

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

Jan. 8	Thomas Edison Assembly 2:00
Jan. 13	Mobile Dentist
Jan. 13	PTO 6:00
Jan. 15	1:30 Animal Land/ Money Machine
Jan. 18 & 19	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 22	Grade Cards Go Home



From the Principal

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2010! The staff and students all returned to school with smiles and excitement on January 4th. It was fun to see our friends again and visit for a few minutes before we got back to work.

We earned a \$173.00 at our last Papa Murphy's night in December. Please join us Monday, February 1st for our next Papa Murphy's night. Remember that the store will donate 15% of the entire day's sales to Otis. We provide some volunteers between the hours of 4:00-7:00, and encourage all of our families and friends to have pizza for dinner! Papa Murphy's is located inside Wal Mart. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.

The next few weeks will bring the end of the semester. Now is a good time to check in with your child's teacher to make sure that assignments are caught up. Quarter 2 ends on January 15th and report cards will be going home with students on January 22nd.

See you around Otis,

Congratulations!
Emily Morris
Student of the Month



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

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Language Arts and Math Expectations for January

Kindergarten: Continue to work of learning all letters and sounds, rhyming and retelling a story. Math: Work on counting to 100 for the upcoming 100th day of school. Practice writing and identifying numbers 0-20 to challenge our little learners.

1st Grade: The children are expected to recognize, decode word parts of, and build compound words. At home take 2 different index cards (pink/blue) and put one part of the word on the pink and the other part on the blue. When you have about 10 made, turn both sets over and match the pink word part with a blue word part to make a compound word. If it matches the turn continues, if not, it is the next person's turn. Math The children are expected to add 2 numbers together to get a larger whole number. Purchase or make addition flashcards and use them nightly until the facts are memorized. This skill will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

2nd Grade Create and use graphic organizers such as Venn diagrams and webs. Spell plurals and verb tenses correctly. Math Estimate and measure length.

3rd Grade Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day. Make up sentences using the reading vocabulary words and declare each sentence as true or false. For example: Most trees absorb sunlight through their roots. (false) Math Representing fractions and mixed numbers using words, numerals and physical models. Compare and order commonly used fractions and mixed numbers using number lines, models (such as Fractions circles of bars), points of reference (such as more or less than $\frac{1}{2}$), and equivalent forms using physical or visual models. Practice using and comparing fractions at home – sharing food, cutting a pie or pizza. Ask your child if they would prefer a $\frac{1}{4}$ piece of cake or a $\frac{1}{12}$ piece of cake.

4th Grade Students will be learning how to write a research paper. They will be writing a report on an Ohio county. Student will be learning to recognize cause and effect text structures. Parents can help by pointing out cause/effect relationships that happen in daily life. Math Students will know how to do multi-digit multiplication. Students will also know how to estimate when adding and multiplying. They also need to keep working on the multiplication and division tables.

5th Grade To read and understand a variety of non fiction text. To identify the distinguishing features of a personal narrative. Math Identify and generate equivalent forms of fractions, decimals, and percents.

6th Grade Students will complete the third theme in reading with Storytown and will begin the fourth. They will be working on practice achievement tests to prepare themselves for the OAA test in the spring. Math Develop and analyze algorithms (processes) for computing with fractions and decimals, and demonstrate fluency in their use. Also, determine the percent of a number and solve related problems. For example: find the percent markdown if the original price was \$140.00 and the sale price is \$100.00.

From Food Services -- Meal Balance by Email Notification Authorization Forms

To receive the meal account balance statement by email, please complete the form on the weekly balance letter and return it to school with your child.



The word of the month for January is **Fairness**. People who are fair play by the rules, share, and listen. Practicing the golden rule and treating others the way you want to be treated is equally important. Remember fairness is related to respect, responsibility, and trustworthiness. People who are fair are well liked and have better friendships. Are you fair? Not sure, take the quiz below to find out.

The Am I Fair Quiz?

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| 1. I tell the truth and people trust me. | Yes | No |
| 2. I take responsibility for my actions. | Yes | No |
| 3. I think about other people's feelings. | Yes | No |
| 4. I stay calm even if things don't go my way. | Yes | No |
| 5. I take turns and share. | Yes | No |
| 6. I follow the rules at home and school. | Yes | No |

If you said yes to all of the above, Congratulations you are a Fairness Superstar!
 If you said yes to 4 or more, good start, you are on your way to success!
 If you said yes to 3 or less, keep trying! Don't give up; ask for help if you need to.

Mrs. Hatfield
 Guidance Counselor

Upcoming Support Groups at Stein Hospice

Recovery Riders (ages 7-12) is a FREE bereavement support group.

Time: Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Location: Stein Hospice (Sandusky)
Dates: January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; February 3rd and 10th.

Tough Cookies (ages 7-12) is a FREE support group for children separated from their parents, have parents who are separated or divorced, or have parents who are incarcerated.

Time: Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Location: Stein Hospice (Sandusky)
Dates: February 17th, 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Club USA (ages 7-12) is a FREE support group for children who have a family member who is deployed overseas.

Time: 4-5:30pm
Location: TBA
Dates: Thursdays starting February 18th – April 29th.

The Tough Cookies and Recovery Riders groups are offering support meetings for teenagers (ages 13-17) on Thursdays of those same weeks at 4:00-5:30pm. Please call Hope Seavers at **1-800-625-5269** or **419-625-5269** if you are interested in enrolling your child in any of the above groups.

Remember—Winter is Here



Remember that we have outside recess as long as the temperature/wind chill is 20° or above. Please make sure your child/children are properly dressed for the weather. Hats and gloves are a must and a winter coat to keep them toasty warm!

BIRCHARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's Saturday

Kindergarten – 4th Grade

10:00 – 10:45

Saturday, January 9th: Beach Party

Pizza & Pages Club

5th & 6th Graders

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Monday, January 4th

Room One: A Mystery of Two

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

Register online at: www.birchard.lib.oh.us

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The Secret of Platform 13

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Winter Safety Tips

Welcome winter, and with its arrival the weather may be severe storms, a light dusting of snow or just cold temperatures. Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics to keep children safe and warm.

- Dress in layers of clothing, this creates more warmth because body heat is trapped between each layer, creating air pockets of insulation.
- Wear a hat, body heat maybe lost through the head. The hat should cover the ears, which are easily injured by exposure to cold temperatures.
- Wear a winter weight coat with working buttons, snaps or zippers.
- Mittens are a better choice than gloves because the fingers share body heat, but keep your hands covered to protect them from the cold.
- Boots that are insulated and waterproof will help keep feet warm. Send an extra pair of socks in the book bag in case the feet get wet.

Please remind your children to wear hats, mittens and a winter coat. Recess is outside in the winter months if the temperature is twenty degrees or higher.
REMINDER:

The Mobile Dentist is scheduled for Otis School on January 13. There is still time to turn in your permission form.

The fifth and sixth grade scoliosis screening is scheduled for January 12. A letter to parents regarding this screening is being sent home at the beginning of January.

If there are any questions please call me at 419-332-8964.

Linda Long RN
Otis School Nurse