

FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



Important Dates

Sept. 2	Grade 5 & 6 Orchestra Mtg. 10:30
Sept. 5	No School-Labor Day
Sept. 7	Inspector Iwannabe Assembly 2:00
Sept. 9	9/11 Assembly 2:30
Sept. 14	2:30 Fundraiser Kickoff
Sept. 14	PTO 6:00
Sept. 15	Grade 5 Railroad Safety
Sept. 20	4 th Grade Field Trip
Sept. 21	Picture Day Campus Wear Required
Sept. 30	Spirit Day-Wear Otis or Ross Shirts with campus wear pants
Sept. 30	Mid-Terms Go Home

Changes to the 2011/12 Dress Code
There are some changes to the dress
code for the 2011/12 school year.
The information is readily available
on the school district website:
www.fremontschools.net

*****Doors Open at 8:45 a.m.*****

Breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m.

School Fees can be paid in the school
office. They are \$35.00 again this year.

1. INCREASE STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
2. CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC,
ETHNIC AND DISABILITY GAPS
IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
3. BUILD HOPE, TRUST AND
RESPECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! September always brings with it a refreshing excitement for the upcoming year, and the building comes alive with the wonderful sound of children. The staff at Otis is thrilled to partner with you to make this a great year for you and your child.

As you can see, the first big change I need to tell you about is myself. I was hired over the summer to be the new principal of Otis Elementary, and I feel very blessed to be here! Mrs. Hirt is now the Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Staff Development for the district, but she will certainly stop into Otis throughout the year. I am coming over from Stamm Elementary, where I have served as the assistant principal for the past two years. I have quickly learned what an amazing school community you have, with highly dedicated teachers, a very skilled support staff and great families! I count it a privilege to be your child's principal and hope that you will feel free to contact me if there is ever anything I can help you with. I look forward to meeting each one of you and will work very hard learning lots of names and faces over the next several months.

I'd like to invite you to our first PTO meeting, which will take place on September 14th at 6:00 p.m. We'd love to have you join us. You will also be receiving our PTO fall fundraiser information on September 14th. The proceeds from our fundraisers help support teaching and learning, as well as field trips and other opportunities which are important for our kids.

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@fremont.k12.oh.us Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do to help ensure your child has a successful school year.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

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September

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Throughout the year, students will be learning and mastering skills to help them achieve their goals. One of our district's goals is to help each student get a postsecondary education, or education after high school. Let's start off the year with some fun facts about Ohio's colleges!

Did you know...?

- 1) In 1850, the founding of Urbana University was laid in part by John Chapman, who is better known as 'Johnny Appleseed.'
- 2) Ohio University was founded in 1804 in Athens and is recognized as the first university in Ohio and in the Northwest Territory.
- 3) The Ohio State University currently has an enrollment of over 64,000 students and a campus of more than 1,700 acres.

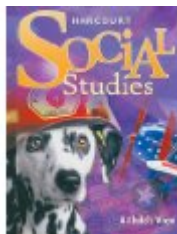
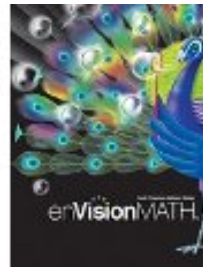
Elementary Textbooks

Fremont City Schools has a board adopted Textbook Review and Adoption Cycle which ensures that textbooks are updated periodically. Within the past several years, we have purchased high quality curriculum materials at the elementary level in Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies. Below are the textbook series currently in use in the district.

Reading Gr. K-6: StoryTown



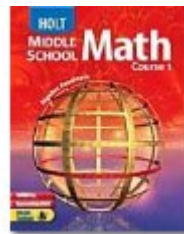
Math Gr. K-5: EnVision



Social Studies K-6
Harcourt



Science K-6
Harcourt



Math Grade 6
Holt

Dear Families,

It's that time a year again and school has begun! I will be the school counselor once again this year at Hayes, Otis, and Lutz elementary schools. Services that will be provided throughout the school year include the following:

- Character education
- Whole classroom guidance lessons
- Small groups (based on need)
- Individual counseling sessions (limited number available due to scheduling)
- Consultative and referral services

Below is my schedule and contact information. I look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,
Kari Hatfield
Professional School Counselor

Hayes Elementary	Monday and Thursday	419-332-6371
Lutz Elementary	(K-2) Tuesday	419-332-0091
Otis Elementary	Wednesday and Friday	419-332-8964

The word of the month for September is **RESPECT**. Being respectful leads to good relationships with others and feeling good about yourself. Self-respect is when you make healthy choices and think things through before you react. Respect is important everywhere including at home, at school, and in the community. Respect is the key to the golden rule which is treating others the way you want to be treated. At school we focus on the 3 R's of respect: respect yourself, respect others, and respect property.

Here are some things you can do as a family to reinforce the message of respect.

- ❖ Talk with your child about the importance of treating other people with respect and ways you can show it. Make sure your child knows you think it is important.
- ❖ Watch a TV program together and talk about the ways characters are respectful or disrespectful to one another. Watch for put-downs, insults, and subtle forms of bullying.
- ❖ Help your child become sensitive to his/her own behaviors that may be disrespectful to friends or siblings.
- ❖ Show common courtesy by saying "excuse me" and "thank you."
- ❖ Speak politely and kindly to all people.
- ❖ Be a good listener and open to new ideas and opinions.
- ❖ Help others (open doors, pick up messes).
- ❖ Remember that you are a powerful role model for your child. If they see you treat others respectfully, that is what they will learn to do.

Respect in other languages: Spanish: respeto, Japanese: sonkei, Korean: jon kyong

☺ Mrs. Hatfield
Professional School Counselor

The safety of each and every one of the students and staff attending Fremont City Schools is a top priority each and every day. Each building principal is required to assemble a safety team made up of building staff that meets on a regular basis to discuss safety issues affecting the building, such as locking doors and windows, drill schedules, or lockdown procedures. Each school year, the buildings are to conduct a fire drill for every month of attendance, a tornado drill in September and during each month of tornado season (March through May), and a safety drill (lockdown) each month of the school year. The September fire drill must be conducted within the first ten days of each new school year. A bomb threat drill must also be conducted in September and April. All buildings are required to conduct a building evacuation drill on an annual basis, if not more. During these drills, all students and staff walk to their designated evacuation site and simulate how students will be safely supervised and held until parents or guardians can sign for their release. Evacuations would only occur in situations when building occupancy would be of high risk, such as a bomb threat or chemical spill. It is the goal of Fremont City Schools to keep all students in school every day focused on academics, but if and when emergencies occur, each building staff will be ready to protect all students. We appreciate the cooperation of all parents and guardians in understanding the need for drill practice and reinforcing the district safety procedures. For further details or if you have any questions about any of the safety drills, please contact your building principal.

Birchard Public Library

LEGO CLUB

Kindergarten-6th Grade

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 10th

Saturday, October 8th

To Register

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209

Pizza & Pages Club

5th & 6th Graders

4:00-4:45 p.m.

Monday, October 3rd

To Register

Call 419-334-7101 ext. 209

Or

www.birchard.lib.oh.us



Pictured Above: Casey Stull and Samaria McCarver with Cardy the Cardinal on the first day of school.