

FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS



January 2010

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Washington School,*

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DATES:

January 5:

PTO @ 6:30

January 15:

End of 2nd 9 wks

January 18:

*No School
(MLK Day)*

January 19:

*No School
(Teacher Work Day)*

January 21:

Earth Dome

January 26:

Winter Program

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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As we rapidly approach the winter season and the temperatures begin to drop, I wanted to mention a few things that will make our Washington winter season move a little more smoothly. The following items will help us have your child ready for you on days when he or she has an appointment and needs to leave school early. 1) Make sure you send a detailed note to school that includes the date, time of pick-up and/or drop-off, as well as your signature and a contact phone number. 2) Sign the Student Sign-in/Sign-out Sheet completely and legibly. 3) For your child to be released to any adult, that person needs to be listed on your child's Emergency Medical Form. Any person who comes to pick-up your child and is not listed on the Emergency Medical Form will need to be identified on your note to school and show identification once they complete the sign-in sheet in the school office. If you need to update your child's Emergency Medical information, simply request a new form either by phone or in writing and Mrs. Hibbler will be sure that you get one.

During the winter season we make a few changes to the daily routine as the temperature falls. At the beginning of the day, if the temperature and wind chill combine to 20° or less, your child will be able to come into the gym where they can stay warm until the entry bell rings. Students will go outside for a full recess whenever the temperature is above the 20° mark. Please make sure your child leaves your house with a hat, mittens or gloves and a warm winter coat. Even 20° can be harmful if your child is not properly dressed for the cold. If your child has a condition or illness where he or she should not be out in the cold weather, please send us a note that he or she is not to go outside in cold weather conditions.

With the close of the 2009 calendar year, I wish you and your family a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

Warmly,
Mr. Arnold

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

BOE
Student of the
Month

Congratulations to **Dennis Pence** in Mrs. Markwith's 3rd grade class. He was selected as the Learning and Liberty Foundation's Student of the Month for January. Dennis is the son of Dennis & Kathy Pence. He will be recognized at a Board Meeting in the New Year.

Let it Snow!

Remember, the weather changes every day; so please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing. Mrs. Howell LOVES to be outside, so – unless it's raining or bitter cold – that's where the kids will be!

Delays and
Closings:

Please listen to the local radio or TV stations for weather advisories. They will also have the delays and closings scrolling across the bottom of the screen. If you returned your Alert Now form, you will also be notified via the phone and/or text

messaging.

DR. NOTES!!

We still need those notes whenever your child goes to the doctor or dentist. If you forget to get one, please call them and just ask them to FAX one to Washington School at 419/665-2241.

First Grade
Parent
Academy

Please come to our Make-It Take-It Workshop entitled "Word Wise Reinforcement." The Fremont City Schools Primary Literacy Coach, Mrs. Weiker, will meet with parents of first graders to create a "Pancake Sight Word Game to use for practice at home. Join us at any of the following locations to fit your schedule:

Otis Library @ 9-10 on 11-17-09
Birchard Lib. @ 6-7 PM on 12-1
Stamm Lib. @2:30-3:30 on 12-3
Hayes Lib. @ 2:30-3:30 on 1-13
Lutz Gym @ 12-1:00 on 1-20-10

Students are welcome

to accompany parents to the workshop held at Birchard Public Library. Please plan to attend!! This is a special time for us to work together to help your child have a very successful year in first grade!

Additional Names
on Emerg. Forms

Let us know if you would like to add additional names to your Emergency Medical Form of anyone who would have permission to pick up your child. Many have just a grandmother listed but not a grandfather. We need BOTH names listed on your form.

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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, January 9th:
Beach Party**

Tired of the snow and cold? Join our beach party for a morning of “fun in the sun.”

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

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

Lunch Balances

In January, FCS will start to take advantage of the new option offered by our meal accounting system. This option will allow our Child Nutrition Dept. Supervisor, Mrs. Rogers, to email balance notices to parents instead of sending the weekly letter. Included with the balance letters in January will be a “Meal Balance by Email Notification Authorization Form” 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 you receive in January 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.

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, January 4th

Discussing...
*Room One: A
Mystery of Two*
by Andrew Clements

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town’s one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

Books are available upon registration and may be picked up at the children’s department.

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January’s Word of the Month

The word of the month for January is FAIRNESS. People who are fair play by the rules, share, and listen. When you are fair towards others, you are open-minded and reasonable. You do not take advantage of people and consider everyone who is affected by your actions and decisions.

Bill Brown
Elementary Counselor

PJ Drive

Mrs. Markwith’s class would like to thank everyone who donated pajamas to *The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive!* Because of your support, we were able to donate a total of 67 pairs of pajamas to children in need. Thank you to the students, parents, and staff for your participation in this worthwhile cause. Also, much appreciation goes to PTO for generously paying the postage to ship the pajamas. Visit www.scholastic.com/pjdrive to track the progress of the program, and you may just see a picture of Washington’s donations on their site! Happy Holidays! (see picture on back page)

NURSE'S NOTES

In the past few weeks there has been an increase of the number of illness and flu. The following chart will help clarify between a cold and the flu.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	FLU	COLD
ONSET	Sudden	Gradual
FEVER	Common lasting 3-4 days	Rare
COUGH	Dry; can become severe	Hacking, mild
HEADACHE	Prominent	Rare
MUSCLE/JOINT ACHES, PAINS	Usual, often severe	Slight
FATIGUE AND WEAKNESS	Can last up to 2 weeks	Very mild
EXTREME EXHAUSTION	Early and prominent	Never
CHEST DISCOMFORT	Common	Mild/ moderate
STUFFY NOSE	Sometimes	Common
SNEEZING	Sometimes	Usually
SORE THROAT	Sometimes	Common

Ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue away.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, use the restroom, and before eating. If you are not near soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth as germs often spread this way.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

If your child has a fever, keep them home. They may return to school when they are fever free for twenty four hours without using a fever reducing medication.

Two great resources for information about this flu season are www.cdc.gov and www.odh.ohio.gov.

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.

If your child is going to a different address at the end of the school day, please make sure the note you send gets taken to the school office. (You may write 2 notes if you wish – one for the bus driver and one for the school office.) A bus pass will then be issued to your child for the bus driver.