

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

March 1-5	Book Fair All Week
March 1	Chess Club 3:30
March 2	Pie Event 6:30-8:00
March 2	Gr. 3 Gifted Trip
March 9	Gr. 4 Gifted Trip
March 10	PTO 6:00 p.m.
March 16	Gr. 5 Gifted Trip
March 19	Spring Pictures
April 1	Grade Cards Go Home



From the Principal

Dear Family and Friends,

The month of March will begin with some exciting opportunities for you to be involved at Otis. The Book Fair is scheduled for March 1-5. We will have a 50's dress up day on Tuesday, March 2. You are invited to an evening event on March 2 in the library and cafeteria. There will be several different activities available. You and your child are invited to enjoy some pie in the cafeteria, hear stories, make crafts, and more! Please send in your RSVP!

Last month we began a Chess Club at Otis. Mr. Mowrey donated some after school time and we had 14 students stay and learn to play chess. We will offer Chess Club again on March 1st. If students are interested, please send in the signed permission slip.

We apologize for the inconvenience of spring pictures. We have a new date of March 19th. Remember everyone will have their picture taken. After a few weeks, proofs will be sent home and you can decide what you would like to keep or return.

See you around Otis,

Congratulations!
Samantha Smith
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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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

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STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

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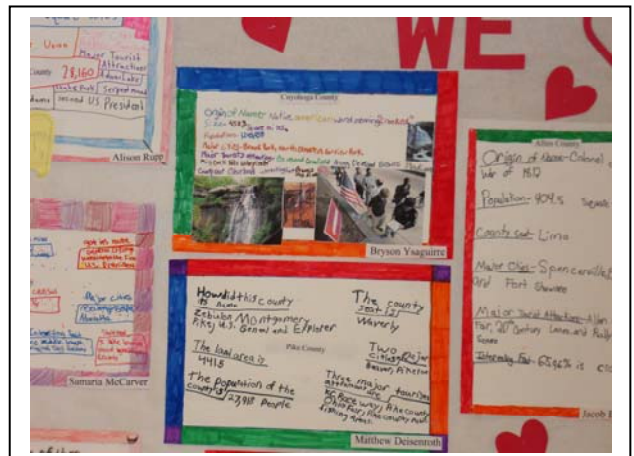
Student Council 2nd Semester
 Darrion Walker Elayna Ackerman
 Dejsha Pettiford Savhana Cousin
 Lauren Federico Kirsten Haase
 Micaela Vargas Sammi Smith
 Tiffany Peck Austin Risner
 McKala Hatt Carianne Smith



Our fourth graders have been hard at work learning about the counties in Ohio. They had to do a report and a poster on the county of their choosing. Below are pictures of some of their hard work!

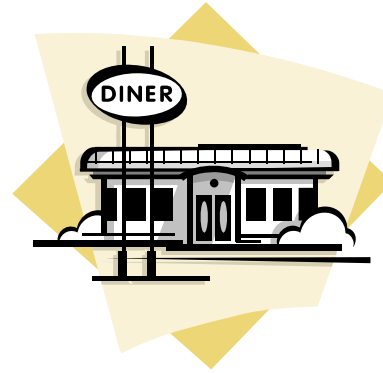


As the pictures above show, Mrs. Fielding's kindergarten class was hard at work celebrating the 100th day of school. They made hats with 100 stars, made 100 day heavenly hash—counting out the ingredients by 10. They also drew pictures of what they think they will look like when they are 100. They also had a visit from Zero the Hero!



Can You Help??????????

Would you like to help out at Otis?
We need you! We need people to be officers on PTO and to help plan and run all of the fun things we do at Otis. We really could use your help. PTO meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00. Please join us. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to



Book Fair March 1st – 5th! Family Night, March 2nd 6:30 – 8:00. Join the Fun!!!!

The word of the month for March is **Work Ethic**. A strong work ethic means that you are a responsible, reliable, hard worker. You are committed to get the job done and you never give up! Giving your child chores at home helps teach responsibility and hard work. It also gives them practice at balancing work, homework, and play to prepare them later on in life. Children learn best through modeling so think about how self-motivated and self-disciplined you are. Remember to let them know no one is perfect.

The work ethic of ants is often admired because they are always busy and go about their work in an orderly fashion. This can teach us many positive things including what it takes to be successful in life. Ants aren't lazy and they don't wait until the last moment to complete their tasks. Students would be smart to model their work ethic after the busy ant. ☺ Mrs. Hatfield

Guidance Counselor

Are you an Ant or a Grasshopper?

One winter day, some ants were drying their store of corn, which had gotten damp during a long spell of rain. Presently, up came the grasshopper and begged them to spare him some food. "For," he said "I'm simply starving."

The ants stopped their work for a moment, though this was against their better judgment. "May we ask," they said, "what you were doing with yourself all last summer? Why didn't you collect a store of food for the winter?"

"The fact is," replied the grasshopper, "I was too busy singing that I hadn't had the time."

"If you spent all summer singing, you can't do better than spend the winter dancing." And they laughed and went on with their work.

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

Tips for Families

- Ask your Internet provider about features that allow parents to block their children's access to adult-oriented sites, "chat rooms," and bulletin boards. A variety of programs are available.
- Setup guidelines that deal specifically with meeting people on the Internet. Talk to your children about what to do if their new Internet friend asks to see them in person or wants your child to send a picture of him or herself.
- Let your children know that they can come to you if they are receiving messages that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Establish rules to follow when using the Internet.
- Keep the computer in a high traffic part of the house. You can monitor your children's activities without appearing to be watching over their shoulders.
- Spend time on the Internet with your children. Give them a chance to show you what they have learned or the things they like.
- Find websites you think your children will enjoy and "bookmark" them. This will help you direct your children away from using search engines, where they might find inappropriate sites.
- Teach your children about "netiquette"(etiquette on the Internet), so they will know how to behave appropriately on the Internet and will be able to recognize inappropriate behavior on the part of others.

Family-Friendly Internet Sites

The Internet can be a wonderful learning and entertainment tool for you and your family. Here are a few sites you and your family might enjoy and find educational:

Kids' Sites

Children's Television Workshop	www.ctw.org
Cyberkids	www.cyberkids.com
Walt Disney	www.family.com
Kidlink	www.kidlink.org
KidsCom	www.kidscom.com
Web Wise Kids	www.webwisekids.com

Teen Sites

Do Something	www.dosomething.org
Mighty Media	www.mightymedia.com
Resources for Youth	www.preventviolence.org
Youth as Resources	www.yar.org

Parents' Sites

Baby Center	www.babycenter.com
Parent Time	www.parenttime.com
Parent Soup	www.parentsoup.com
Kids Health	www.kidshealth.org
Parent Partners	www.parentpartners.com

BIRCHARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's Saturday

Kindergarten – 4th Grade

10:00 – 10:45

Saturday, March 13th: *The Little Folk*

Pizza & Pages Club

5th & 6th Graders

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Monday, March 1st

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Please call 419-334-7101 ext 209

to register or

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Monday, April 5th

Boy: Tales of Childhood

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