

Mission: The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.

FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



Important Dates

- Feb. 1 Chess Club 3:30
- Feb. 1 Papa Murphy Night
- Feb. 2 Grade 3 Gifted Trip
- Feb. 3 Ice Safety Assembly
- Feb. 5 T-shirt Orders Due
- Feb. 9 Grade 4 Gifted Trip
- Feb. 10 PTO 6:00
- Feb. 12 Movie Night 7:00
- Feb. 15 No School-Presidents Day
- Feb. 16 Grade 5 Gifted Trip
- Feb. 18 Grade 6 Field Trip
- Feb. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Oratorical Contest 6:30 p.m.
Tech Center Lecture Lab
- Feb. 19 Yearbook Orders Due
- Feb. 19 Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 19 Mid-Terms Go Home
- Feb. 23 Grade 6 Gifted Trip
- Feb. 26 No School-Professional Day

From the Principal

Dear Family and Friends,

Hello from the hallways of Otis! We are excited to be in the second semester of the school year. We have accomplished so much in the first half of the year. We are now moving into the next phase that will take us up to the Ohio Achievement Test and into the fourth quarter. We will continue to work hard everyday.

We continue to work on our circle drive dismissal. Thank you for your continued support and patience. I think we will have more success if we could revisit a few key items:

1. Please pull your car up as far as you can to load your children.
2. Remember to put your name card in the dashboard so that we can quickly identify you.
3. Remind your children to be "watching and listening" so that they are ready when you are.
4. You must turn right out of the drive onto Brush Street.

Together we can put every child safely in a car. Thank you for your continued support!

See you around Otis,

Congratulations!

Nathan Willis
Student of the Month



the difference
I can make.

Keep saving those Box Tops and sending them in! Write your name on the back of the box top to be entered to win a prize.

Congratulations to Mr. Plaunt's

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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STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Oakley Alliman | Adyana Cleckley | Daniel Gerwin | Jennifer Guerrero |
| Gage Koenig | Janaja Liggins | Emily Morris | Lane Plant |
| Trinity Rodriguez | Alerik Scully | Matthew Shondell | Berlin Swaisgood |
| Araya Swinehart | Dalton Warwick | Gabriel Witt | Annora Balduff |
| Jacob Barnes | Amy Bocanegra | Madisyn Brown | Reece Crawford |
| Joshua Deluca | Aaron Dorobek | Kyle Fooss | Lillian Gonzalez |
| Corey Grove | Michelle Hang | Savannah Krueger | Jenny Ou |
| Alison Rupp | Sean Thurston | Tylin Alliman | Kirstyn Bennett |
| Jose Chavez | Miguel Chavez | Edward Dorobek | Alex Federico |
| Christian Garcia | Brendan Leibold | Christopher Lippert | Tiffany Peck |
| Carianne Smith | Boston Swaisgood | Micaela Vargas | Summer Wagner |
| Dylan Witt | Sheldon Arndt | Kendra Buchele | Walker Cooper |
| Lauren Federico | Kayla Foos | Kirsten Haase | Amelia Jackson |
| Bryce LeJeune | Olivia Lockhart | Emily Ou | Dejsha Pettiford |
| Victoria Toeppe | Addyson Waldo | Darrion Walker | Julia Zucker |

“Shining Stars” 2nd Nine Weeks

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| Dorian Brown | Deven Keim | Garrett Schneider | Ivy Soler |
| Barbara Weichman | Destiny Mominee | Natori Jones | Victoria Pollock |
| Davion Anderson | Hunter Tolman | Diarriah Chapman | Angel Cruz |
| Savannah Endicott | Xavier Michael | Gabriel Rangel | Samantha Smith |
| Michael Ertle | Whitney Huffman | Matthew Moore | Austin Risner |
| Adrianna Slappey | Angel Vargas | Sierra Elarton | Elayna Ackerman |
| Chelsey Benton | Allyson Brown | Jacob Brunthaver | Jared Filby |
| McKenna Heidelberg | | Stephanie Keck | |

NURSE'S NOTES

February is Dental Health Month which is a reminder of how important it is to take care of our teeth. Daily brushing, cleaning between teeth with floss, and seeing a dentist are the most effective way to prevent tooth decay.

Dentists recommend child-size tooth brushes with soft, rounded bristles, to protect delicate gum tissue. Children should use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and spit out any remaining toothpaste when they are done brushing.

Fluoride is a mineral that helps strengthen tooth enamel and protects teeth from the acid producing bacteria that leads to plaque deposits.

Flossing helps remove plaque from around the teeth where brushing misses and keeps teeth and gums healthy by preventing gum diseases like gingivitis and periodontitis.

