoy listening to adults read. For variety, visit a public library for books and magazines or buy a newspaper or comic book. **Career Chat questions:** What is a degree? Do all careers require 4 year of college? It is important to remember intelligence is not fixed, especially in children. Effort and persistence when facing challenges are important characteristics of a successful student. Help your children develop a growth mindset by telling your child, "smart is not what you are; smart is what you work to become." Praise your child's efforts, not just successes! Say things such as: "I like how you kept at that math assignment, even though it was hard." Career Chat questions: What is something you would like to learn about? Share what you learned in school that is important to you now.

Sincerely, Mrs. Hatfield
 Professional School Counselor

CEP Requirements

We encourage all elementary students to participate in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This program allows students to have breakfast and lunch free of charge. Students must meet the nutritional requirements of the program set forth by the USDA. At breakfast, students must take 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable and at least two other items. At lunch, students must take at least 3 items with one of those items being a fruit or vegetable. If students chose not to eat a component of their meal, they may place that item on the share table so long as the item is sealed. Items that do not meet program requirements will be charged individually. For example, if a student chooses to only take milk without two other components at lunch, he/she will be charged \$.35.

Birchari Public Library – Fremont
Captain Underpants
 Saturday, October 28th
 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
 Grades K – 6th

Tra La La! Join us for a Captain Underpants Program! We will have cool crafts (create your own comic book) and gross games (underwear slinging) plus more, as we celebrate literature's silliest superhero! (We will not be viewing the movie)

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

Family Game Day
 Saturday, November 18th
 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 Grades K – 6th

Celebrate International Games day at your library with a wide selection of board games!

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

LEGO Challenge
 Thursday, October 19th
 Thursday, November 16th
 4:30 – 6:00 pm
 Grades K – 6th

Drop in and bring your imagination. We'll supply the LEGOS.

Build as a group or on your own. Creations will be on display each month to allow patrons to vote for their theme favorite. Prizes will be awarded.

No registration is required.

Ruff and Ready Readers
 Mondays, October 9th & 23rd
 Mondays, November 13th & 27th
 4 – 5 pm

Dogs are great listeners! Sign up for a 10-minute slot to read to the dog.

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

Tween Anime
 Thursday, October 5th
 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Grades 4 – 6th

No school? Come to the library to hang out with fellow Anime Fans and watch a few episodes of a series!

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

Friday, November 3rd
 10:00 am – Noon
 Grades K – 6th

No school? Why not spend a relaxing morning watching a variety of cartoons and eating breakfast cereal? Come in your pajamas and bring a comfy pillow if you like.

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