

FREMONT

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- March 1:** BOE Mtg at 6:00
March 1-19: Pennies for Patients
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March 15: BOE Mtg at 6:00

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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It's Chili Festival Time!

Your Washington PTO members have been hard at work planning and preparing for our remaining fundraisers, meetings, activities, and our biggest event of the year....**CHILI FESTIVAL!!**

A long-time tradition here at Washington Elementary, the Chili Festival has been a yearly event dating back to pre-1940!! This year's event will be **Saturday, February 27th, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** Back by popular demand is our **25¢ Bingo**, hosted by the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department - try your luck and win a huge bag loaded with goodies! We are also excited to invite our **"Special Guest Local Celebrity" Bingo Callers** to the Chili Festival — come see who they will be!

Old favorites will return such as adult and child **Raffles** and **Cakewalk** hosted by the Lindsey Lions Club. **Children's games in every classroom** are also back with **new games** and **new prizes!**

The menu for the evening will consist of **Chili, Pizza-**

by-the-Slice, Hot dogs, Chili dogs, Roots Chicken Sandwiches, Nachos, Potato chips, beverages, and your choice of homemade dessert.

We are excited to again offer our **4th Annual THEMED BASKET RAFFLE.** Each classroom has carefully selected a basket theme and donations from parents are requested (and appreciated!). Themes will include: **Kindergarten and 1st grade: "Crazy About Crafting", 2nd and 3rd grades: "Family Fun", and 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades: "Sports and Recreation".** The non-teaching staff will also contribute a basket called **"Breakfast Bonanza."**

Volunteers are needed and Donations are being accepted for homemade desserts, cookies, cakes for the Cakewalk, and 2-liters of pop/soda for prizes-- please contact Erica Overmyer at 419-665-2054 if you can help in any way. See you at the **Chili Festival!!** “

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

F.U.N. Trainings

(Families Understanding Needs)

These trainings are presented by Sandy Brickner of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities and sponsored by the Sandusky County Parent Mentor Program of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center. All workshops will be held at the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center – Fremont Campus, 500 West State Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and a door prize for all trainings. Limited Seating.

Thursday, February 11, 2010

“All About Reading”

Helps understand the beginning skills needed for reading, how to pick the appropriate reading materials and toys that build reading skills, and techniques to help develop pre-reading skills.

Trustworthiness

The word of the month for February is TRUSTWORTHINESS. Trustworthiness is being honest, telling the truth, keeping promises, and being

loyal so people can trust you. Trustworthy people don't lie, cheat or steal. They have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs, even when it is difficult to do so.

What Parents Can do to promote Trustworthiness:

1. Teach children the importance of trustworthiness by word and example. Ask yourself "what message am I sending?" Avoid dishonesty, especially in front of your child: ("A child's ticket, please; he is only 11.") Never ask your child to lie for you: ("Tell Grandma I'm in the shower.")
2. Encourage honesty even when it may cause your child to get into trouble. Praise efforts to be honest and point out good examples whenever you see them. Express disappointment for dishonesty.
3. Keep your commitments, be on time, and do what you say you will do, especially when your child is involved.
4. Teach that people need the courage to say "no" when friends ask them to do something that seems wrong. Explain that it is disloyal to ask a friend to be untrustworthy.

Bill Brown, Elementary Counselor

Lunch Balances

We have started to take advantage of the new option offered by Meal Magic, our department meal accounting system. This option will allow balance notices to be emailed to parents instead of sending the weekly letter. Included with the balance letters are **Meal Balance by Email Notification Authorization Forms for parents to sign and return to school. 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.**

This is a new program so if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rogers at 419/334-5440.

If you would like to apply money to your child(ren)'s lunch account, the NEW WEBSITE to do that is **“sendmoneytoschool.com.”** Previously, it was lunchdeposit.com.

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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.

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.

REDUCE- REUSE- RECYCLE

Each year, Americans throw away 138 billion straws and stirrers. But skipping the stirrer doesn’t mean drinking your coffee black. Simply put your sugar and cream in first, then pour in the coffee, and it should be well mixed. Determined to stir? Break off a piece of pasta from the cupboard. You can nibble after using it, compost or throw away with less guilt.

REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE:

There are 63 million newspapers printed each day in the U.S. Of these, 44 million, or about 69%, of them will be thrown away. Recycling just the Sunday papers would save more than half a million trees every week.

SAVE OUR ENERGY

MAKE YOUR OWN EARTH-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS:

For fabric softener:

- 6 cups water
- 3 cups white vinegar
- 2 cups hair conditioner

Note: you can just add vinegar to your wash for a plain fabric softener.

SAVE OUR WATER: When a big winter storm heads our way, most of us use some sort of ice melter to treat steps and sidewalks. Rock salt and salt-based ice-melting products can cause health problems as well as contaminate wells and drinking water. Look for a pet-safe de-icer; readily available in many stores.

THOUGHTS: “The time is always right to do what is right.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

(All tips were taken from the “Living Green 365 Days a Year” desk calendar from the Washington PTO Fall Fundraiser!)

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It's Saturday

Kindergarten – 4th Grade
10:00 – 10:45

*On the 2nd Saturday of
the month come to
Birchard Public Library
for a morning of good
times and good books.*

**Saturday, February
13th: Land of the
Giants**

Paul Bunyan, John Henry,
the Iron Giant... there are
giants in the land. These
stories are larger than life!

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

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

Perfect Attendance

Zachary Coley	Madison Dagg
Mariah Darling	Jayden Garner
Ryleigh Michael	Colby Pendleton
Sabrina Seele	Shelby Thornhill
Ashley Arnold	Christopher Dyson
Hunter Jones	Kortini Joseph
Ashtyn Schneider	Kyle Waggoner
Clay Crispen	Jordan Jeanette
Armando Longoria	
Chris Lynch	Ivan Maldonado
Autumn Ollom	Joseph Scheerer
Michael Showman	
Aiyana Longoria	Josh Pridemore
Haley Schafer	Owen Smith
Kenny Waggoner	
Jared Crawford-Rasczyk	
Larrissa Frey	Tyler Jones
Logan Lamalie	Reilly Schneider
Madison Tonkin	Cody Wagner
Chloe Duquette	Michael Lindhorst
Marissa Overmyer	
Zane Rusch	Tate Schiets
Sydney Zoller	Tyler Binder
Jersey Homler	Jason King
Marcus Overmyer	
Riley Schneider	Anthony Tonkin

**Pizza & Pages
Club**

5th & 6th Graders
4:00-4:45 p.m.

*An after school book
club, featuring good
books and good eats.
Meetings are held on the
first Monday of the
month.*

**Monday, February
1st**

Discussing...
*The Secret of Platform
13*

by Eva Ibbotson
Odge Gribble, a young
hag, accompanies an old
wizard, a gentle fey, and a
giant ogre on their mission
through a magical tunnel
from their island to
London to rescue their
King and Queen's son who
had been stolen as an
infant.

Books are available upon
registration and may be
picked

up at the children's
department.

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or
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Honor Roll

Grade 3:

All A's:
Sydney Zoller
A's and B's:
Cole Below
Charlie Corthell
Chloe Duquette
Addison Hasselbach
Jarrett Hetrick
Michael Lindhorst
Marissa Overmyer
Dennis Pence
Alexis Smith

Grade 4:

All A's:
Isaac Fraley
Joshua Recker
Owen Smith
A's and B's:
Trey Beckley
Jaret Harrison
Elijah Massie
Josh Pridemore
Paige Risch
Haley Schafer
Alyssa Fuller

Grade 5:

All A's:
Nick Arnold
Cassie Overmyer
Logan Lamalie
A's and B's:
Mattie Overmyer
Gabe Baker
Jared Crawford-Rasczyk
Garrett Joseph
Tyler Jones

Grade 6:

All A's:
Armando Longoria
A's and B's:
Johnicka Albrechta
Sam Franco
Jordan Jeanette
Chris Lynch
Ivan Maldonado
Autumn Ollom
Michael Showman
Alex T.C.