Children should visit the dentist every six months or as recommended by the dentist. The dentist will examine the teeth for early signs of decay or other problems. The dental hygienist will clean teeth and if necessary give a fluoride treatment.

Nutritious foods help keep teeth and gums healthy. Each day children should have 4 or more servings of fruits and vegetables, 3-4 servings of bread and cereals, 4 servings of dairy products, and 3 servings of high protein foods, such as meat, fish, eggs, peanut butter, or cheese. Encourage children to eat healthy snacks like raw fruits and vegetables, cheese or yogurt.

Also, remember to replace old tooth brushes every three months. If you have any questions please call 419-332-8964.

Linda Long RN
Otis School Nurse

Mrs. Moran's Fifth Grade Class with their "Martin Luther King, Jr. Traveling Quilt"



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The word of the month for February is **Trustworthiness**. Remember to be a trustworthy person, one is honest, loyal, and reliable. Being honest is not always the easiest route, but it is the right one. Not to mention that it is always harder to cover up a lie with another lie. Trustworthiness is a good character trait that will help our children to become loyal friends, respectful students, good citizens, and future employees. Remember you are a role model for your child and if they see that you are honest and trustworthy they will value this trait too.

Here are some Do's and Don'ts of being Trustworthy

Do - Tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Do - Be sincere.

Do - Stand by and protect your family, friends, school, and country.

Do - Keep secrets of those who trust you and be a good friend.

Do - Stand up for your beliefs, follow your conscience, have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when it's hard.

Do - Build and guard your reputation.

Don't - Lie, cheat, steal, be sneaky, tricky, or be deceptive.

Don't - Betray a trust, let your friends hurt themselves, ask a friend to do anything wrong

Don't - Do things just so others will like you.

Don't - Lose heart or get discouraged if you don't get what you want or fail.

Mrs. Hatfield
Guidance Counselor



6th Grade DARE

The sixth grade students completed their DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes last month. They learned many important life skills that will help them in the future to make wise decisions.

All students wrote essays on how they will utilize what they learned in class to be successful later in their lives. The teachers selected four students that best captured the ideals of DARE to present their essays at their graduation ceremony. They were Darrion Walker, Lauren Federico, Kirsten Haase and Kendra Buchele.

We are proud of all of our DARE graduates!



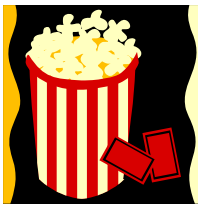
Guidelines for Learning to Spell

- 1. Practice makes permanent.** Each time you spell a word wrong, you're 'practicing' the wrong spelling. So, if you're not sure how to spell the word, find out, *then* practice that spelling.
- 2. Don't try to learn all the words at once.** Even if you learn them all in one sitting, practice them a few at a time. Each time you learn another word, go back and practice the ones you learned before it, because, after all, practice makes permanent.

Sibling Rivalry

The word “sibling” refers to brothers and sisters, and “sibling rivalry” means the competitive feelings and actions that often occur among children in a family. There are things parents can do to try to reduce sibling rivalry.

- Treat each child as an individual. Help children understand that they are treated differently by you and have different privileges and responsibilities because they are different individuals.
- Respect each child’s space, toys, and time when he/she wants to be alone, away from his/her siblings.
- Avoid labeling or comparing one child to the other. This feeds into competitiveness.
- When a new child comes into the family, adequately prepare the older sibling for a new important role. Make your child feel like it’s his/her baby, too.
- Play detective. Watch and note when siblings are not getting along (before dinner, in the car, before bed) and plan separate quiet activities for those times.
- Watch how you treat each child to see if you are contributing to the rivalry. Make sure you are not playing favorites.
- Have realistic expectations of how they should get along, cooperate, share, and like each other. Positively reinforce them when they are getting along or when they solve their own conflicts.
- Make each child feel special and important. Try to spend one-on-one time with each child every day.
- Take time out for yourself to re-energize. Remember, sibling rivalry is a normal and expected part of family life.



Join us for Movie Night!
 Friday, February 12, 2010
 7:00 p.m.—Otis Gymnasium
*Night at the Museum—Battle of
 the Smithsonian*
 \$2.00 per family—pay at the
 door
 An adult must attend with

February is Black History Month!

BIRCHARD PUBLIC LIBRARY
It’s Saturday
 Kindergarten – 4th Grade
 10:00 – 10:45
 February 13th: *Land of the Giants*

Pizza & Pages Club
 5th & 6th Graders
 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
 Monday, February 1st
The Secret of Platform 13

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register
 Or
 Register online at: www.birchard.lib.oh.us

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 10:00 – 10:45
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Pizza & Pages Club
 5th & 6th Graders
 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
 Monday, March 1st
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

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