

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



## Important Dates

- Aug. 31 First Day of Kindergarten
- Sept. 4 No School – Labor Day
- Sept. 5 Preschool First Day
- Sept. 6 Fundraiser Kick Off
- Sept. 12 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Sept. 14 PTO Meeting 6:00
- Sept. 19 Fundraiser Orders Due
- Sept. 19 Watch DOGS Pizza Night 6:00
- Sept. 20 Kindergarten Vision Screening
- Sept. 29 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,

I am excited to welcome you back to another amazing school year. Your child will grow both academically and socially over these next ten months, and we count it a privilege to walk with your child on this leg of their journey. We know that 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 fifth 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 have learned about what's expected in each area of our school. A letter will be coming home soon explaining our PBIS system and the changes we are implementing for this school year.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** I'd like to invite you to our first PTO meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 14<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 join us.

**CALLING ALL MEN:** Our Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza kick-off night is Tuesday, September 19<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

New Faces at Otis



Miss Grubb - Kindergarten



Mrs. Johnson - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Mrs. Bemis - Intervention



Mrs. Foos - Para



Ms. Dockery - Para



Ms. Hiser - Para



Mrs. Faist - Para



Mrs. Schroeder - Para



Mrs. Hibbler - Custodian

# STRONG CHARACTER



Mrs. Shull - Para



Mrs. Rakey - Para



Mrs. Kelly - Speech



Miss Hossenlopp – Student Teacher



Miss Rhodes – Student Teacher

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Each school year is an opportunity to help your child become college and/or career ready. Each month, in the College and Career Corner, there will be tips for helping your child on his/her career path. This school year, try to talk about college or careers for 5 minutes a day. Over 180 school days, that will be 15 hours that each student has gotten to learn or ask questions about their future! Start your career chat today with these questions: What is college? Do you know anyone who is attending or has attended college

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hatfield  
Professional School Counselor

**PTO Meetings**  
PTO meets in the Otis Library  
at 6:00 p.m.

- Sept. 14
- Oct. 12
- Nov. 9
- Dec. 14
- Jan. 11
- Feb. 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 17

We'd love for you to join us.

Watch D.O.G.S.  
Pizza Night  
Tuesday  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Birchard Public Library – Fremont**  
**Leaf Art**

**Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 – 11:30 am**  
*Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.*

**Birchard Public Library – Fremont**  
**Captain Underpants**

**Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
*Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.*

**Birchard Public Library – Fremont**  
**LEGO Challenge**

**Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**4:30 – 6:00 pm**  
**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*No registration is required.*

**Birchard Public Library – Fremont**  
**Ruff and Ready Readers**

**4 – 5 pm**  
**Mondays, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mondays, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Dogs are great listeners!*  
**Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register for a ten-minute slot.**

**Birchard Public Library – Fremont**  
**Tween Anime**

**Grades 4 – 6**  
**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 – 5:00 pm**  
**Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.**

**RESPECT** is the word of the month for September. This aligns with our three PBIS rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Being respectful creates a productive learning environment and helps students learn what it takes to be great citizens.

**10 Ways to Show Respect:**

- Listen to others without interrupting
- Wait patiently for a turn
- Follow adult directions quickly and calmly
- Keep hands, feet and objects to him/herself
- Clean up after him/herself
- Use only kind words
- Include others
- Problem solve peacefully
- Handle strong emotions in a safe manner
- Always try his/her best
  
- Mrs. Hatfield, Professional School Counselor

**HEARING and VISION SCREENINGS**

Hearing and vision 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